



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

February 9, 2020
The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GLORY

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Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Shaun Thomason

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

"God's greatest glory is His grace." — Donald Grey Barnhouse

"Perish each thought of human pride, let God alone be magnified;
His glory let the heavens resound, shouted from earth's remotest bound."
— Philip Dodridge

"In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him!"
— C.S. Lewis

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

J.I. Packer once wrote: "God's overriding goal is to glorify Himself."

Over time, I have heard some people point to statements like this as evidence that God is arrogant, unkind, and unworthy of human affection and therefore not to be worshipped.

On the surface, this sentiment seems understandable, after all, if any human being made it their goal to glorify themselves there isn't one of us that wouldn't accuse them of gross arrogance and dismiss them altogether.

However, the problems with applying this human standard to God are two-fold:

1. Human beings are definitely not the highest and most perfect being in the universe.
2. God is the highest and most perfect being in the universe.

Therefore, there is no being greater than God that is worthy of glory, so it follows that God must desire that He receive all the glory because to do otherwise would be to betray the truth, something that God cannot do.

In desiring that we glorify Him, God is simply teaching us to align ourselves with the proper parameters of all of His universal creation and in doing this He is giving us a gift in that we are learning not to kick out against the most fundamental truth of the universe, namely, that God is God and He alone is worthy of adoration.

But going one step further, it's critical for us to see that God does not elevate this idea of glorifying Him for its own sake, but rather so that every human being that does rightly glorify Him will be able to enjoy the prospect of eternal life which is life as God always intended it to be. It is on the basis of this truth that Jesus prays in John 17 and that we worship today.

Song of Preparation

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Trinity Hymnal #585 (vv. 1, 5, 6)

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly,
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

"The name Jehovah carries majesty in it; the name father carries mercy in it."

— Thomas Watson

***Call to Worship—Psalm 100**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

People: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Across The Lands

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

♩=85

VERSE

D G D



1. You're the Word of God the Fa - ther, ___ from be - fore the world be -
(2. Yet You) left the gaze of an - gels, ___ came to seek and save the
(3. With a) shout You rose vic - to - rious, ___ wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the

4 A G G⁶ D/F# Em G



-gan; ___ Ev-'ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net ___ has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -
lost, ___ and ex - changed the joy of heav - en ___ for the an - guish of a cross. With a
grave, ___ and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en ___ lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You

9 D G D A



-a - tion holds to - geth - er ___ by the pow - er of Your voice: ___ Let the
prayer You fed the hung - ry, ___ with a word You stilled the sea. ___ Yet how
stand be - fore the Fa - ther ___ in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. ___ From each

13 G G⁶ D/F# Em G A^{sus} G



skies de - clare Your glo - ry, ___ let the land and seas re - joice! ___ You're the au - thor of cre -
si - lent - ly You suf - fered ___ that the guilt - y may go free. ___
tribe and tongue and na - tion ___ You are lead - ing sin - ners home. ___

18 D D/F# G A² Bm Bm/A G G/A



-a - tion, ___ You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; ___ And Your cry of love rings

22 1, 2. Bm⁷ A D 3. Bm⁷ A D



out a - cross the lands. ___ 2. Yet You out a - cross the lands. ___
3. With a

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Words by Henry Van Dyke. Music by Ludwig van Beethoven and Edward Hodges

♩ = 106

E E/B B E/G# B/F# E E/B B

1. Joy ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays.
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

5 E A E/B B E

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.

9 B E/B B E/B B G#/B# C#m F# B

Melt the clouds of sin and _ sad - ness; Drive the _ dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and _ moun - tain, flow - ery _ mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our _ Broth - er - all who _ live in love are Thine.
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we _ on - ward, vic - tors _ in the midst of strife.

13 E A E/B B E

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in Thee!
 Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine!
 Joy - ful mu - sic lifts us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 112:1-9

The blessing of fearing God

Praise the Lord!

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

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

People: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—Isaiah 58:1-5

"Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord?"

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His freeing mercy!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Thy Mercy My God Is The Theme of My Song

Sandra McCracken

D G

1. Thy mer - cy my God is the theme of my song the
 out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
 mer - cy is more than a match for my heart which
 fath - er of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the

3 B G A E D/F#

joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue thy free grace a - lone from the first
 Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but through thy free good - ness my spir -
 won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis - solved by thy good - ness I fall
 cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied son; all praise to the spi - rit whose whis -

6 G E G A

— to the last hath won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast
 its re - vive and he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
 — to the ground and weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
 - per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness

11 4. D E D/F# G G#

2. With mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di vine seals
 3. Thy
 4. Great

17 E G A

mer - cy and par don and right - eous - ness mine.

