

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Ascension of the Lord marks the end of the Easter season. We believe that Jesus Christ ascended bodily into heaven, where He took His seat at God's right hand as Ruler of the earth (Psalm 110:1, Ephesians 1:17-23) in order to prepare a place for us (John 14:1), and in order to send us the gift of His Spirit (John 14:15-20, Ephesians 4:4-10).

The church is... the presence of a new reality, the presence in the shared life of the church of the Spirit who is the *arrobon* (downpayment) of the kingdom, has become possible because of what Jesus has done, because of his incarnation, his ministry as the obedient child of his father, his suffering and death, his resurrection, AND his ascension into heaven and his session at the right hand of God... His church is the visible embodiment will be a community that lives by this story, a community whose existence is visibly defined in the regular rehearsing and reenactment of the story which has given it birth, the story of the self-emptying of God in the ministry of life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Its visible center as a continuing social entity is that weekly repeated event in which believers share bread and wine as Jesus commanded, as his pledge to them and their pledge to him that they are one with him in his passion and one with him in his victory.

- Lesslie Newbigin, The Gospel in a Pluralistic Society, p. 120

### CALL TO WORSHIP | PSALM 47:5-8

God has gone up with a shout,

The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;

Sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on His holy throne.

## **COME CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING**

Words: Christian Henry Bateman, Music: Traditional Spanish melody

Come Christians join to sing
Alleluia amen
Loud praise to Christ our King
Alleluia amen
Let all with heart and voice
Before His throne rejoice
Praise is His gracious choice
Alleluia amen

Come lift your hearts on high Alleluia amen Let praises fill the sky Alleluia amen He is our Guide and Friend To us He'll condescend His love shall never end Alleluia amen

Praise yet our Christ again Alleluia amen Life shall not end the strain Alleluia amen On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore Singing forevermore Alleluia amen

## We Listen to His Word | PSALM 27

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## We Confess our Sins

Great was Your mercy in ascending to heaven in being crowned and enthroned there to intercede for me, there to help me in temptation, there to open the eternal book, there to receive me finally to Yourself. Great was Your wisdom in devising this means of salvation; bathe my soul in rich consolations of Your resurrection life. O God, pardon all my sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten. Help me to be a holy, happy person, free from every wrong desire, from everything contrary to Your mind. Grant me more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule me, may I walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence.

**SILENT CONFESSION** Please pause for a moment of silent confession.

## We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | HEBREWS 4:4, 16

Since then we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ know that you're forgiven and be at peace. *Thanks be to God!* 

## **HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

Words: R. Keen

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand

Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not harm thee; I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose, I will not, I will not, desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake.

I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

## FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE (PSALM 130)

Text: Martin Luther, Music: Christopher Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee The voice of lamentation; Lord, turn a gracious ear to me And hear my supplication; If Thou iniquities dost mark, Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?) O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth; Our works, alas! Are all in vain; In much the best life faileth; No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy) And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, And not in mine own merit; On Him my soul shall rest, His word Upholds my fainting spirit; His promised mercy is my fort, My comfort and my sweet support; I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience) I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night, And til the dawn appeareth, My heart still trusteth in His might; It doubteth not nor feareth; Do thus, O ye of Israels seed, Ye of the Spirit born indeed;

And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth) And wait til God appeareth (Wait til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth; His helping love no limit knows, Our upmost need it soundeth. Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

## We Ask for God's Help

# **Trinity Vision Moment**

New Trinity Youth Interns Introductions: Carson Royse and Allie Hubbard.

## We Confess our Faith | Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 53

How was Christ exalted in His ascension?

Christ was exalted in His ascension, in that having after His resurrection often appeared unto and conversed with His apostles, speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, and giving them commission to preach the gospel to all nations, forty days after His resurrection, he, in our nature and as our head, triumphing over enemies, visibly went up into the highest heavens, there to receive gifts for men, to raise up our affections thither, and to prepare a place for us, where Himself is and shall continue till His second coming at the end of the world.

