



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

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February 7, 2021

WORSHIPING THE ALL POWERFUL GOD

Liturgist: Rev. Ben Tharp

Scripture Reader: Amy Mitchell and Beth Thorpe

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

Quotes and Reflections

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

All the earth worships you

and sings praises to you;

they sing praises to your name." Selah.

— Ps. 66:1-4

WLC #7: What is God?

God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

"There is power in God to lay prostrate the whole world, and to tread it under his feet, whenever it may please Him." — John Calvin

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

The Dove with a Leaf in Her Mouth by Jared Wilson

And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. — Genesis 8:11

Here is one of the simpler but more beautiful pictures we receive in the account of Noah and the great flood. It is the first sign of the re-starting of God's creative process. The land emerges out of the waters in an echo of the creation event, where God separated the land from the water. It is a "reboot," if you will. And a foreshadow. It is a foreshadow of the day still to come – future from us – when Christ will return and he will judge the living and the dead, and the wicked will be condemned (Luke 17:25-27). But God will remember his children who have trusted in his Son and who have been declared righteous by their trust. And his plan isn't simply to evacuate them off of the cursed earth into heaven but to bring a flood of heaven, a flood of glory, to the earth and restore it. He will vanquish the curse. The flood of sin will be dried up and peace and justice will reign. And so will we. In a restored creation.

We very much need to remember this gospel hope of a restored body and a restored creation through the work of Christ. We need to remember it every day because life is not easy. And God keeps calling us into difficult circumstances, into times of suffering and hardship.

The dove with the leaf in her mouth, like the ark itself, is a shadow cast by the cross of Christ, where we see definitively that God is not safe but he is good! That the judgment and wrath he must pour out for guilty sinners can make sinners clean, make them righteous, make them forgiven and justified and eternally free. That's what we look to in times of terror, in times of hardship, in all times! If you think God has forgotten you, look to the cross.

As Augustine says, "If you are ever tempted to hold yourself cheap, value yourself by the price which was paid for you." The cross stands as eternal proof that God loves sinners. It stands as eternal proof that no matter how deep the waters get, even if they drown us – our condemnation has been taken by Christ and removed forever.

Song of Preparation

Be Thou My Vision
Trinity Hymnal #642 (vs.1, 4)

***Call to Worship—Psalm 147 (selected)**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

People: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

Leader: But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

All: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

"Worship is the highest elevation of the spirit, and yet the lowliest prostration of the soul." — Charles H. Spurgeon

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Jonathan Neander, 1680. Music: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion;
2. Praise to the Lord, o - ver all things so won - drous - ly reign - ing,
3. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom has made you,
4. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
5. Praise to the Lord, oh let all that is in me a - dore Him!

oh my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and sal - va - tion.
shel - ters you un - der His wings, oh so gen - tly sus - tain - ing.
decked you with health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed you.
sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy will dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him!

All you who hear, now to His tem - ple draw near:
Have you not seen how your de - sires have been
How oft in grief has He not brought you re - lief,
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,
Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a - gain:

join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
grant - ed in His wise or - dain - ing?
spread - ing His wings for to shade you!
if with His love He be - friend you.
glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

Father, Let Your Kingdom Come

Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Latifah Phillips

(please join when directed)

Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah, Fa - ther let Your king - dom come

1. May the works _____ of my hands bring You _____ joy. May the works
2. May the words _____ from my mouth speak Your _____ peace. May the words

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_____ from my mouthspeak Your peace. May the words _____ from my mouth speak Your

_____ joy. May the works _____ of my hands bring You joy.
_____ peace. May the words _____ from my mouth speak Your peace.

You make all things new _____ You make all things new _____ in

pla - ces we don't choose _____ You make all things new. _____

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Mark 1:29-39

Jesus ministers the gospel in word and deed

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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 Corinthians 9:19-23

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Cor. 12:12-14

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.

