



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

March 21, 2021  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF THE AGES

**Liturgist:** Rev. Ben Tharp

**Scripture Reader:** Glynn Schlitt

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

## Quotes and Reflections

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

— Ephesians 3:18-10

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

"In God there is no 'was' or 'will be,' but a continuous and unbroken 'is.' In him, history and prophecy are one and the same." — A.W. Tozer

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

# WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

"The Eternality and Aseity of God" by Dr. John Frame (excerpted from an essay on [thegospelcoalition.org](http://thegospelcoalition.org))

Scripture does mention several more specific ways in which God's eternity transcends time:

1. God does not have a beginning or end. He exists before the beginning of the created world (Gen 1:1, John 1:1). James Barr says that the early Christians took this "beginning" to include the beginning of time itself. So God's own existence is not only without beginning or end; it is beyond time itself.
2. In important respects, God does not change (Mal 3:6). At the very least, his unchangeability gives him an experience of time very different from ours.
3. His omniscience includes present, past, and future. He sees all times with equal and perfect vividness, for he is the one who has made them what they are. This does not mean that all times are indistinguishable for him. He knows that one event happened on Monday, another on Tuesday, and so on, and he understands perfectly the process by which one event flows into the next. So, it is misleading to say that there is no "succession of moments" in God's consciousness. But he does see all events laid out before him, as one can see an entire procession from a high vantage point. This biblical teaching gives us reason for saying that God's existence is "above time," not merely continuing through time.
4. As I indicated above, God is not subject to the frustrations that we experience within time. For him, time never passes too slowly (Psa 90:4) or too quickly (2Pet 3:8). As lord, God is fully in control of the temporal sequence, structuring the whole history of the world to accomplish his unique purposes (Gal 4:4, Acts 1:7, cf. 17:26, Mark 13:32).

So, for God time is never a limit. He is sovereign over it, the lord of time. That is the important point. — Dr. John Frame

# Song of Preparation

# Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words by Charles Wesley. Music by Greg Thompson

Real Key



1. Je - sus, lo - ver of my soul, let me  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my  
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than  
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to



to thy bo - som fly,  
help - less soul on thee;  
all in thee I find;  
cov - er all my sin;



While the nea - rer wa - ters a - roll, while the sup -  
leave, ah! leave me not a lone, still  
raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the  
let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and



tem - pest still is high:  
port and com - fort me!  
sick and lead the blind.  
keep me pure with in:



hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
Just and of ly - ly is thy name;  
thou of life the foun - tain art,

11 F Eb

'till the storm is past  
 help thee thee I bring;  
 I let am me take un - righ - teous thee;  
 of

13 F Eb Bb

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, re -  
 cov - er my de - fense - less head the  
 false and full of with - in I am, thou  
 spring thou up with in my heart, to

15 Gm F Eb Eb

ceive - my soul at last  
 shad - ow of thy wing.  
 full of truth and grace.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

## \*Call to Worship—Revelation 14; 1 Chronicles 16 (selected)

**Leader:** Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

**People:** "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise."

**All:** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!"

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

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

### *Salvation Belongs to Our God* Words and Music by Adrian Howard and Pat Turner

♩=80

**VERSE**

G<sup>2</sup>                      D/F#                      Em<sup>11</sup>                      G/D                      C                      G/B

1. Sal - va - tion be - longs \_\_\_ to our God,                      Who sits up - on the  
(2. And) we the re - deemed \_ shall be strong                      in pur - pose and

4                      C                      D/F#                      G                      D/F#                      Em<sup>11</sup>                      G/D                      C                      G/B

throne, \_\_\_\_\_ and un - to \_ the Lamb; \_\_\_\_\_ Praise and glo - ry,  
un - i - ty,                      de - clar - ing \_ a - loud; \_\_\_\_\_ Praise and glo - ry,

8                      C                      G/B Em<sup>7</sup>                      F                      C/E                      D<sup>sus</sup>                      D                      G                      D/G

wis - dom and thanks,                      hon - our \_ and pow - er \_ and strength \_                      be to our God for -  
wis - dom and thanks,                      hon - our \_ and pow - er \_ and strength \_

12                      C                      Em                      D                      G                      D/G                      C                      Em                      D                      G                      D/G

-ev - er \_ and ev - er;                      Be to our God for - ev - er \_ and ev - er,                      be to our God for

16                      C                      Em                      D                      G                      D/G                      C/E                      D/F#                      Em<sup>7</sup>                      C/D                      D.C.

