
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to All Souls Reformed Church. We are glad you are here! If you are a visitor this morning, please take a moment to look through the Order of Worship below. Where you see a cross symbol (†) the congregation will stand, and where you see **BOLD TEXT** the congregation will speak aloud in response to the minister.*

Please prepare your hearts to worship Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by reflecting on the Call to Worship below.

Welcome & Announcements

Votum & Salutation

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

Processional

CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes near and calls His people out of the world to gather in His presence. He graciously takes hold of us and brings us near to Himself.

†Responsive Call To Worship | Psalm 33:12-22

Pastor: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

People: The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man;

Pastor: from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

People: The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

Pastor: The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

People: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,

Pastor: that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

People: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Pastor: For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

ALL: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

✚Response of God's People

Trinity Hymnal 735 | Gloria Patri

✚Responsive Prayer of Thanksgiving & Sanctus

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

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 proper and right to do so.

Pastor: Let us pray

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished our salvation by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and declaring together:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!

✚Congregational Singing

Trinity Hymnal 32 | Great is Thy Faithfulness

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

While the Law exposes our sin God reminds us what He has done for us in Christ and declares His interest in restoring us again to His favor in Christ. Therefore, we confess our sins and our faith and God absolves us of guilt graciously reminding us that we bear the name Christian and are members of His family. In this way God tears us from our old sinful ways and renews His love for us in Christ.

Reading of the Law | The Ten Commandments - Exodus 20

Responsive Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins before the Lord, looking to Christ Jesus our Savior.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | 1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Absolution

Minister: Therefore, upon this the promise of God’s Word and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and by His grace go on to walk in the faith you here confess.

People: Thanks be to God!

All: Amen!

†Hymn of Praise

Trinity Hymnal 465 | Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Liturgical Homily
1st Sunday After Trinity

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dear Saints of God in Christ Jesus,

On the 1st Sunday After Trinity we enter into what the liturgical calendar commonly calls Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is a prolonged season that will only come to a terminus with the dawning of Advent several months from now. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing growth – the goal of this season being our mutual growth in grace.

On this 1st Sunday of Ordinary Time – properly called the 1st After Trinity – Our readings from God’s Word will teach us that faith trusts in Christ for eternal life.

As our Lord’s parable will teach us in Luke 16, when the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. This man, though impoverished by earthly standards, was truly Abraham’s seed and in possession of a great eternal inheritance. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord “counted it to him as righteousness” (Gen. 15:6). The name Lazarus means “God is my help.”

The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love or trust in God. He evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. This is problematic because, as today’s epistle reading tell us: “he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in his possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hell (Luke 16:19–31). We learn, therefore, that repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ, the Savior of sinners. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting. Only through Christ, the greater son of Abraham, can we likewise become Abraham’s sons by grace through faith.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading | Genesis 15:1-6

“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.” 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?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” 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.” 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.” And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.”

‡**Congregational Singing** | Psalm 128 – Blessed the Man That Feared Jehovah
Blessed the man that fears Jehovah and that walketh in His ways.
Thou shalt eat of thy hands' labor; and be prospered all thy days.
Like a vine with fruit abounding in thy house thy wife is found
And like olive plants, thy children compassing thy table round
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Lo, on him that fears Jehovah shall this blessedness attend
For Jehovah, out of Zion, shall to thee His blessings send
Thou shalt see Jerusalem prosper all thy days 'til life shall cease
Thou shalt see thy children's children unto Israel be peace.
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‡**Confession of Faith** | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

Epistle Reading | 1 John 4:16-21

“So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✝️ **Gospel Reading** | Luke 16:19-31

““There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'””

✝️ **Hymn of Preparation**

Trinity Hymnal 252 | When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sermon | Pastor Derrick Ratliff

Offering

✝️ **Response of God's People**

Trinity Hymnal 731 | Doxology

Closing Prayer

BENEDICTION & COMMISSIONING

God blesses us and charges us to extend His kingdom into the future and into the world, making disciples of all nations. We are dismissed from God's special presence, renewed and equipped for this task.

✝️ **Benediction & Recessional**

Minister: 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.

People: Amen