



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

Jesus himself is the main argument for why we should believe Christianity.

– Tim Keller

Easter is for people who feel hoping is a waste, trusting is futile, and believing is groundless.

– Scotty Smith

Cynicism is just a temporary shelter. It lasts only as long as you have enough pain to keep your unbelief going.

– Robert Farrar Capon

And when you see the disciple refusing to believe, reflect on the mercy shown by the Lord: how even for the sake of one soul He showed Himself with His wounds, and came so that He might save even the one soul, despite the fact that this one was more crass than the others.

– St. John Chrysostom

# Order of Worship

The Third Sunday of Easter  
— April 19, 2026 —

## The LORD Calls Us

*God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.*

### The Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

I will bless the LORD at all times;

**his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

—Psalm 34:1-2, 8 ESV

# Hymn of Praise | Oh How Good to Be Together

*We sing praises to God and proclaim through song the good news of what He has done in Jesus' death and resurrection. Some songs might be initially unfamiliar, but we believe the rich, true, beautiful words of these hymns will make their way into your heart.*

Oh how good to be together  
In this weary world we trod  
What a gift, what a treasure  
Kindred in the house of God

On this day the Lord has fashioned  
Come rejoice with all your might  
Raise a banner of salvation  
He has led us through the night

*Oh the joy, oh the sweetness  
To be gathered in the name of the Lord  
Evermore, he will keep us  
From the valley to the golden shore*

When it looked like evil conquered  
When we felt the darkest hour  
In despair we sought the Father  
And he has proved his mighty power  
(Chorus)

Tell the theme of his provision  
How he met our every need  
He has been our firm foundation  
And he will ever, always be  
(Chorus)

Words: Kirk Sauers; Music: Paul Ranheim

## Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*We ask for God to be present among us and conclude with the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.*

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Doxology

*Doxology means "glory words." We lift our voices and our hands to give God glory for who He is and all that He has done.*

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

# The LORD Cleanses Us

*God cleanses and restores us through Jesus' death and resurrection. We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace that is ours in Jesus.*

## Confession of Sin

Most Merciful God,

We thank You that You give us every reason to place our trust in Your Son as our Risen King. Yet, Lord, we confess our tendency to doubt You and turn away from You many times each day. Forgive us for our hardness of heart. Have mercy on our unbelief and cleanse us through the blood of the one who lived, died, and was raised for us. In his name we pray. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

—John 14:6 ESV

# Hymn of Response | Grace Alone

*We respond in thanks and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.*

I was an orphan, lost at the fall;  
Running away when I'd hear you call,  
But Father, you worked your will.  
I had no righteousness of my own  
I had no right to draw near your throne,  
But Father, you loved me still.

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation,  
You predestined to adopt me as your own.  
You have raised me up so high above my station;  
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost;  
You knew the great and terrible cost  
But Jesus, your face was set.  
I worked my fingers down to the bone;  
But nothing I did could ever atone,  
But Jesus, you paid my debt.

By your blood I have redemption and salvation.  
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown,  
And you rose that I might be a new creation.  
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

I was in darkness all of my life,  
I never knew the day from the night,  
But Spirit, you made me see.  
I swore I knew the way on my own;  
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone  
But Spirit, you moved in me.

And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened;  
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.  
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken;  
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone  
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone  
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone  
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone

Words and Music by Dustin Kensrue

## Confession of Faith | Selections from 1 Corinthians 15

*We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.*

Dear Christians, let us remember what has been delivered to us as of first importance—the gospel which we received, in which we stand, by which we are being saved:

That Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day, all in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve, and then to more than five hundred at one time; that he has been raised from the dead as the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. Death is swallowed up in victory! Therefore, let us be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord our labor is not in vain.