# We Greet Others with Peace | colossians 1:19-20

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### And also with you!

**TrinityKids:** During the Greeting of Peace, children five & under may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. They will be led by a teacher to return to worship with us before the Lord's Supper.

# We Are Changed by God's Word | HEBREWS 13:1-21

[1] Let brotherly love continue. [2] Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. [3] Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. [4] Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. [5] Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." [6] So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

[7] Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. [8] Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. [9] Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. [10] We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. [11] For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. [12] So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. [13]

Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. [14] For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. [15] Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. [16] Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

[17] Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

[18] Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. [19] I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

[20] Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, [21] equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

"BETTER SHEPHERD"   REV. BLAKE ALTMAN

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- 4. Offering basket during worship
- 5. Mail your gift to the church office
- **6.** Stock or cash gifts through a foundation like the PCA Foundation, pcafoundation.com

(Please take a moment to fill out the Trinity Connect Card & place it in the offering basket when it is passed down the aisle. If you miss the offering basket, please leave your Trinity Connect Card or tithe in a connect-card box in the lobby.)

# **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up vour hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You, and singing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **ARISE MY SOUL ARISE**

Original Words: Charles Wesley, Addt'l. Words and Music: Kevin Twit

Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands
Before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands

Arise (arise) arise (arise)
Arise arise my soul arise
Arise (arise) arise (arise)
Arise arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above
For me to intercede
His all-redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race

His blood atoned for every race

And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me
Forgive him O forgive they cry
Forgive him O forgive they cry
Don't let that ransomed sinner die

My God is reconciled
His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for His child
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And Father Abba Father cry

## God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | HEBREWS 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

# We Go Into The World For His Glory

Let us go forth to serve our neighbors and the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

## **Welcome to Trinity!**

### We are so glad you're here!

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### TRINITYKIDS | Babies - 5th Grade

SUN. 9AM & Special Events Sunday | Barnes Elementary Contact - Text Mishelle: 918-991-9860

### TRINITY YOUTH | 6th Grade - Sr. High

Sunday | Barnes Elementary Wed | Youth Gathering | The Grove | 6:30 pm Contact - Text Nathan: 314-662-6488 See **GroupMe** for special events throughout the week.

### ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

SUN. 9AM | Classes Rotate Seasonally Current Classes:

- Westminster Larger Catechism with Chuck Simmons
- Peacemakers with Jon Nadia

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** | Bible Studies, Events, & Meetups throughout the year. Join Women's GroupMe! For more information, text Lauren at 918-508-3446

**MEN'S MINISTRY** | Bible Study & Events TUES. 6:15 AM at The Grove - Trinity Office WED. 6:45 PM at 10517 N. Sheridan, Sperry OK Contact - Jon Nadia: 719-576-8956

### WHERE WE MEET EACH WEEK

Barnes Elementary | 7809 East 76th St N Owasso Sunday 9AM & 10AM

The Grove - Trinity Office: 7301 N Owasso Expw, Building M, Suite 120 Owasso OK 74055

- Houses our Staff Offices & Meeting Space
- Various Ministries Throughout the Week





# **How to Respond to Today's Service?**

### 1. SEEK STILLNESS FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION **TODAY.** You may want to pray something like this:

### Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way the truth and the

life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads me to the life you promise. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Amen.

**Prayer of Belief:** Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dare imagine, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dare dream. Thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness and making me righteous before my Heavenly

Father, Knowing that you have been raised from the dead. I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen

Praver of Commitment: Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

- 2. READ SCRIPTURE. Read the sermon passage again and reflect on what the Holy Spirit called to mind. How might you apply it with God's help?
- 3. JOIN US AT A COMMUNITY GROUP or REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT. We want you to be a part of us.
- 4. FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD. Let us know how to pray for you and get you the information you seek.



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