



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 25, 2020

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO MADE US FOR RELATIONSHIP

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Lori Nichols and Kathy O'Neal

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Greg Boehne

Quotes and Reflections

"God was love long before he had made any creatures to be the objects of his love, even from all eternity." — George Bethune

"We must see our circumstances through God's love instead of, as we are prone to do, seeing God's love through our circumstances." — Jerry Bridges

"Marriage, and the process of coming to it, is not heaven! It is the bonding together of two needy sinners in order to make a partnership which is substantially greater than either of them alone." — Sinclair Ferguson

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

No Trinity, No Love by Jared Wilson

(an excerpt from: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/no-trinity-no-love/>)

The religious person will suggest that love comes from God. But Christianity teaches that God is himself love (1 Jn 4:8). Love isn't God. But God is love. So what does it mean for God to be love?

It doesn't necessarily mean God is simply *loving*. Judaism and Islam and Mormonism proclaim a God who loves. But when Christians teach that God is *himself love*, they're saying that real love itself has its origin and essence in God.

And this cannot be true unless God is a Trinity. Think about it: A solitary god cannot be love. He may learn to love. He may yearn for love. But he cannot in himself be love, since love requires an object. Real love requires relationship. In the doctrine of the Trinity we finally see how love is part of the fabric of creation; it's essential to the eternal, need-nothing Creator. From eternity past, the Father and the Son and the Spirit have been in community, in relationship. They have loved each other. That loving relationship is bound up in the very nature of God himself.

If God were not a Trinity but merely a solitary divinity, he could neither be love nor be God.

So, the Trinity isn't some weird religious aberration Christians have stupidly clung to. It's the answer to the deepest longing of the human heart. The Trinity answers history's oldest desire. It even clarifies the question. It makes us go deeper than sentimental notions and ethereal feelings and elusive emotions. It puts us on solid ground with all this love stuff we've been chasing forever. We're all looking for love. Deep down we all need it in ways we don't understand or even acknowledge. We search and search. We find glimpses, moments, tastes, and samples of love. We have genuine experiences of love. And yet nothing quite gets us outside of our own hurts, our own self-interest, our own sins. We need the realest love there is.

***Call to Worship—Psalm 92:1-4**

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp,

People: To the melody of the lyre.

All: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor

1. Let us love and sing and won - der,
2. Let us love sing and the Lord fierce who bought us,
3. Let us sing through fiercer temp - ta - tion

Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,
Pit - ied us when en - e - mies
Threat - en hard to bear us down

He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
Called us by his grace and taught us,
For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion

He gave us quenched ears Mount Si - nai's flame, He has,
Holds us in view and the conq - ueror's eyes crown He has

washed us with His blood, washed us with His blood, washed us with His blood, He has, He has, He who

11 Gm Eb
 washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He who

13 Gm Eb
 washed us with His blood, He has
 washed us with His blood, He pre -
 washed us with His blood, Soon will

15 F Bb
 brought us nigh to God
 sends our souls to God
 bring us home to God

17 F Gm Eb

4. Let us wonder grace and justice
 Join and point to mercy's store
 When through grace in Christ our trust is
 Justice smiles and asks no more
 He who washed us with His blood
 He who washed us with His blood
 He who washed us with His blood
 Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus
 Of the saints enthroned on high
 Here they trusted Him before us
 Now their praises fill the sky
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
 Thou art worthy Lamb of God

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (10:45 am service only)

Trinity Hymnal #457

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The heart of the apostolic ministry

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

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—Matthew 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Silent Confession and Lament

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

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Leader: Church of Christ, give thanks to God for making us heirs of eternal life!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Pardon

Come Ye Sinners
Joseph Hart and Nortal Hall Band



Verse 1



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, Weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, love and pow'r.

Verse 2, 3, 4



2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

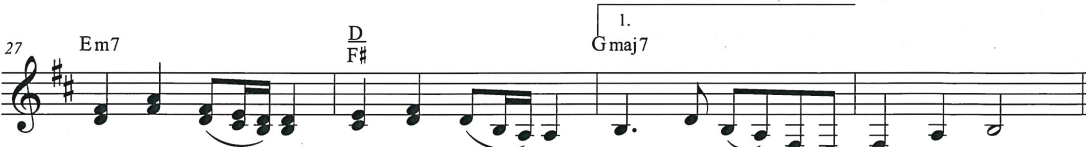


True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him

Chorus 1



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus He will em-brace me in his arms



In the arms of my dear Sav - ior O there are ten thou - sand charms

Turn

31 Bm7 D maj9

e. guitar

35 E7sus E7 Gmaj9

39 2. Gmaj7 Gmaj7

O there are ten thou - sand charms *piano*

43 3. Gmaj7 Chorus 2 E m7 D maj7

O there are ten thou - sand charms I will a - rise and go to Je - sus

47 A Bm C#7 Bm D Em7 D F#

He will em - brace me in his arms In the arms of my dear Sav - ior

51 Gmaj7 Tag E7sus

O there are ten thou - sand charms In the arms of

54 E7 Gmaj13

my dear Sav - ior O there are ten thou - sand charms

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Sacrament of Covenant Baptism (8:45 service)

James William Garner

Westminster Shorter Catechism #94: What is baptism?

Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lords.

Baptismal Song (8:45 service)

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Trinity Hymnal #189 (vv. 1-2)

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Children May be Dismissed for Children's Church (8:45 service only)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

I Will Sing

Sandra McCracken

Chorus

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever, I will sing of the Lord's great love

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever, I will sing, oh I will sing

Sermon

"A Better Way"

A Sermon Series on the Book of Genesis

Genesis 2:18-25

Rev. Chris Polski

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.

- Pastor Polski is sharing a **Sunday school series** on the Apostle's Creed on our Trinity Church Kirkwood Facebook page.
- **Volunteers next Sunday: Ushers:** Thomason, Younger, Standerfer. **Scripture Readers:** Lori Nichols.
- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- **Ladies, our Tues. evening study meets two Tuesdays a month 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. Our **next gathering is Oct. 27th.**
- **No Men's Bible Study this Friday.** The study takes place on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Friday of each month.
- The **Wednesday Women's Bible study** meets weekly 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. The ladies will be studying 1 & 2 Samuel this fall and spring.
- 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.
- **Trunk or Treat:** Friday, Oct. 30th from 5-6:30pm in the back parking lot. If you would like to host a trunk or help with the cake walk or Halloween bingo, please see Ben Tharp. Kids, bring your friends, bikes and helmets. Parents, bring your lawn chairs.
- Save the Date: For a **special evening of Christmas music and poetry**-Sat., Dec. 12th at 7pm. RSVP will be required (opening at the beginning of Dec.).

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.