



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS ETERNAL

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elders, Duncan Highmark and Fielding Poe

Scripture Reader: Lori Nichols and Tom Schmidt

Quotes and Reflections

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. Ps. 104:1-2

"God is not the great I WAS, He is the great I AM!" — Eric Alexander

"God is not hurried along in the time-stream of this universe any more than an author is hurried along in the imaginary time of his own novel."

— C.S. Lewis

"God is not subject to time." — Dorothy Sayers

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

“There is a kind of religion in science; it is the religion of a person who believes there is order and harmony in the Universe. Every event can be explained in a rational way as the product of some previous event...This religious faith of the scientist is violated by the discovery that the world had a beginning under conditions in which the known laws of physics are not valid, and as a product of forces or circumstances we cannot discover...At this moment it seems as though science will never be able to raise the curtain on the mystery of creation. For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”

— Dr. Robert Jastrow, Founder of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies

Song of Preparation *Heaven Meets Earth with Holy, Holy, Holy*

(Please join upon direction- Trinity Hymnal #100)

Words and Music by Leslie Jordan and David Leonard

***Call to Worship—Psalm 149 (selected)**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise
in the assembly of the godly!

People: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

Leader: Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

**People: Let them praise his name with dancing, making
melody to him with tambourine and lyre!**

Leader: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

All: He adorns the humble with salvation.

"We cannot always trace God's hand, but we can always trust God's heart."

— C.H. Spurgeon

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

May the Peoples Praise You

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townsend, David Zimmer, and Ed Cash

5 *f* *Band in* *mf*

1. You have
(2. All the)

VERSE 1, 2 *1st X - Bass out*

9 C F C

called us out of dark - est night in - to Your glo - rious light, that
earth is Yours and all with - in, each har - vest is Your own, and

13 F Am7 G F C

we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en Christ. Christ. May our
from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known. May the

1st X - Bass in

17 C F C

ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that broke in - to our strife, with
seeds of mer - cy grow in grace us for those who have not heard. May

21 F Am7 G F C *f*

bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less life. May the
songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your word.

CHORUS 1, 2

25 F Am G F C G

peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be glad. All Your

29 F/A G/B C C/E F C/E

bless - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the name of

TURN *Mando play intro line*

33 G C C/B C/A C/F C 1 C/B C/A *mf* C/F

Je - sus.

2. All the

2
C/B C A mf C F C

VERSE 3

38 This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your prais - es and Your

C F Am⁷ G F

42 name; to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe and tongue, Your church pro -

CHORUS 3

C f F Am G F C

46 claims. May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be

G E/A G/B C C/E F

50 glad. All Your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may

C/E G C

54 praise the name of Je - sus.

2-bar diamond
(Ac. keep time)

BRIDGE *mp Piano & Strings only*

F G C/E F

58 Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.

E/A G/B C Dm⁷

62 Wor - thy, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain.

F G C/E F

66 Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - might - y.

E/A building G/B C Dm⁷ f N.C.

70 All cre - a - tion praise Your glo - ri - ous name. May the

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Trinity Hymnal #38

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Exodus 12:1-14

The Passover promise of God

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

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—Romans 13:1-7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Tim. 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His never ending mercies!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you

*Song of Rejoicing

Indescribable

Words and Music by Laura Story. Add. lyrics by Jesse Reeves. Arr. by Wayne Yankie

♩ = 60 **VERSE**

Am

G/B

C



1. From the high - est of heights ___ to the depths of the ___ sea, ___
2. Who has told ___ ev - 'ry light ___ - ning bolt where it should ___ go, ___

5 Dm⁷

F/C

B♭maj⁷



cre - a - tion's re - veal - ing Your maj - es - ty. ___
or seen heav - en - ly store - hous - es lad - en with ___ snow? ___

9 Am

G/B

C



From the col - lours of Fall to the fra - grance of ___ Spring, ___
Who i - mag - ined the sun and gives source to its ___ light, ___

13 Dm⁷

F/C

B♭maj⁷

F/A

G/B



ev - 'ry crea - ture u - nique in the song that it ___ sings. ___ All ex - claim - ing:
yet con - ceals it to bring us the cool - ness of ___ night? ___ None can fath - om.

⌘ **CHORUS 1 & 2**

17 C

G

F²



In - de - scrib - a - ble, un - con - tain - a - ble; You placed the stars in the sky, and You know them by ___

21 Am

C/E

F

C



___ name. ___ You are a - maz - ing, ___ God; ___ All pow - er - ful,

26 G F² Am

un - tam - a - ble; Awe-struck, we fall to our knees as we hum-bly pro - claim ____

30 C/E Last time to Coda ⊕ 1. F² G/F F² G/F F²

You are a - maz - ing, _ God. _

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Sermon

"The Origin of Everything"

The First Sermon in a Series on the Book of Genesis

Genesis 1:1

Rev. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(vv. 1, 2, 4, 5) Trinity Hymnal #53

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 all the cups today)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Feast on His Love

Words by William Gadsby. Music by Jess and Annie Alldredge

Once more like children we are come, to banquet with our God;
May each one feel himself at home, and feast upon His love.

While we receive the bread and wine as emblems of Thy death,
Lord, raise each soul above the sign, to feast on Christ by faith.

We banquet with our God, feast on His love.

We would not come as strangers, Lord, who only see the sign,
But, as the objects of Christ's love, would feel we're one in him.

Like free-born sons, we would be free from ev'ry legal chain;
Praise him who brought our liberty, and ever with Him reign!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #731

*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...

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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.

- Pastor Polski is sharing a **Sunday school series** on the Apostle's Creed on our Trinity Church Kirkwood Facebook page.
- **Small Group** information is on today's insert. **Sign up today at the Welcome Center** or go to your Church Center app.
- Our **Online Learning Assistance Ministry is still in need of volunteers and paid learning assistants.** Please email olam@trinitystlouis.org if you are interested.
- **Men's Bible Study this Friday.** The study takes place on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Friday of each month **at 6:30am**, using a hybrid format. The men will continue to work through the Book of Judges.
- The **Wednesday Women's Bible study** will begin THIS week (Sept. 9th) using a hybrid format in the morning (9am), allowing those who would like to attend in person to do so, with the option of a live Zoom stream. We will also offer a Zoom study at 7:30pm. **Please sign up on the Church Center app** under "groups" or email Amy Mitchell. The ladies will be studying 1 & 2 Samuel this fall and spring.
- **Ladies, our Tues. evening study will begin on Sept. 15th at 7pm.** This semester we will be going through Tim Keller's book, Generous Justice. You will have the option to meet at Trinity or via Zoom.
- **No Jr. & Sr. High small groups** this week.
- 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.
- The Center for Faith & Work St. Louis has an **opening for a part-time program director.** Bachelors and five years of experience in business, with management experience preferred. Contact Amy in the church office for more details

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.