



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

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May 23, 2021
Pentecost 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
No Jr. High Small Group

WEDNESDAY

Women's Bible Study | 9am & 7pm
No Sr. High Small Group

FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study | 6:30am

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO MAKES PROVISION

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Scripture Reader: Chloe Wyse

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Tom Schmidt

Quotes and Reflections

"God's goodness is the pre-eminent expression of his glory." — Jerry Bridges

God when he gives, supremely good,
Nor less when he denies,
E'en crosses from his sovereign hand
Are blessings in disguise
— James Hervey

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Preparation for Worship- By Matt Brown, Desiringgod.com

When you put your faith in Christ, God commissions himself to protect, provide, and care for you (Philippians 4:19). God always provides for his children, though often it is not in the way we expect or hope.

The challenge is for us to see his provision and care, even when it is different than we expect. Because God is God, his ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9). But he graciously gives us insight into what he is doing in the Scriptures.



John Piper says, "God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, but you may be aware of three of them." Over and over again, Jesus's disciples missed what he was doing right in front of them. They missed the point of the miracles. They missed the lessons. Which should give us hope for our own lack of clarity today. Here are four important encouragements about how God provides and cares for you.

1. God May Provide Differently Than We Expect

The Israelites escaped captivity in Egypt only to face the challenges of the desert. One of the biggest challenges for such a large group of nomads was enough food to eat. Over and over again God provided supernaturally for his people. If God could provide for many thousands of Israelites in the middle of a desert, he can surely provide for you and your family's needs. One of the precious testimonies of Scripture is, "I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread" (Psalm 37:25).

2. God Provides More of Himself

Our greatest need is for more of God, and this is something he gladly gives us. John Piper has asked, "What is the deepest root of your joy? What God gives to you? Or what God is to you?" God graciously guides us into a greater realization that our ultimate need is for more of his word, more of his ways—more of him.

3. God's Ultimate Provision Has Already Been Given in the Gospel

We ask God for many things, but the greatest thing we could ever receive from him has already been given. What God has given us in the gospel is light-years ahead of every other provision and care we could ever seek from him. When we trust in Christ, we have decisively secured for us every ultimately good thing from him. It's just a matter of time.

4. God Provides Finally in Eternity

God does not always provide and care for us in ways we might expect in this life. The Bible does not promise this. Peter, James, John, and Paul gave their very lives for the gospel. They viewed the gospel as a treasure not to be lost at any cost. They suffered gladly because they had something in the gospel that had far more worth.

We may not receive healing in this life, but we will receive perfect healing in eternity. We may not see answers to our greatest prayers in this life, but we will receive fully in eternity. Some days God's provision and care may seem distant, but it will be ever-present in eternity. We long for our world to stop raging and be at peace, but ultimate peace will only come in eternity.

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Song of Preparation

Come to Me
Sandra McCracken

Come to me, walk with me
Learn the rhythms of my grace
Come to me, I have all you need
Learn to rest even while you are awake

Are you tired? Are you worried?
Worn out from the day?
Have you been in a hurry? I will slow the pace

Come to me, come to. Come to me

Call to Worship—Psalm 104 (selected)

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all.

People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

People: We will sing praise to our God while we have being.

Leader: May our meditation be pleasing to him, for we rejoice in the Lord.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Trinity Hymnal #650

Father, Let Your Kingdom Come

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

G C D G

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

G D/G G

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

D G D/G

— of my hands bring You joy. May the works — of my hands bring You

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

G G D G

— joy. May the works — of my hands bring You joy.

— peace. May the words — from my mouth speak Your peace.

G C G/B Am D G C G/B Am D

You make all things new — You make all things new — in

G C G/B Am D G C G/B Am D

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

***Prayer of Adoration**

"The beginning and perfection of lawful worship is readiness to obey." — John Calvin

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Acts 2:1-12

The Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

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—Romans 8:18-23

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 8:23-24

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for adopting us as His sons and daughters!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

F F/D B \flat F Dm B \flat



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

Gm C F F/D B \flat F



hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther

Dm C B \flat C F




We will feast and weep no more.

Verse


1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - ery vow we've

B \flat Dm B \flat C Dm



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -
night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - afraid for the pro - mised
bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the

B \flat Dm B \flat C Dm C/E



sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up
mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be ___ my strength.
gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring ___ sha - lom

Recognition of Graduates

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 (Ensemble) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Words by William Williams. alt. by Jeremy Casella. Music by Jeremy Casella

Sermon

"They Laughed"

Genesis 17:15-21; 18:1-15

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

For today's sermon outline scan here with your phone camera:



*Song of Response

It Is Well with My Soul
Trinity Hymnal #691

*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 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.



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).

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.

New Adult Sunday School Next Week

Missions: Discover What God Entrusts to His People

The Bible tells us to “declare God’s glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples” (Ps. 96:3). What does this mean for Trinity Church? What does it mean for you? Starting May 30th, join Pastor Nate and some guest speakers for a 4-week class on the Church’s call to go and make disciples of every tongue, tribe, and nation.

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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