



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 10, 2019

Visiting with us today?

We are glad you are here! We would love to reach out to you (not in a nagging way) this week. Please fill out a card in the seat pockets and place in the offering basket or hand to an usher or pastor, or text your name to: **314-384-2444**.

We are happy your little ones are here too. They are welcome throughout the worship service, but if you prefer we offer:

- Nursery care for children 6 weeks through pre-school age.
- Children's Church gathers in the 1st & 2nd gr. classroom (room 111) during the offering for ages 4yrs through 2nd grade (and stays there for the remainder of the service).
- The worship service is streamed to the Fireplace Room for nursing moms.

If you are not able to find seats in the sanctuary, overflow is set up in the Youth Room.

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL

Liturgist: Rev. Ben Tharp

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Allison Schmidt

For Reflection

“A man were better to say that there is no God than say that God is unfaithful.” — Thomas Brooks

“You can never understand the faithfulness of God by taking the short view.” — Paul Rees

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Reflect quietly and prayerfully on these words as we prepare to enter into worship.

What is it that makes betrayal so devastating?

At its core, it is this: That the one doing the betraying has placed a value on the relationship with you and determined that something or someone else is worth more.

In life, we experience many relatively small types of betrayal, like breaking up with someone in high school or being let go from a minimum wage job. In other circumstances the betrayals are more serious, like being fired by a boss that we thought we were friends with or being cheated by a good friend in a business deal. And finally, there are the life-altering sorts of betrayal that we may only experience once or twice in a lifetime, like our spouse having an affair or our children refusing to have any kind of relationship with us.

Each of these types of betrayal are increasingly more painful because the relational circle tightens and the kind of vulnerability we permitted was greater at each successive ring. As such, recovering from a betrayal is one of the most complex and difficult circumstances a person can experience.

In today's passage we encounter the foundations of two devastating betrayals in the life of Christ, the first from Judas and the second from Peter. Amazingly, in between the descriptions of these devastations, we find Jesus instructing his disciples in the art of love! How can that be and what can we learn from Jesus about what it means to be faithful along the way?

Song of Preparation (Children's Choir)

How Excellent Your Name (Psalm 8)

Arr. by Peter Jacobs

***Call to Worship—Psalm 145 (selected)**

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

People: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

All: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

"Worship renews the spirit as sleep renews the body." — Richard Cabot

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Song of Adoration**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Trinity Hymnal #296 (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)

*Song of Adoration

Our Great God
Fernando Ortega (vv. 1, 3)

Voice

Verse 1 & 2

8

1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - rious and un -
2. Lord we are weak and frail _____ help - less in the _____

12

known. storm.. Your bound - less love un - fail - ing, in grace and mer - cy
Sur - round us with Your an - gels, _____ hold us in - Your _____

16

shown. arms. Bright ser - a - phim - in end - less flight a -
Our cold _____ and ruth - in less en - e - my, his _____

19

round - Your glo - rious throne, They raise their voic - es day _____ and night in -
pleas - ure is _____ our _____ harm. Rise up, oh Lord and he _____ will flee be -

Chorus

23

praise to You a - lone. Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry -
fore our Sov - reign _____ God.

27

be to _____ our _____ great - God _____ Ha - le - lu -

30

jah! glo - ry _____ be to _____ our great _____



37 A Em A Em A Em

God ___

Verse 3

43 A A A Em Em7

3. Let ev - ry crea - ture in - the sea, and ev - ry fly - ing ___

48 A A Em Em7

bird, let ev - ry moun - tain, ev - ry ___ field, and val - ley of the ___

52 A F#m D2

earth, let all ___ the moons ___ and all the stars in

55 F#m D2 A

all ___ the u - ni - verse sing prais - es to the

Chorus 2

58 Em Em7 A A

liv - ing God, who rules them by His ___ Word. Ha - le ___ lu -

62 Em D 1. A 2. A

jah! glo - ry be to ___ our great God! Ha - le ___ God ___

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith Using the Words of the Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed was penned in 325 A.D. and was originally adopted to defend against the Arian heresy's denial of the full divinity of Christ

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Job 19:23-27a

Job longs for redemption

"Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

Oh that with an iron pen and lead

they were engraved in the rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been thus destroyed,

yet in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see for myself,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

My heart faints within me!"

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—2 Thessalonians 2:1-5

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

*"If I grapple with sin in my own strength, the devil knows he may go to sleep."
— H. Adams*

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Thes. 2:13-14

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for saving love!