# The LORD Converses with Us

*God speaks to us by His Word, and we respond with prayer, gratitude, and offerings.*

## The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 15:1-18

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**15:1** After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." **2** But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" **3** And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." **4** And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." **5** And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." **6** And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. **7** And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess." **8** But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" **9** He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." **10** And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. **11** And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. **12** As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. **13** Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. **14** But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. **15** As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. **16** And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete." **17** When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

**18** On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## The Offering

*In gratitude, we offer our gifts to God.*

*Children are now dismissed for TrinityKids (4 years old - 2nd Grade). After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they will come to you or you may meet them in the Galveston foyer.*

## The Prayers of the People

*We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray.*

**Vocational Prayer Focus:** Service, Trades, & Industry

**Church Prayer Focus:** Salt & Light Church

**Mission Prayer Focus:** DASH Network

## The Reading of the Word

John 20:24-31

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**20:24** Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

**26** Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your



# The LORD Communes with Us

*God invites us to feast with Him at His Table.*

## The Celebration of Holy Communion

*Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. It's not a meal for good people. It's a meal for desperate people who trust in Jesus alone for salvation, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully with Jesus. You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal today, we encourage you to use the prayers printed below and spend this time in reflection or prayer.*

*Children who have not received their first communion are welcome to come forward with their families. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.*

*\*Note about communion wine: We serve wine during communion. If you'd prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please indicate by pointing at the tray.*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Pastor: Lift up your hearts!  
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:  
People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.  
Hallelujah!**  
Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.  
Hallelujah!  
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**  
Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Prayers During Communion

### *A prayer for those searching for 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 to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### *A prayer of belief:*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

### *A prayer for those struggling against sin:*

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### *A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:*

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

## Hymns for Communion

### Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart,  
Hear what Christ the Savior says;  
Every word should joy impart,  
Change thy mourning into praise:  
Yes, he speaks, and speaks to thee,  
May he help thee to believe!  
Then thou presently wilt see,  
Thou hast little cause to grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed,  
All thy sorrows soon shall end  
I who heav'n and earth have framed,  
Am thy husband and thy friend  
I the High and Holy One,  
Israel's God by all adored;  
As thy Savior will be known,  
Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew,  
And thy heart was filled with pain;  
But my mercies I'll renew,  
Thou shalt soon rejoice again:  
Though I seem to hide my face,  
Very soon my wrath shall cease;  
'Tis but for a moment's space,  
Ending in eternal peace.

Though afflicted, tempest-tossed,  
Comfortless awhile thou art,  
Do not think thou canst be lost,  
Thou art graven on my heart  
All thy wastes I will repair,  
Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;  
And in thee it shall appear,  
What a God of love can do.

Words: John Newton; Music: Wendell Kimbrough

### Help My Unbelief

I know the Lord is nigh,  
And would but cannot pray,  
For Satan meets me when I try,  
And frights my soul away;  
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent,  
Though I endeavor oft;  
This stony heart can ne'er relent  
Till Jesus makes it soft;  
Till Jesus makes it soft.

*Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.  
Help my unbelief.  
My help must come from Thee.*

I would but cannot love,  
Though wooed by love divine;  
No arguments have power to move  
A soul as base as mine;  
A soul so base as mine.

I would but cannot rest,  
In God's most holy will;  
I know what He appoints is best,  
And murmur at it still;  
I murmur at it still.  
(Chorus 2x)

Words: John Newton; Music: Clint Wells

## Life at Trinity

### The LORD Commissions Us

*God blesses us and sends us out to be a part of His mission to Fort Worth & the world.*

### Departing Hymn | And Can It Be?

*We respond in faith and song.*

\*Children are invited to come to the front to lead & sing. Parents are also welcome.

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me who caused His pain!  
For me who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!  
*(Chorus)*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
*(Chorus)*

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
*(Chorus)*

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Scott Roley

## The Benediction

*God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in His mission to Fort Worth.*

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

## The Sending

*The people of God are sent into the world to love God, love people, and love Fort Worth.*

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Announcements

### Hosting North Texas Presbytery - May 1-2

On May 1-2, we will host the meeting of the North Texas Presbytery. Our presbytery meets quarterly and includes all Pastors as well as Elders representing each PCA congregation in our region. **Worship is at 7pm on Friday, May 1, and you're invited!** Presbytery business will begin after worship and will go until 10pm on Friday. Business will resume at 8am on Saturday morning and conclude at Noon. You're welcome to attend any portion of the meeting that you'd like. Interested in helping with hosting? Contact Susan Tyner ([susan@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)).

