



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

May 16, 2021  
Ascension Sunday



# WELCOME

We are glad you could join us! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Scan below with your phone camera to leave us your contact information.



## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

### SUNDAY

9:30am worship  
Sunday School | 11am  
Jr. High Small Group | 5:30pm  
Outdoor Service | 5:45pm

### WEDNESDAY

Women's Bible Study | 9am & 7pm  
Sr. High Small Group | 7-8:30pm  
Men's Night | 8pm

### FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study | 6:30am  
Robinson Food Pantry | 5:50pm

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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO CAN DO THE UNBELIEVABLE

**Liturgist:** Rev. Ben Tharp

**Scripture Reader:** Lily Polski

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Fielding Poe

## Quotes and Reflections

"That God normally operates the universe consistently makes science possible; that he does not always do so ought to keep science humble." — D.A. Carson

"The average Christian believes that God can do miracles, but few think he will in any given sense." — Vance Havner

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

# WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

Do you believe that God can do things that seem unbelievable?

I was recently confronted with this question in my own life when my sister called me, overflowing with excitement, to tell me that she had been healed!

For background: When my sister was very young, she suffered catastrophic damage to one of her inner ears that left her completely deaf on that side. For the last 48 years she has learned to live with that reality and made simple adjustments to her lifestyle that enabled her to function well. In the last few years she had a couple visits with her doctor who took X-rays of the damage and who suggested that she might be able to recover a small measure of her hearing with one of the new cochlear implants, but that it would probably only be slightly better than before.

Then, a few weeks ago, she had a dream in which she told me, that the Lord said he was going to heal her hearing. Like any of us, she was very skeptical, though trying to be hopeful that if the Lord could make the world out of nothing, he could surely do something like that.

Just a few days after this a man who she didn't know walked up to her in a park and said, "You are deaf in one ear, right?" To which she replied, somewhat sheepishly, "yes." He then said, "The Lord told me to blow into your ear." She was a bit freaked out, but because of the dream she had and because she didn't know this person at all, she let him blow a little puff of air into her ear.

Over the next several days, amazingly, she began to hear out of the bad ear, for the first time in almost 50 years. But, just to be sure, she went to her ear doctor who took new X-rays of her ear (which she shared with our family) and who then walked into the room and said, "You have recovered over 50% of your hearing since our last visit. I have no explanation for this. I have never seen this in over 30 years of my medical practice."

Do you believe in a God who can and sometimes does do the unbelievable?

Pastor Chris

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

## Song of Preparation

*Speak O Lord*

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

F/A G/B C2 F C

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -  
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

3 F C Am G/B

ceive the food of Your ho - ly word.  
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.  
 grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

5 F/A G/B C2 F C

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

7 F C/E F G C C/E

fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the  
 ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our  
 echo down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

9 G G/F C/E Gsus/F G9/F C2/E

light of Christ might be seen to - day in our  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -  
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by

11 G G/F C/E Am Gsus G

acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

13 F/A G/B C2 F C

Speak, O Lord, and full - fill in us all Your  
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the

15 F C/E F Gsus G C

pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.  
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

17 F2 C2/E F2 Gsus G C

## Call to Worship—Psalm 47 (selected)

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

All: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Trinity Hymnal #302

## Across the Lands

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

D G D



1. You're the Word of God the Fa - ther, — from be - fore the world be -  
(2. Yet You) left the gaze of an - gels, — came to seek and save the  
(3. With a) shout You rose vic - to - rious, — wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the

4 A G G<sup>6</sup> D/F# Em G



-gan; — Ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net — has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -  
lost, — and ex - changed the joy of heav - en — for the an - guish of a cross. With a  
grave, — and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en — lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You

9 D G D A



-a - tion holds to - geth - er — by the pow - er of Your voice: — Let the  
prayer You fed the hung - ry, — with a word You stilled the sea. — Yet how  
stand be - fore the Fa - ther — in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. — From each

13 G G<sup>6</sup> D/F# Em G A<sup>sus</sup> G

**CHORUS**



skies de - clare Your glo - ry, — let the land and seas re - joice! — You're the au - thor of cre -  
si - lent - ly You suf - fered — that the guilt - y may go free. —  
tribe and tongue and na - tion — You are lead - ing sin - ners home. —

18 D D/F# G A<sup>2</sup> Bm Bm/A G G/A



-a - tion, — You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; — And Your cry of love rings