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Oh Give Thanks! (Psalm 107)

Wendell Kimbrough



1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls
2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs
3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun -
4. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth



so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home - land we did not
bend down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark - ness we were slaves
- ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos - er to the death
and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc - tion brought us trem -



know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi -
to sin and blame Then we cried out in our la -
- we should have died Then he heard of our con - di -
- bling to our knees, and we cried like drun - ken sai -



- ces to the on - ly One who hears and the God
- bor to the on - ly One who hears and the God
- tion and He called us by our names and the God
- lors to the on - ly One who hears and the God



of mer - cy came and brought us near. Oh give thanks to the Lord
of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.
of glo - ry took a - way our shame.
of com - fort took a - way our fears.



for His love en - dures fo - re - ver! We were wan - der - ing and lost and our Fa -



- ther brought us home to a safe dwe - lling place, to a feast



of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.)

Offertory Song (please join when directed)

He's Always Been Faithful/Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words and music by Sara Groves/Trinity Hymnal #32

Sermon

"Et tu, Brute?"

John 13:18-30

Rev. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Trinity Hymnal #498 (vv. 1-3, 5)

***Benediction**

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class

SS This Week

We are excited to welcome Rev. Jay Simmons to Trinity this week as he shares with us about some exciting news regarding church planting in South Central St. Louis that we at Trinity have gotten behind. Many of you will remember Jay from his tenure as the Pastor of South City Church.

Our Next SS Series

Beginning November 17, please make plans to join Pastor Polski for a new SS series on the integrity of Holy Scripture. During this series we will examine the origins of the Bible, how it came together as one grand document and why we can believe that the Bible is exactly what it says it is, God's perfect and fully trustworthy word to mankind.

Children/Youth Sunday School

Classes

Teachers

Pre K & K

Jessica Doiron, Michelle Goldstein, Melissa Jorgensen, Melissa Kocher

1st & 2nd grade

Mimi Steele, Sue Freeman, Beth Kling, Janice Koch

3rd, 4th & 5th grade

Gary & Patty Peterson, Bill & Laurel Elzinga, Scott & Amy Mitchell

Jr. & Sr. High

Ben & Elisa Tharp

Jr. High Foundations

The Foundations class is designed for students to study the major framework of scripture, foundational books of the Bible, and key reformed theological principles. Join us this Fall as we take a look at how God relates to His people. For the rest of the semester, we will take a look at God's covenant faithfulness in the past, and how that gives us hope that He will be faithful today and tomorrow.

Sr. High Formations

The Formations class is designed for the spiritual formation of students as they become more like Christ. They will primarily study books of the Old & New Testament that focus on the Christian Life, as well as key theological doctrines and figures. Join us this Fall for our class going through the book of Acts as we learn about the importance of God's Church.

These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...

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Worship and General Church Information

- **Sunday school for all ages meets today.** The adults will meet in the sanctuary.
- **Volunteers next week:** Nursery: Oehlerking, Petty, Coulter, Schaffer. SS: Harlow, Van Duren. Ushers: Roberts, O'Neal, Lackey, Maglione.
- **Men's Bible Study this Friday at 6:30am.** The men are studying the Book of Revelation on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the month.
- **Prayer Gathering** this Friday at 7:30am.
- **Women's Bible Study:** The Tues. evening group meets twice a month at 7pm (next gathering is Nov. 19) at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The morning group will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9am at Trinity. Childcare is available for Wed. mornings.
- **Trinity Students, Jr. & Sr.** High small groups meet this Wed. from 7-8:30pm.
- Hallie Van Duren is looking to **train someone** to come along side her to **help coordinate the nursery**. We are also in **need of more volunteers in the nursery rooms** on Sundays. Please see Hallie if you are interested.
- **Volunteers needed** to serve in the Robinson Elementary Food Pantry. **Our next date is Nov. 22nd from 5:50-7:30pm.** See Pastor Nate or your weekly email for more details.
- Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office if you need help setting it up.
- If you are **interested in becoming a member at Trinity**, or just want to learn more about our church and the PCA, join us for our Trinity Connect Class on the evening of Fri., Nov. 22 (6-8:30pm) and the morning of Sat., Nov. 23 (8am-noon). **Please RSVP to the church office** so we can make arrangements. While this class is a prerequisite to becoming a member, it does not commit you to membership. Open to teens through adults.
- Join us for our **Thanksgiving service** on Wed., Nov. 27th at 5:30pm.
- **Save the Date:** Our annual **Christmas Concert** will take place on Sun., Dec. 15th at 6:30pm, "From Darkness to Light." **Artists**, if you would like to submit a piece to be displayed at the concert, we are looking for pieces that will fit one of the four categories of the gospel story that will be highlighted during the concert. The categories are: Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Consummation. Deadline for artwork is Dec. 11th.
- The churches in St. Louis have a **special opportunity to participate in a joint choir** for the Getty Christmas Concert on December 20th. For details please contact Katie Polski.
- **Scripture readers needed** for the months of October thru December. Sign up in the hall.
- **New to Trinity?** Join us for our **Welcome Lunch on Nov. 17th.** See one of our welcome team members or a pastor for more information.

Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.

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