### High School Graduating Senior Sunday - May 17

Do you have a child graduating from high school this year? Please contact John Porter ([john@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:john@trinitypresfw.org)) to let him know. Save the date for Sunday, May 17 when we will honor high school graduates during the 11am service and have a celebratory lunch afterward in the Fellowship Hall.

### 55+ Adults

Please join us TODAY at 6pm for our last gathering of the semester at the home of Kitty & Kirk Millican (3600 Encanto Dr., 76109). You can sign up for your choice of food to bring in the sign-up in the Church Center app. Contact Carin ([carin.usry@yahoo.com](mailto:carin.usry@yahoo.com)) with questions.

### Fifth & Sixth Grade Social Today

Calling all 5th and 6th graders for pizza, games, and fellowship! Join us TODAY at 530 at the Benefield Home (4228 Shadow Dr, 76116).

## Easter Prayer Guide

Please pick up a copy of our Easter Prayer Guides in the Galveston and Broadway foyers or at the Info Desk in the Fellowship Hall. Join us in the Chapel on Friday mornings from 8am to 830am as we pray the Morning Prayer office together. Anyone is welcome to join!

## Trinity Women's Ministry

Want to know more about Women's Ministry here at Trinity? Follow us on social media or sign up to receive our Friday email by emailing Susan ([susan@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)).

## Young Adults

We're so glad you're here! Connect with us on the Church Center app to learn about ways to stay connected throughout the week. Contact Taylor ([taylor.foran@gmail.com](mailto:taylor.foran@gmail.com)) for more info.

## To the Parents of Young Children

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. We believe the church is for all people, even children, and we want Trinity to be a church where children are both seen and heard. So don't worry if your children wiggle in the pews or make a little noise! We invite you to keep your children in our service and help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say parts of our worship service every week in order to help our non-reading children to participate, and we have children's bulletins available in the back. There are also ages, stages, and times when it might not be best for your children to be in worship. We have a nursery program that is set up to handle children from birth to 4 years old, and a TrinityKids program during the sermon for children 4 years old through 2nd grade. We also have a nursing mothers' room available off of the Fellowship Hall (basement level) if you need to nurse or change a diaper! All nursery staff and volunteers have been through both background checks and Ministry Safe training. Parents often check their children out of the nursery and/or TrinityKids prior to Communion so that they can help lead us in our departing hymn.

## The Liturgy

Our order of worship may be new to you. Every worship service in every church has a structure. We want to be intentional about ours as it is a real back-and-forth conversation between us and God. He calls us to worship, and then we respond and move through the different elements of the service. We have both spontaneous, personal prayers as well as ancient, printed prayers. Please look over the service beforehand to see what we will hear and say along the way.

## Welcome Notepads

At some point during service, a welcome pad will be passed down your row. We would love for you to fill it out and pass it to the person on your right, so that we will have record of your visit. We promise we won't spam you.

## Lost and Found

If you have misplaced something, please check our Lost & Found. It is located in a cabinet behind the Information Desk in the Fellowship Hall.

## Online Giving

If you'd prefer to give online as either a one-time gift or as a recurring gift, you may do so through our website:

[www.trinitypresfw.org/give](http://www.trinitypresfw.org/give). Giving is seen only by the Deacon & the team in charge of counting the offering for that particular day, our Director of Operations, and our Church Administrator.

## Church Office Hours

Our office is closed on Mondays and open Tuesday through Friday 9am – 4pm.

## Christian Formation Classes/Rooms:

- 4s – Room 116
- 5s/Kindergarten – Room 214
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Room 215
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 217
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 219
- Middle School – Room 220
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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

## Our Mission

Trinity exists to embrace, embody, and extend the redemptive message of Jesus to the people and places of Fort Worth and beyond.

## Our Core Commitments

Trinity is a gospel-centered church committed to following Jesus by...

- Worshipping God together through historic liturgy that is rich, accessible, and emotionally honest
- Striving to know and be known in our life together
- Engaging in formative spiritual practices
- Extending the welcome of the gospel in word and deed
- Serving our city

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