

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

March 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CALLS US OUT OF DARKNESS

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Beth Thorpe

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Jim Talent

Quotes and Reflections

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen.
— Heb. 12:1

"Faith is knowledge passing into conviction, and it is conviction passing into confidence." — John Murray

"Faith brings a man empty to God, that he may be filled with the blessings of God." — John Calvin

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Reflect quietly and prayerfully on these words as we prepare to enter into worship.

Our daughter Ella is a freshman at Covenant College, just outside of Chattanooga, and loving her time there in spite of all the restrictions due to Covid. She's made some great friends and had some great times. Like most people her age, she is an active Instagram-poster and back in the fall we noticed some picture on her Instagram feed of her and a few of her best girl-friends bundled up in blankets sitting on a rock overlooking a majestic mountain vista. So, we texted her and asked her where the picture was taken, and she said "North Carolina." We said, "We didn't know you were going to North Carolina" to which she responded, "Neither did we!"

Turns out that she and a few of her friends decided, on a long weekend, to just get in the car together and drive till they got...somewhere.

Oh, for the days of our youth!

But this little experience does prompt a question: Have you ever embarked on a road trip not knowing your destination? And maybe beyond this, a slightly more philosophical/theological question: When's the last time you entered into some life experience that was completely out of your control and in the hands of the Lord?

Today we are looking at the call of Abram. And look what God said to him:

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." Gen. 12:1

"Abram, pack your bags and drive...I'm taking you somewhere amazing."
"Where to Lord?" "Just trust me and drive, you'll see."

How might the Lord be asking you the same thing today?

Song of Preparation

Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music by Tim Hughes

♩ = 75

E Bsus F#m

Musical staff for measures 1-2 in E major, 4/4 time. Chords: E, Bsus, F#m.

1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness,
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed,

3 E Bsus A2(no3)

Musical staff for measures 3-4 in E major, 4/4 time. Chords: E, Bsus, A2(no3).

o - pened my eyes, let me see.
glo - rious in heav - en a - bove.

5 E Bsus F#m

Musical staff for measures 5-6 in E major, 4/4 time. Chords: E, Bsus, F#m.

Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You,
Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,

7 E Bsus A2(no3) B7sus

Musical staff for measures 7-8 in E major, 4/4 time. Chords: E, Bsus, A2(no3), B7sus.

hope of a life spent with You. So, here I am to
all for love's sake be - came poor. So, here I am to

10 E B/D# E/G#

Musical staff for measures 9-10 in E major, 4/4 time. Chords: E, B/D#, E/G#.

wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.

13 A E B/D#

Musical staff for measures 11-12 in E major, 4/4 time. Chords: A, E, B/D#.

And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er

16 E/G# Last time to Coda A A2(no3) A

Musical staff for measures 13-16 in E major, 4/4 time. Chords: E/G#, A, A2(no3), A. Includes a Coda symbol and first/second endings.

won - der - ful to me.

***Call to Worship—Psalm 19 (selected)**

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God;

People: The skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,

People: It refreshes the soul.

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure,

People: It endures forever.

Leader: The decrees of the Lord are firm,

People: And all of them are righteous.

All: May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge. Arr. by Joe Brownlee

♩ = 73

C **VERSE** Em C Em

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - ery grain of sand?
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

5 C Em C

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

8 Em7 G **CHORUS** C G/B Am F

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -
 all his won - drous deeds?
 ris - en now to reign!

13 C G C G/B Am F C G C

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore Him!

19 Em C Em | 2. F2 Em F2 G | 3. C **FINE**

Him!

Him!

BRIDGE C F/C C F/C Am7

Men: You will reign for - ev er... You will reign for - ev er... You will reign for -
 Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your

F Am7 F

ev - er... You will reign for - ev - er...
 glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.

C F Am7 F **DS**

You will reign for - ev - er... You will reign for - ev - er... Be
 Let Your glo - ry fill the earth... Let Your glo - ry fill,

***Prayer of Adoration**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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 2:13-17

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Acts 20:32

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Leader: Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, give thanks to God for His word of Grace to us!

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

How Firm a Foundation
Trinity Hymnal #94 (vv. 1-4, 6)

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Children may be dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon

"The Call of Abram"
Genesis 11:10-12:9
Rev. Chris Polski

Song of Response

Isaiah 43

Composer Unknown

Real Key

5 Dm Dm/C Bb

1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you
 2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.

11 C Bb Eb Bb Dm Dm/C Bb

And the waves will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For
 And the flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear For

I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine
 I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

17 C F Ebadd9
 Women: I am the Lord your God

21 God Gm C Gm C
 Men: For I am the Lord your God I am the Lord Your God

Unison:
 God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your

24 Bb Ebadd9 C F
 Women: I am the Lord your
 Sa - vior. Men: For I am the Lord your God

28 Ebadd9 God God Gm C

I am the Lord Your God **Unison:** I am the Ho - ly One of

31 Gm C Bb Ebadd9 C F F/E

Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior **Women:** Do not **Men:** I am the Lord

35 F/D F/C Bb F/A Gm C F F/E

I am the Lord I am the Lord

39 F/D F/C Bb F/A Gm C

I am the Lord

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) *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*
Words by Benard of Clairvaux. Music by Brian T. Murphy

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Words by Wendell Kimbrough. Music by Ludwig van Beethoven



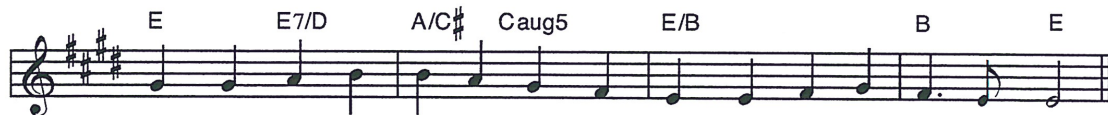
1. Migh-ty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
2. Hum-bly now we ask you, Fa - ther, In your grace, to make us strong,



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,



A - men, a - - men, a - - men.

*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.

- **Jr. High Small Groups** meet at Trinity on Sundays from 5:30-7pm. **Sr. High** meets on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. See Ben Tharp if you have any questions.
- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- The **Tuesday Evening Women's Study** will begin a 5 week study of the Book of James, beginning **THIS Tues.** Fellowship (bring your own dinner) at 6:30, followed by the study at 7pm. You may also join via Zoom (check your email for link).
- **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 Friday at 6:30am** (in-person or via Zoom). This semester the men are studying the Book of Acts on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of each month.
- 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).
- 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.
- As we look forward to **Holy Week, please mark your calendar** with these dates: Good Friday self-guided devotion of the stations of the cross-Apr. 2nd from 11:30am-7:30pm (see your church email for more details), Easter Sunrise Outdoor Service-Apr. 4th at 7:15am, Easter Morning Worship-9:30am. **Please register for which Easter service you plan to attend.**
- Now that we are back to one service on Sunday mornings, we ask that you **register each week** so that we can plan accordingly due to limit restrictions in the sanctuary and overflow rooms. We want to make room for everyone if possible! Use your Church Center app or call the church office.

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.