

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

May 24, 2020

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO RESCUES US FROM PERIL

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Steve O'Neal

Scripture Reader: Ruling Elder, Ron Ridderbos

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord,
our Maker! — Ps. 95:6

"If we want to know God and be blessed of God, we must start by worshipping
Him." — D. Martyn Lloyd Jones

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him, and we are most
satisfied in Him in worship!" — John Piper

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

From the Forward to “Coronavirus and Christ” by John Piper

I am writing this little book in the last days of March 2020, on the front end of the global pandemic known as the coronavirus, or technically, “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated COVID-19). The virus affects the lungs, and in the worst cases kills by suffocation.

The first death by the virus was reported in China on January 11, 2020. Today as I write, there are hundreds of thousands of cases of infection worldwide, with tens of thousands of deaths. There is no known cure—yet.

By the time you read this, you will know far better than I how things will develop. So, I need not detail the measures being taken to slow the spread of the virus or the economic toll being exacted. Social mingling, travel, conferences, church gatherings, theaters, restaurants, sporting events, and businesses are nearing a standstill.

This is not unprecedented—either globally or in America. In the global influenza epidemic of 1918 (to use the estimates of the Centers for Disease Control), fifty million people around the world died. Over five hundred thousand of those were in the United States. People felt symptoms in the morning and were dead by nightfall. Bodies were picked up from front porches to be carted away to graves dug by bulldozers. A man was shot for not wearing a mask. Schools were closed. Ministers spoke of Armageddon.

Of course, precedents prove nothing. The past is warning, not fate. Nevertheless, this is a time when the fragile form of this world is felt. The seemingly solid foundations are shaking. The question we should be asking is, “Do we have a Rock under our feet? A Rock that cannot be shaken—ever? (1 Sam. 2:2)”

Song of Preparation

Better Is One Day

Words and Music by Matt Redman

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E5 **A2(no3)**

1. How love - ly is Your dwell - ing place, O Lord al - might -
 (2. One) thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -

Bsus **E5** **Bsus**

y. ___ For my soul longs and e - ven faints for You.
 ty, ___ to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells.

E5

For here my heart is sat - is - fied
 One thing I ask and I would seek:

A2(no3) **Bsus** **E5**


with - in Your pres - ence. I sing be - neath the
 To see Your beau - ty, to find You in the


Bsus

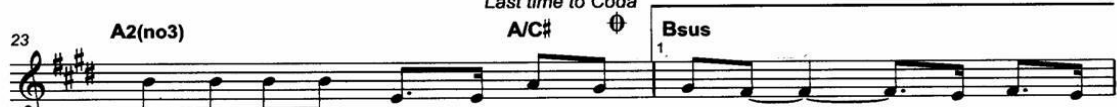
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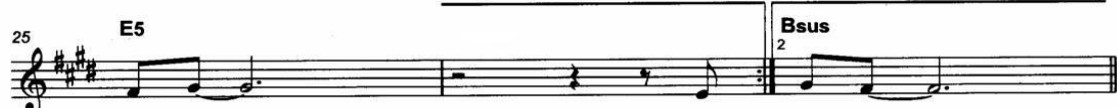
A2(no3) **E/A** **Bsus**

one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

19 **A2(no3)** **A/C#** **Bsus** **E/G#**

 one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where. _____ Bet - ter is

21 **A2(no3)** **E/A** **Bsus**

 one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

23 **A2(no3)** **A/C#** **Bsus**
Last time to Coda

 one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where, _____ than thou - sands

25 **E5** **Bsus**

 else - where. _____ 2. One else - where. _____

*Call to Worship—Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

All: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand
 elsewhere.

Leader: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my
 God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

People: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord
 bestows favor and honor.

Leader: No good thing does he withhold from those who walk
 uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Song of Adoration

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge. Arr. by Joe Brownlee

VERSE

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
2. Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?

5

Kings and nations tremble at his voice. All creation
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior,

CHORUS

8

ris-es to rejoice. Be-hold our God, seated on His throne. Come, let us a-
all his wondrous deeds?
ris-en now to reign!

13

dore Him. Be-hold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

19

Him! Him!

BRIDGE

Men: You will reign for ever... You will reign for ever... You will reign for ever...
Women: Let Your glory fill the earth... Let Your glory fill the earth... Let Your

ev-er... You will reign for ever...
glo-ry fill the earth... Let Your glo-ry fill the earth.