Leader: Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, give thanks to God for uniting us in Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

“Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence.” — Augustine

Song of Rejoicing

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

F B \flat /F F F B \flat /F



1. Hear the call of the king-dom, lift your
 (2. Hear the) call of the king-dom, to be
 (3. Hear the) call of the king-dom to reach

4 F A⁷ Dm⁷ B \flat /C



eyes to the King; _ Let His song rise with-in you as a fra-grant of - fer - ing of how
 chil - dren of light _ with the mer - cy of heav-en the hu - mil - i - ty of _ Christ; Walk-ing
 out to the lost _ with the Fa - ther's com-pas-sion in the won-der of the _ cross, bring-ing

7 F A⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷ F/C Gm/C



God, rich in mer - cy, came in Christ to re-deem _ all who trust in His un - fail - ing
 just - ly be - fore Him, lov - ing all that is right, _ that the life of Christ may shine through
 peace and for-give-ness, and a hope yet to come: _ Let the na-tions put their trust in

10 1. F B \flat /F F 2. F **CHORUS** F



grace. 2. Hear the us. King of heav-en, _ we will
 Him.

14 B \flat F C Gm⁷ C



an - swer _ the call. _ We will fol - low, _ bring-ing hope to _ the world, _ filled with

17 F B \flat F



pas - sion, _ filled with pow - er to _ pro - claim _ sal -

19 Gm⁷ F/A B \flat F/C Gm/C F B \flat /F 1. F 2. F D.S.



-va - tion _ in Je - sus' name. 3. Hear the

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

Sermon

"The Great Flood"

Genesis 7:1-8:19

Rev. Chris Polski

Song of Response

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?



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

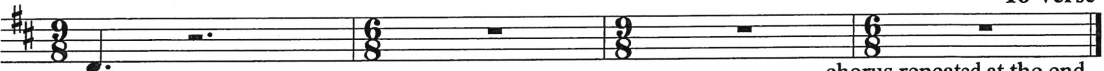


trem - bles On - ly a Ho - ly God. Come and be - hold Him, the One and the
just - ice? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
feat - ed/ On - ly a Ho - ly God.
Fa - ther? On - ly a Ho - ly God.
5. (On - ly my Ho - ly God)



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

To Verse



God.

chorus repeated at the end

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)

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Words by Reginald Heber. Music and additional text by Zac Hicks

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Words by Wendell Kimbrough. Music by Ludwig van Beethoven



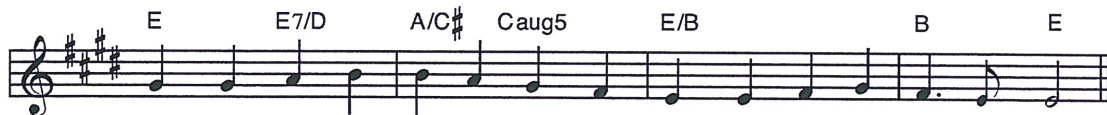
1. Migh-ty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
2. Hum-bly now we ask you, Fa - ther, In your grace, to make us strong,



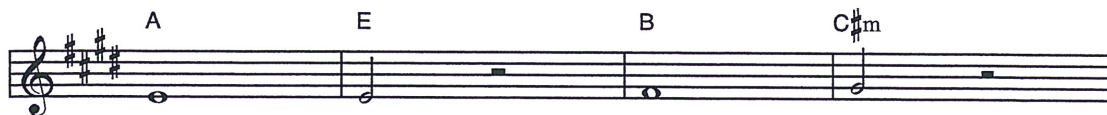
Pre - cious blood and bo - dy, bro - ken, From your Son our Sav - ior, Christ.
That, with all the saints be - fore us, In good works we may press on!



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,



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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.

- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- **Ladies**, are you missing time together? Join us Mon., Feb. 8th at 7pm for a fun **Zoom gathering!** Contact the church office if you did not receive the link in your email.
- **The Tuesday Women's Study will meet THIS week** at 6:30pm for fellowship (you are welcome to bring your dinner), followed by a continued discussion of Generous Justice by Tim Keller at 7pm either in-person at Trinity or via Zoom.
- **The Wed. Women's Bible studies meet weekly.** We are studying 2 Samuel this semester. We will meet in a hybrid format at 9am or via Zoom only at 7pm.
- **Men's Bible Study** this Fri. at 6:30am either in person or via Zoom. This semester the men are studying the Book of Acts.
- Interested in becoming a member of Trinity? Join us for our next **new member's class** (Trinity Connect) on Feb. 12 from 6:30-8:30pm and Feb. 13 from 9-11am. If you are not comfortable meeting in person, we will have more classes coming in future months. **Please RSVP** to the church office if you plan to attend.
- 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:** Paul Schaffer (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.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).
- We are moving our on-line directory to the Church Center app. **Each member or regular attender needs to log in to Church Center and go to the directory link and click "share now"** to chose what contact information you would like to be included.

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.