*"Abounding sin is the terror of the world, but abounding grace is the hope of mankind."
 — A.W. Tozer*

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.)

Sermon

"Jesus Prays for Himself"

John 17:1-5

Rev. Chris Polski

"If true preaching does not subdue us, it is sure to exasperate us." — Alexander Whyte

*Song of Response

All Glory Be To Christ

Dustin Kensrue | Kings Kaleidoscope

D **A** D D^(add9)_(omit3) B min G

Should noth-ing of our ef - forts stand no leg - a - cy sur - vive Un -
(His) will be done His king - dom come on earth as is a - bove Who

D D^(add9)_(omit3) G D

6 less the Lord does raise this house in vain its build - ers strive To
is Him - self our dail - y bread praise Him the Lord of love Let

D D^(add9)_(omit3) B min G

10 you who boast tom - or - row's gain tell me what is your life A
liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price We'll

D D^(add9)_(omit3) G D

14 mist that van - i - shes at dawn All glor - y be to Christ! All
take this cup of kind - ness yet

D E min D/F# G

B

glor - y be to Christ our King! All glor - y be to Christ! His

D D^(add9)_(omit3) G 1. D G D 2. D

22 rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glor - y be to Christ! His Christ!

C

E E E (add9 omit 3) C#min A



When on the day the great I AM the faith-ful and the true the

E E (add9 omit 3) A E



Lamb who was for sin - ners slain is mak - ing all things new Be -

E E (add9 omit 3) C#min A



hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light And

E E (add9 omit 3) A E



we shall ere his peo - ple be All glor - y be to Christ! All

E F#min E/G# A

D



glor - y be to Christ our King! All glor - y be to Christ! His

E E (add9 omit 3) A



rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glor - y be to Christ All Christ!

*Benediction

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class

Join Pastor Polski for a 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

Pre K & K

1st & 2nd grade

3rd, 4th & 5th grade

Teachers

Jessica Doiron, Michelle Goldstein, Melissa Jorgensen,
Melissa Kocher

Mimi Steele, Sue Freeman, Beth Kling, Janice Koch

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

Jr. High Foundations Class

This spring semester in our jr high Sunday school class, we will be studying the Gospel of Mark along with the resource, Mark: The Gospel-Centered Life for Students by John Perritt. We will learn about the life and teachings of the authoritative Son of God, Jesus, through interactive discussion and engaging activities like Jeopardy!

Sr. High Formations Class

This semester the sr. high will be studying the Old Testament Book of 1 Samuel, and will focus on uncovering the pattern of God's faithfulness. We will look at how seeing this pattern builds and encourages our faith today.

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.

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

- 314/821-7311 • www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org • Facebook: Trinity Church Kirkwood

Worship and General Church Information

- **Sunday school classes** for all ages meet today.
- **Volunteers next week: Nursery:** Moen, Boehne, Highmark, Kocher, Younger. SS: Harlow, Nichols, Van Duren. **Ushers:** A. Mitchell, Brumley, Thomason, Hendricks, Boehne. **Welcome team:** Highmark, Coulter, Goldstein.
- **Men's Bible Study meets** this Friday at 6:30am. The men are studying the Book of Judges on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of each month.
- **Women's Bible Study:** The Tues. study will continue their look at the Psalms on Feb. 11th at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The Wed. morning group meets weekly to study the Book of Galatians. It isn't too late to join either study!
- 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.
- **Scripture Readers** needed for Sunday mornings in January and February. Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.
- **Volunteers needed to help in the Robinson Elementary Food Pantry.** See Nate Taylor or your weekly emails to sign up.
- **Does your family enjoy the Sunday snacks?** If so, please consider signing up to bring a snack on a future Sunday. See Amy Mitchell or your weekly email.
- **Calling all 4th-6th graders!** It is time to sign up for **Camp Strong**. April 17-19th. Sign up here: tiny.cc/4nsjiz.
- **Choral Ensemble** will be singing for BOTH Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Save the date for the **rehearsals: Wednesday April 1st and 8th** from 7-8pm.
- Please see **today's insert** for information about an opportunity to sing in a joint choir for a performance of Handel's Messiah this December and before Easter of 2021.
- We are hoping to have a good group of Trinity ladies (and friends) attend the **Gospel Coalition Women's Conference** on Jun. 11-13th in Indianapolis. If you are interested in going, please contact Amy Mitchell. Scholarships and financial aid available.
- **Ladies Connect:** Monday, Feb. 24 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's. Come out for a relaxing evening with friends. Beverages provided, but feel free to bring a snack to share.

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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