ev - er \_ and ev - er, a - men! \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_                      2. And

**CHORUS**

## \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## New Testament Reading—Hebrews 5:1-10

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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—Psalm 51:1-4**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

*"The first link between my soul and Christ is not my goodness but my badness, not my merit but my misery, not my riches but my need." — C.H. Spurgeon*

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 3:21-22**

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Leader: Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, give thanks to God for the free gift of His righteousness!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**



# Song of Pardon

# Jesus, My Great High Priest

Words by Isaac Watts, 1709. Music by Kirk Ward, 2005

verse

1. Je - sus, my great High Priest Of - fered his blood and  
 (2.To) this dear Sure - ty's hand Will I com - mit my  
 (3.My) Ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on  
 (4.Should) all the hosts of death And pow'r's of hell un -

died cause; My guilt - ty con - science seeks No  
 high; He an - swers and ful - fills His  
 known Put their most dread - ful forms And  
 Of

sa - cri - fice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did  
 Fa - ther's bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at  
 rage his thun - der by. Not all that hell or  
 and mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for

once a - tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne; And  
 free - dom set; My Sure - ty paid the dread - ful debt; My  
 sin can say, Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way Shall  
 Christ dis - plays His con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian grace; His

now Sure - ty pleads be - fore the throne.  
 turn his heart, his dread - ful debt.  
 con - qu'ring pow'r and guard - ian a - way.  
 grace.



16 E E Chorus B A

2.To Now I ap - proach the

19 E B A E B A C#m7

throne, and I have con - fi - dence for Je - sus my great High Priest of - fered His

24 F#m7 B E B A E

blood and died Now I ap - proach the throne, and I have

28 B A E B A C#m7

con - fi - dence for Je - sus my great High Priest of - fered His

32 F#m7 B E A/E E *Fine* *D.C. al Fine*

blood and died for me.

3.My  
4.Should

# WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## Pastoral Prayer

## Tithes and Offerings

*Children may be dismissed for Children's Church*

## Offertory Song (Ensemble)

*Grace*

Words and Music by Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, and Rich Thompson

Your grace that leads this sinner home, from death to life forever  
And sings the song of righteousness, by blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide, to every tribe and nation  
Has called my heart to enter in, the joy of Your salvation

By grace I am redeemed; By grace I am restored  
And now I freely walk, into the arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain; not by my earthly wisdom  
The Prince of life, without a stain, was traded for this sinner

By grace I am redeemed; By grace I am restored  
And now I freely walk, into the arms of Christ my Lord

Let praise rise up and overflow; My song resound forever  
For grace will see me welcomed home, to walk beside my Saviour

By grace I am redeemed; By grace I am restored  
And now I freely walk, into the arms of Christ my Lord

By grace I am redeemed; By grace I am restored  
And now I freely walk, into the arms of Christ my Lord

## **Sermon**

"The Truth about Faith"

Romans 4:13-25

Dr. Dan Doriani

Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology  
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**No human gains God's promises by works (4:13-16)**

**We receive God's promises through faith (4:16-22)**

**The lessons of Abraham applied (4:23-25)**

# \*Song of Response

## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words and Music by Stuart Townend

♩ = 54

D Em D/F# G D/F# D/A A

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure That  
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -  
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 D Em D/F# G D/F# A D

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 Em D/F# G D/F# Bm A

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way As  
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 D Em D/F# G D/F# A

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -  
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

9 D G/B D/A D G2 D

ry.  
 ished.

2. Be - som.  
 3. I

# \*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](http://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.
- **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.
- The **Tuesday Evening Women's Study** will meet THIS week at 6:30pm for fellowship and coloring (bring your own dinner), followed by a study of the Book of James at 7pm (also available 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.
- Please make plans to join us for our **all church Work Day on Sat., Mar. 27th at 9am.** We have tasks both inside and out. Sign up sheets are on the round tables in the Narthex.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com)), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher ([medcalf.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:medcalf.melissa@gmail.com)), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp ([elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com](mailto:elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com)), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow ([nursery@trinitystlouis.org](mailto: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: **Palm Sunday:** in addition to our regular morning service we will offer an **Outdoor Palm Sunday Service at 5:45pm weather permitting.** This service will be the same as our morning service that day. Please register for the outdoor service. **Good Friday** self-guided devotion of the stations of the cross-Apr. 2nd from 11:30am-7:30pm, **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.