



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

May 31, 2020

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS UNIQUE

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

Scripture Reader: Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

"I came to Him because I did not know which way to turn. I remained with Him because there is no other way I wish to turn. I came to Him longing for something I did not have. I remain with Him because I have something I will not trade. I came to Him as a stranger. I remain with Him in the most intimate of friendships. I came to Him unsure about the future. I remain with Him certain about my destiny. I came amid the thunderous cries of a culture that has 330 million deities. I remain with Him knowing that truth cannot be all-inclusive."
— Ravi Zacharias

"Jesus, who unties such apparent extremes of character into such an integrated and balanced whole, demands an extreme response from every one of us. He forces our hand at every turn in the story. This man who throws open the gates of his kingdom to everyone, then warns the most devout insiders that their standing in the kingdom is in jeopardy without fruitfulness, is forever closing down our options...He is both the rest and the storm, both the victim and the wielder of the flaming sword, and you must accept him or reject him on the basis of both. Either you'll have to kill him, or you'll have to crown him...Please don't try to keep Jesus on the periphery of your life. He cannot remain there. Give yourself to him – center your entire life on him – and let his power reproduce his character in you." — Tim Keller

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

“We need Christ—the real Christ. A Christ born of empty speculation or created to squeeze into the philosopher’s pattern simply won’t do. A recycled Christ, a Christ of compromise, can redeem no one. A Christ watered down, stripped of power, debased of glory, reduced to a symbol, or made impotent by scholarly surgery is not Christ but Antichrist.” — R.C. Sproul

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

— Hebrews 1:1–4

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. — Colossians 1:15-20

Song of Preparation

Better Is One Day

Words and Music by Matt Redman

$\text{♩} = 77$

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 -

4 **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.

8 **E5**



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

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



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

14 **Bsus**



shad - ow of Your wings.____ Bet - ter is
place Your glo - ry dwells.____ Bet - ter is

17 **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 104:31-34 (selected)**

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works,

People: who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

All: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Only A Holy God

Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson

1. Who else commands _____ all the hosts of heav - en?
 2. What oth - er beau - ty de - ,ands such prais - es?
 3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?
 4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?

3 Who else could make - ev - 'ry king bow down? Who else can whis - per and dark - ness
 What oth - er splen - dour out - shines the sun? What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with
 What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead? What oth - er name re - ,ains un - de -
 Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son? Who else in - vites me to call Him

6 trem - bles On - ly a Ho - ly God. Come and be - hold Him, the One and the
 just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 feat - ed/ On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 Fa - ther? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
 5. (On - ly my Ho - ly God)

13 On - ly. Cry out, sing Ho - ly, for - ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor - ship the Ho - ly

19 God.
 To Verse
 chorus repeated at the end

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
 Trinity Hymnal #32

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Corinthians 12:3-13

The Spirit gives gifts to the body for the common good

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

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—John 20:19-23

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—John 7:37-38

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for his grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

D D sus D D sus D Bm7

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
 What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
 Un-to the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, he lives! Christ, he

A D A/C# Bm G D/A A

5 lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to him be-
 good. Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
 lives! And what re-ward will heav-en bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with

D F#m Bm Em7 D/F#

9 long Who holds our days with-in his hand? What comes a-part from His com-
 blood. Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y
 him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-

G D/A A(F#/A# Bm G D/A A D

13 mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. —
 trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un-to the shore the rock of Christ? —
 stroyed, and we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-ev-er more. —

Bm G D A/C# A Bm D/F# G

18 — O sing hal-le-lu-jah Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O — sing hal-le-
 — D/F# G D/F# A G Bm A D

24 lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music (Ensemble)

Rejoice the Lord is King

Sermon

How is Jesus different from any other god?
The Second in the Series on "Honest Questions"

John 14:1-11
Rev. Nate Taylor

*Song of Response

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

CHORUS

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. Bm ⁷ A D	3. Bm ⁷ A D
------------------------------	---------------------------

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

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)

Wood and Nails

Keith Watts, Isaac Wardell, and Madison CunninghamArr. by Dan Galbraith

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Sending Song**

Doxology

Trinity Hymnal #731

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.
- **Twilight Togetherness for our Trinity Ladies** is this Tuesday at 7pm at Shroeder Park in Manchester. Veer left at the entrance. Please bring a lawn chair.
- **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.