22 1, 2. Bm<sup>7</sup> A D 3. Bm<sup>7</sup> A D



out a - cross the lands. — 2. Yet You out a - cross the lands. —  
3. With a



## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **New Testament Reading—Acts 1:1-11**

##### *The Ascension of Christ*

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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 John 5:9-10**

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 5:11-12**

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for giving us eternal life in Christ!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

## On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Words by Samuel Stennett. Music by Christopher Miner

1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, And  
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines  
 3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - onous breath, Can  
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And

cast a wish - ful eye To  
 one e - ter - nal day There  
 reach that health - ful shore, blessed  
 be for - ev - er er blessed Where

Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, Where  
 God, the Son for ev - er er and Are  
 Sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, Are  
 shall I see my Fa - ther's face, And

my po - sses - sions lie - 2. All Chorus: I am  
 scat - ters and night a no way.  
 felt and his feared no more.  
 in his bos - om rest.

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised Land I am

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised Land

3. No  
 4. When

# WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## Pastoral Prayer

## Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church)

## Offertory Song

## *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

Words by John Newton. Music by Kevin Twit

1. Glor - ious things of thee are spo - ken,  
2. See the streams of liv - ing wa - ters,  
3. Blest in - hab - itants of Zi - on,  
4. Sa - vior if of Zi - on's ci - ty,

3  
Zi - on ci - ty of our God  
Spring - ing from the Re - deem - er's love  
Washed I, through grace, a mem - ber blood  
am

5  
He whose word can Thy - not be bro - ken,  
Well sup - plies whom their sons and daugh - ters,  
Je - sus, the world de - ride or ly - pi - on ty,  
Let the kings glor - y

7  
Formed thee for His own a - bode  
And all fears His want re - moves  
Makes them will kings glor - y in Thy God  
I will glor - y in Thy Name

9  
On the rock of while a - ges found - ed  
Who can His faint love His the such a ri - ver,  
'Tis His in is the world - ling's pleases,  
Fad - ing is the the world - ling's plea - sure,

D G A D A/C#  
Bm G A G/B A/C#  
D G A D A/C#  
Bm G A D Bm Bm/A

11 G A D

What can shake thy sure re  
 Ev - er flows their thirst to  
 O - ver self to ed - ed as  
 All his boast - ed - ed pomp and

13 A G/B D G

pose?  
 quench?  
 kings  
 show

With Grace And Sol - sal - va - tion's  
 which like the  
 as priests His  
 id joys and

15 A D A/C# Bm G

walls sur - round - ed, Thou - mayst smile at  
 Lord the gi - ver, Ne - ver fails from  
 sol - emn prais - es, Each for a thank  
 last - ing trea - sure, None but Zi - on's

17 A D G/B D G/B

all thy foes  
 age to age  
 off - ring brings  
 chil - dren know

## **Sermon**

"A Tale of Two Sons"

Genesis 17:15-27

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

**\*Song of Response**

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

Trinity Hymnal #521

**\*Benediction**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday school for all ages meets today.

**Adults** will gather in the sanctuary, the **5th-12th gr.** will meet in the lower level youth rooms, and the elementary students will split up to allow room for social distancing. After the service, the **2nd-4th grade** will head out to the playground, and the **prek-1st grade** will head to the 3rd-5th grade classroom.

**Ladies, join us for a study, Women of the Word**-how to study the Bible with both our hearts and minds. We meet Wednesdays, either at 9am at Trinity or 7pm via Zoom (see weekly email for Zoom link).

**Men's Night Wednesday** at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.

**Men's Bible Study** this Friday at 6:30am, either in-person or via Zoom (see weekly email for link). The men are studying the Book of Acts.

1000 plus pastors and elders will be coming to St. Louis for **General Assembly** Jun. 28-Jul. 2. If you would like to **volunteer** to help serve, scan the QR code with your phone camera.



We will have an **outdoor service** TODAY (weather permitting), including the Lord's Supper at 5:45pm. Please register on Church Center.

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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).

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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)).

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Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

## VBS

**The King is Coming!** Our prayer is that through VBS this year, children who are believers can be encouraged to learn that Christ is returning to gather his saints from this fallen world, and that those who don't know him will receive him because his return is imminent. **Children pre-k through 5th grade are invited to join the fun July 19-23 from 5:30-7:30pm.**

There will be skits, Bible lessons, crafts, games, and more! Sign up today by scanning the QR code.



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.

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