

peace on earth and
MERCY mild,
GOD and sinners
reconciled!

First Sunday in Christmas
December 27, 2020

WORSHIPING JESUS, THE ONE WHO COMES AS GOD'S LIGHT AND GLORY

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Grace Johler and Lily Polski

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman

Quotes and Reflections

“Let us learn by the example of Jonah not to measure God’s judgement by our own wisdom, but to wait until He turns the darkness into light” — John Calvin

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation

Hail To The Lord's Anointed

Words by James Montgomery. Music by Sandra McCracken

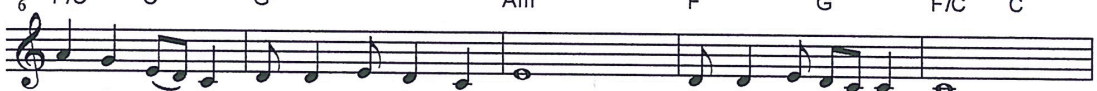
Chorus

F/C C F/C C F/C C Am G F/C C



Hail to the Lord's a - nointed great Da - vid's great-er Son! Hail in the

6 F/C C G Am F G F/C C



time ap - pointed, His reign on earth be - gun! His reign on earth be - gun!

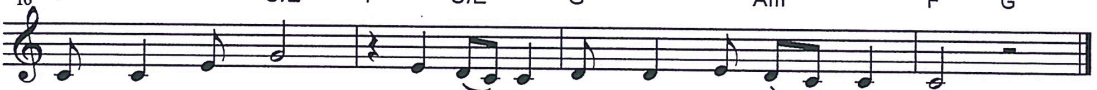
Verses

11 F/C C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm



1. He comes to break op - pres-sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2. He comes with com - fort speed-y to those who suf - fer wrong;
3. To give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turned to light,
4. He shall come down like show-ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
5. The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

16 F C/E F C/E G Am F G



to take a - way trans - gres-sion and rule in eq - ui - ty. (vss. 1, 3, 4, 5 to chorus)
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong.
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
love, joy, and hope, like flow-ers, spring in His path to birth.
his name shall stand for - ev - er, that name to us is Love.

***Call to Worship—Psalm 96:1-4**

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,

People: His marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

O Worship the King
Trinity Hymnal #2 (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

All Glory Be to Christ

Dustin Kensrue | Kings Kaleidoscope

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

Should noth - ing of our ef - ferts 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) C#min A

29

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

E E (add9) A E

33

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

E E (add9) C#min A

37

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

E E (add9) A E

41

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) A

49

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

1. E 2.

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 2:22-40

Jesus is the Light and the Glory

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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—Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Titus 2:14

Jesus is the one who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Leader: Church of Christ, give thanks to God for His redeeming love.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

Advent Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Trinity Hymnal #203

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Children may be dismissed for Children's Church (8:45 service only)

Offertory Song (Ensemble) *Something More to Christmas Time*
Words and Music by Will Mattingly

Sermon

"Jonah Runs, Jesus Comes"

Jonah 4:1-11

Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

*Song of Response

King of Kings

Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, and Jason Ingram

1. In the dark - ness we were wait - ing, with - out hope, -
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -

2 with-out light, - till from Heav - en You - came run - ning. There was mer -
- con-cile the lost, - to re - deem - the whole - cre - a - tion You did not -

4 - cy in - Your eyes. - To ful - fil - the law - and pro - phets, to a vir -
- des - pise - the cross. - For - e - ven in - Your suf - fring, You saw to -

6 - gin came - the Word - from a throne - of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
- the oth - er side. - Know-ing this - was our - sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for -

8 - dle in - the dirt. - Praise the Fa - ther,
- our sake - You died. -

12 praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

D/F# G

A D D/F# G

A D D/F# G

A D D/F# G

A D

G Bm A^{sus} A D

G Bm G A D

CHORUS

20 1. 2. VERSE 3
 Bm G

2. To re-veal 3. And the morn - ing that - You rose - all of heav

23 A D Bm G

- en held - its breath - till that stone - was moved - for good, - for the Lamb .

25 A D Bm G

- had con - quered death. - And the dead - rose from - their tombs, - and the an -

27 A D Bm G

- gels stood - in awe, - for the souls - of all - who'd come - to the Fa -

29 A D VERSE 4 D/F# G

- ther are - re - stored. - 4. And the Church - of Christ - was born, - then the Spir

31 A D D/F# G

- it lit - the flame. - Now this Gos - pel truth - of old - shall - not kneel, -

33 A D D/F# G

- shall - not faint. - By His blood - and in - His Name, - in His free-

35 A D D/F# G A

- dom I - am free, - for the love - of Je - sus Christ - who has res - ur - rect - ed me. .

***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.

- **Volunteers next Sunday: Ushers:** Harrison, Thomason, Hendricks.
- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- **Men's Bible will resume on January 8th.**
- **Women's Bible** studies will resume in January. More info to come.
- **Jr. High and Sr. High** small groups will resume in the January.
- 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.
- There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators if you would like to get involved: **Ushers:** Josh Hendricks (coachjph@msn.com), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.org), **Sunday coffee:** Amy Mitchell (amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).
- Trinity's annual **Giving Tree** is in the Narthex. If you would like to make a donation, pick up a tag on the tree and follow the instructions. Donations may be given via Church Center or dropped off in the basket by the tree in the month of December.

Year End Giving

Thank you for your tithes and offerings for the General Fund and pledges to the Capstone project this year. We will report to you the financial results during the congregational meeting on December 20th. If you have a desire to provide stock to be used for 2020 contributions or any other method, please be sure that this is instructed or sent to the church office prior to December 31. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Duncan Highmark.

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.

