

## Reflection

“For whomever the Lord has adopted and deemed worthy of his fellowship ought to prepare themselves for a hard, toilsome, and unquiet life, crammed with very many and various kinds of evil.

It is the Heavenly Father’s will thus to exercise them so as to put his own children to a definite test.  
Beginning with Christ, his first-born,  
he follows this plan with all his children...  
his whole life was nothing but a sort of perpetual cross.”

John Calvin

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## ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE

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## Doxology

*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.*

## Call to Worship

Psalm 115: 1, 18

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!  
we will bless the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the LORD!

## Hymn of Praise

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* #30

## Responsive Praise

From Psalm 136

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: It is he who remembered us in our low estate...  
and rescued us from our foes,

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## Prayer of Adoration

## Hymn of Praise

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #457

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## CONFESSING OUR SIN

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## Prayer of Confession

## Words of Comfort and Promise

Psalm 116:1,2

I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

## Song of Response

*Before the Throne of God Above*

*Before the throne of God above; I have a strong and perfect plea.  
A great High Priest whose name is Love; Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands; My name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav’n he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there; who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died; my sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just is satisfied; to look on him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.*

*Behold him there! The Risen Lamb; my perfect spotless Righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I Am; the King of Glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high; with Christ my Savior and my God,  
With Christ my Savior and my God.*

Alt. Words and Music by Vikki Cook

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## RENEWING OUR FAITH

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## Confession of Faith

from Philippians 2

Leader: What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe that although he was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.**

**And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

**I believe that therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Trey Baldy, Deacon

(Pew Bible p.965)

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Amen!**

## Hymn of Preparation

*When Trials Come*

*1. When trials come, no longer fear,  
For in the pain our God draws near,  
To fire a faith worth more than gold;  
And there His faithfulness is told;  
And there His faithfulness is told.*

*2. Within the night, I know Your peace;  
The breath of God brings strength to me.*

*And, new each morning, mercy flows  
As treasures of the darkness grow;  
As treasures of the darkness grow.*

*3. I turn to wisdom not my own,  
For every battle You have known.  
My confidence will rest in You;  
Your love endures, Your ways are good;  
Your love endures, Your ways are good*

*4. When I am weary with the cost,  
I see the triumph of the cross;  
So in its shadow I shall run  
‘Til He completes the work begun;  
‘Til He completes the work begun.*

*5. One day all things will be made new;  
I’ll see the hope You called me to.  
And in Your Kingdom paved with gold  
I’ll praise Your faithfulness of old;  
I’ll praise Your faithfulness of old.*

Keith & Kristyn Getty

Children in K5 through 1st grade may be dismissed for Children’s Worship at this time. This is optional. Children are welcome to remain with their parents during the sermon. The children will study the same passage as the sermon, so your family can to discuss the passage together after church if you wish.  
**Please pick up your children in the classrooms downstairs promptly after service.**

## Proclamation of God’s Word

*Rev. Stephen J. Casselli, Ph.D., Senior Minister*

Psalm 129 ~ Hope In Affliction

(Pew Bible p. 518)

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## RESPONDING IN THANKS

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## Prayers of the People

## Collection of Offering

## Closing Hymn

*Lift High the Cross* #263

## Benediction

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to our Visitors!** We are glad you are worshiping with us today!  
**Please help us greet you by completing the Welcome Card (located in the pew pockets) and placing it in the offering plate.** We would love to have you join us in the Courtyard for coffee and donuts after the service.

**Middle & High school small group-meets tonight at 6 pm.** in the annex for sermon discussion. All are welcome!

**THIS Wednesday, March 21 – 7 PM** – there will be a **Tampa Bay Fellows** information session for young professionals who are interested in learning more about the program. **Bring a friend** and join us at the home of Wink & Gretchen Hall – 3614 W. Jetton Ave. Tampa, FL 33629. Contact Leslie Hall with questions – [lhall@holyltrinitypca.org](mailto:lhall@holyltrinitypca.org). **Visit the information table outside the sanctuary today!**

**Good Friday Service-March 30<sup>th</sup>, 12-12:30 pm.** service with a light buffet lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will invite your family, friends and co-workers to this “lunch hour” service. No nursery provided.

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt-is Saturday, March 31st at 10 am.** The hunt will begin promptly at 10:15 am. Kids--don't forget to bring a basket! There are ways to sign up to help. Visit the church website to find the Perfect Potluck link. Please contact Claire Luger [cluger17@gmail.com](mailto:cluger17@gmail.com) with questions.

**Summer Mission Trip Opportunities-**We are looking for people to join our trip to **Cherokee, NC** to work among Native American children and seniors. This is a family friendly trip is open to all ages and would be a great first-time mission trip experience. The **Uruguay summer trip** is for adults only and departs June 30 and returns July 7. It involves teaching English. Please let Missy ([mcasselli@holytrinitypca.org](mailto:mcasselli@holytrinitypca.org)) know of your interest and if you have any questions regarding either trip. Plans must be made soon so don't delay!

**Vacation Bible School-Save the dates! July 23-27.**



Psalm 129

**I. The Fact of Affliction**

Why are God's people a suffering people?

**II. The Hope in Affliction**

What has God done for his people to give us hope in our suffering?

**III. A Prayer From Affliction**

What does this prayer teach us about how to pray for our enemies?

Consider one particular situation in your life where you can apply this Psalm and list it here:

**WELCOME**

**HOLY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and exists to proclaim the gospel and make disciples to the glory of the triune God.

**We are glad you are worshipping with us today.** We invite you to join us for coffee, juice, and donuts in the courtyard, or in the fellowship hall, immediately following the morning worship service.

**Let us know how we may pray for you.** Fill out a prayer request card, found in the pews, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. The officers of the church and a small prayer group will confidentially pray for these requests.

**We welcome the participation of children in our worship service.** This is their time to hear from God's Word and praise him. Childcare is also available downstairs:

- Age 0-4: childcare available during the entire service (bottom floor)
- K5-1st Grade: dismissed to Children's Worship before the sermon

**MEETING TIMES**

**Sundays:** 9:15 am.....Sunday School for all ages  
 10:30 am.....Morning Worship Service  
 6:00 pm .....Evening Prayer, Covenant Kids class,  
 High School & Middle School studies

Nursery and childcare are provide for all above Sunday activities

**Small Groups** meet at various times for prayer and fellowship in members' homes. See our website for details, [holytrinitypca.org](http://holytrinitypca.org).

**Thursdays @ 5:30 pm.** Neighborhood Outreach Dinner. We prepare and serve a meal for those in need from the community. More details on website.

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