You will reign for ever... You will reign for ever... Be
Let Your glo-ry fill the earth... Let Your glo-ry fill,

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Acts 2:12-21

Peter preaches at Pentecost

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

"'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

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—1 Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

Silent Confession and Lament

"All true believers are lifelong repenters." — J. Eliff

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for calling us into His light!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!


"The stream of grace and righteousness is much deeper and broader than the stream of guilt." — M. Henry

*Song of Rejoicing

In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock


Keith Getty and Stuart Townend/Edward Mote, William Batchelder Bradbury, Charlie Hall, Trent Austin and Kendall Combes

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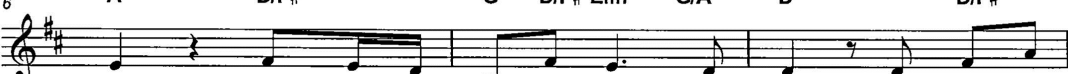
1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G G




light, my strength my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world, by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#



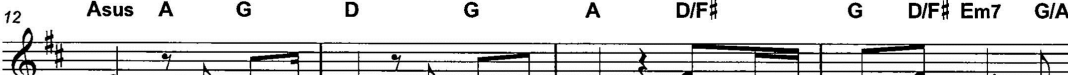
ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

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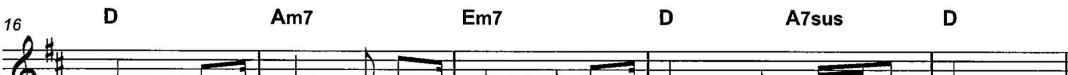
love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A



cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 D Am7 Em7 D A7sus D



stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Music (Ensemble)

Holy, Holy, Holy
Norton Hall Band

Sermon

How Do Christians Explain Things Like Coronavirus?

The First in the Series on "Honest Questions"

Genesis 3; Luke 13

Rev. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!
Trinity Hymnal #296

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

** Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle, keeping six feet between you and the those in front of you. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.*

(Please note: Grape juice is in the grape-tinted cups in the outer ring. Wine is in the clear cups.)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Great Are You Lord

Words and Music by Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore every heart that is broken. And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
"Great are You, Lord!"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Words: Wendell Kimbrough. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven



1. Migh-ty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
2. Hum-bly now we ask you, Fa - ther, In your grace, to make us strong,



Pre - cious blood and bo - dy, bro - ken, From your Son our Sav - ior, Christ.
That, with all the saints be - fore us, In good works we may press on!



In these myst-'ries you as - sure us we are mem - bers of your Son;
Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise!



Heirs of your e - ter - nal King - dom, with all faith - ful peo - ple, One.
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Pow'r and glo - ry to your name!



A - - - men, A - - - men,



A - - men, a - - - men, a - - - men.

*Benediction

We will dismiss by rows following the benediction

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

Please look for communication mid-week about ongoing activities at church. We will let you know if there is a change to any of the activities below.

- **Adult Sunday school class:** Spiritual Formation in an Anxious Age — With the presence of a pandemic, grim economic news, stir-crazy isolation, and the quest for new routines, it can be easy to simply try to get by. The temptation is to press pause on our spirituality as many other aspects of life stand still. What if, instead, we took some time to ask ourselves, "Who am I becoming?" We're all scrambling to find practices that will sustain us through tough times, but what if we thought this way about all of life? We'll be asking what it means to cultivate the habits of love and disciplines of grace as we seek to be conformed to the image of Christ, even in the midst of a very anxious time. **Pastor Nate will be recording the lessons and distributing them via email and social media.**
- **No Men's Bible Study** this Friday.
- **Ladies**, join us for *Steadfast*, a devotional bible study on the Book of James on Wednesdays at 9am and 7:30pm. Check your email for Zoom links.
- 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 for assistance.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.
- If you would like one of our **pastors stop by for a front porch visit** or to give you a phone call, please email info@trinitystlouis.org
- **Sign up for the Diaconal Care group** by going to Church Center, click the tab that says "Groups" then scroll till you find "Service," click that tab and search for diaconal care group.
- Now more than ever, it is important we stay in touch. **Please help us to keep our online directory up to date.** Pass along your contact info and picture to Amy Mitchell.

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.