

## Reflection

And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

~ Luke 24:50-53

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

### 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 34:3

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

### Hymn of Praise

*Come, Thou Almighty King* #101

### Prayer of Adoration

Kids: The first thing that we do when we enter God's presence in worship is to express our love to him in prayer and praise. Our opening songs always focus our hearts and minds on who God is. Today we praise him as our great and mighty king.

### Hymn of Praise

*I Will Glory in My Redeemer*

- I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,  
And hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the pow'r of sin and death;  
My only Savior before the holy Judge;  
The Lamb, Who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb, Who is my righteousness.*
- I will glory in my Redeemer;  
My life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another;  
I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer,  
His faithfulness my standing place;  
Though foes are mighty and rush up on me,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.*
- I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness;  
His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me at gates of gold;  
And when He calls me it will be paradise;  
His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold.*

~ Words and Music by Steve Cook and Vikki Cook

## Responsive Praise

from Psalm 106

Leader: Praise the LORD!

**People: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Save us, O LORD our God,  
and gather us from among the nations,

**People: that we may give thanks to your holy name  
and glory in your praise.**

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!

**People: And let all the people say, "Amen!"  
Praise the LORD!**

## CONFESSING OUR SIN

### Prayer of Confession

### Words of Comfort and Promise

Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off  
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

### Response of Praise

*Come Ye Sinners* (RUF Tune)

- Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,  
Full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, He is able;  
He is willing; doubt no more.*
- Come ye needy, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.*
- Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better,  
You will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous;  
Sinners Jesus came to call.*
- Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you,  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.*
- Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;  
Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly,  
Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good.*

## RENEWING OUR FAITH

### Confession of Faith

from Ephesians 1

Leader: How has God Blessed us in Christ?

**People: I believe that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly  
places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the  
world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.**

**I believe that he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus  
Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his  
glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

**I believe that in him we have redemption through his blood, the  
forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,  
which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight**

**I believe he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according  
to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness  
of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on  
earth. Amen.**

### New Testament Reading

Hebrews 9:1-14

Rick Reinke, Deacon

(Pew Bible p.1005)

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Amen!**

### Hymn of Preparation

Psalm 134 (Tune: *Let us Love and Sing and Wonder*)

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| <i>1 Lo, with praises to Jehovah,<br/>Blessing give with one accord,<br/>All of you who faithful service<br/>To Jehovah do afford,<br/>Standing serving Him each night<br/>In the dwelling of the Lord.</i> | <i>2 Toward His holy sanctuary<br/>Let your hands be lifted high<br/>To give blessing to Jehovah.<br/>And from Zion in reply<br/>May Jehovah blessing give<br/>He who made the earth and sky.</i> |
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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 134 ~ Blessings Up and Down  
(Pew Bible p. 519)

## RESPONDING IN THANKS

### Collection of Offering

### Closing Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision* #642

### 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.

**Senior Send-Off-Sunday, May 6th at 5:30 pm.** Join us as we honor our graduating high school seniors, giving thanks to God for the grace He has shown in their lives, while having fun in the process. **A light dinner** will be served following the service and nursery will be available.

**Walk for Life** - This two-mile family-friendly event benefits our local pregnancy center, A Woman's Place on Saturday, May 12. To participate, register online [www.iWalkforLife.com](http://www.iWalkforLife.com), email Sherry Matthias ([SherryMatthias@hotmail.com](mailto:SherryMatthias@hotmail.com)) & plan to meet at the Ballast Point campus of South Tampa Fellowship at 8:45 am on May 12th. There is also a sign-up table just outside the sanctuary.

**Campus Outreach Contact People Needed** – Please consider serving as a point person for a group of Campus Outreach students during their Tampa stay this summer. Contact Leslie Hall [lhall@holymtrinitypca.org](mailto:lhall@holymtrinitypca.org) for more info.

**Vacation Bible School-online registration is now open on our website.** Limited space this year so please don't delay! Please get the word out to your friends and neighbors.

**Baskets of Love Outreach**-we are collecting non-perishable food items for a targeted outreach in the College Hill area prior to the launch of a new PCA church plant. Donations may be dropped off in the bin downstairs outside the Fellowship Hall now through May 10<sup>th</sup>.



Psalm 134

**I. Blessings Go Up**

Who brings these blessings to God and how?

What was wrong with the Old Testament priesthood?

**II. . Blessings come down**

What is THE blessing that comes down to us?

How do we receive this blessing?

**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, [holymtrinitypca.org](http://holymtrinitypca.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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