



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

June 13, 2021

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

WEDNESDAY

Sr. High Small Group | 7-8:30pm
Men's Night | 8pm

FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study | 6:30am

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO COVERS OUR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Beth Thorpe

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Duncan Highmark

Quotes and Reflections

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — I John 1:8

"Grace often grows strongest where conviction of sin has pierced deepest."
— Sinclair Ferguson

"God gives His gifts where he finds the vessel empty enough to receive them."
— C.S. Lewis

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Fight, Flight and Finding the Lord's Way- Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

In most cases, when things aren't going our way, we tend toward one of the following two common reactions.

Some people, when under pressure, position themselves to *fight* their way out and in doing so they determine that they must protect themselves even if it means others getting hurt. Others go to the opposite extreme and *flee* difficulty, thinking that if they can just separate themselves from the problem (physically, emotionally, etc) then it will eventually go away.

Interestingly we see both of these mindsets in play in the sordid and difficult story before us from Genesis 19:30-38 this morning. Lot has chosen *flight*, content to take up residence in a cave in order to escape his problems, and his daughters have chosen *fight*, taking matters into their own hands and along the way doing damage to themselves and others, even in a generational sense.

As I hope we will see this morning, these aren't the only two options available to us when we feel the weight of sin, disappointment and grief weighing down on us.

The third way is to *stay and pray*. *Stay* connected to the painful circumstance by laboring, in the Lord's strength to redeem it and *pray* that the Lord gives you the wisdom to overcome without doing damage to yourself and others. Our God is faithful! Over time he will give you the perspective you need in times like this to learn obedience, practice humility, and find contentment in His provisions, even if they aren't what you were expecting.

Song of Preparation

Better Is One Day
 Words and Music by Matt Redman

♩ = 77

E5 **A2(no3)**

1. How love - ly is Your dwell - ing place, O Lord al - might -
 (2. One) thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -

Bsus **E5** **Bsus**

4 y. For my soul longs and e - ven faints for You.
 ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells.

E5

8 For here my heart is sat - is - fied
 One thing I ask and I would seek:

A2(no3) **Bsus** **E5**

11 with - in Your pres - ence. I sing be - neath the
 To see Your beau - ty, to find You in the

Bsus

14 shad - ow of Your wings. Bet - ter is
 place Your glo - ry dwells. Bet - ter is

⌘ **A2(no3)** **E/A** **Bsus**

17 one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is



19 **A2(no3)** **A/C#** **Bsus** **E/G#**

one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where. Bet - ter is

21 **A2(no3)** **E/A** **Bsus**

one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

23 **A2(no3)** **A/C#** **Bsus**

Last time to Coda

one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where, than thou - sands

25 **E5** **Bsus**

else - where. 2. One else - where.

28 **C#m7** **B** **A2** **Bsus**

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the liv - ing God.

30 **C#m7** **B** **A2(no3)** **Bsus**

Your Spir - it's wa - ter to my soul.

32 **C#m7** **B** **A2(no3)** **Bsus/A**

I've tast - ed and I've seen. Come once a - gain to me.

Call to Worship—Psalm 27 (selected)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

All: We will wait for the Lord!


WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Salvation Belongs To Our God


Words and Music by Adrian Howard and Pat Turner

G² D/F# Em¹¹ 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# Em¹¹ 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 Em⁷ F C/E D^{sus} D G D/G



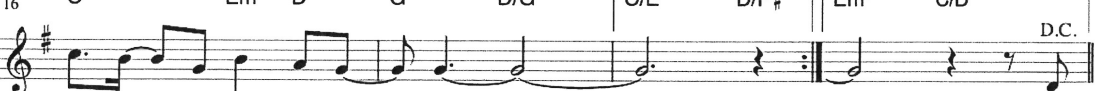
wis - dom and thanks, hon - our ____ and pow - er ____ and strength ____ be to our God for -
 wis - dom and thanks, hon - our ____ and pow - er ____ and strength ____

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 1, 4. C/E D/F# 2. Em⁷ C/D D.C.



ev - er ____ and ev - er, a - men! ____ 2. And

20 3. BRIDGE Am⁷ G/B C G/B C G/B



-(men!) ____ Praise and glo - ry, wis - dom and thanks,

23 F/A C/E D^{sus} D/F# D D.S. al Coda



hon - our ____ and pow - er ____ and strength ____

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Mark 4:26-34

Jesus tells stories to help us understand the Kingdom of God

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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—2 Corinthians 5:6-12

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Cor. 5:13-15

For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the atoning death of His Son, Jesus 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

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

Words by William Gadsby. Music by Sandra McCracken

1. The love of Christ is rich and free; Fixed on His will
3. Love has re-deemed His sheep with blood; And love will
own bring e-ter - nal to - ly; Nor earth, nor them
bring them safe to God; Love calls them
hell, all can from it death re - move; Long And as love He will
all from death to life; And love He will
lives, His own all He'll their love.
fin - ish all their strife.
2. His lov - ing heart en - gaged to be Their ev - er -
4. He loves through ev - ery chang - ing scene, Nor aught from
last - ing can Sur - e on - ty; 'Twas love all that the
Him can Zi - on wean; Not all that the
took their derings cause of in her hand, heart And love main -
wan - derings of in her hand, heart Can love make His
tains it for to her the de - end. part. Love



19 G \flat A \flat D \flat
 can - not from its post with - draw; Nor

21 G \flat A \flat D \flat
 death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, Can

23 G \flat A \flat D \flat
 turn the Sur - ety's heart a - way; He'll

25 G \flat A \flat 1 A \flat
 love His own to end - less day. 3. Love has re -

28 2 A \flat D \flat G \flat D \flat
 5. At death, be - yond the grave, He'll love; In end - less

31 G \flat A \flat D \flat
 bliss, His own shall prove The blaz - ing

33 D \flat G \flat D \flat
 glo - ry of that love Which ne - ver

35 G \flat A \flat D \flat
 could from them re - move. Which ne - ver

37 G \flat A \flat D \flat
 could from them re - move.

Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Sayler Hart, Sinclare Elizabeth, and Shealy Royce Waldron

Baptismal Song

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

Trinity Hymnal #189 (v. 1, 2)

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)

Grace Flows Down

Words and Music by David E. Bell, Louie Giglio, and Rod Padgett

Sermon

"How Not to Endure Suffering"

Genesis 19:30-38

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

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



*Song of Response

Before The Throne Of God Above

Words Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook. Music by Vikki Cook

C Dm/C C Em



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -
4. I bow be - fore the cross of Christ, and mar - vel at this love di - vine, God's per - fect

5 F G Am F Dm F/G C



Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
-change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him -
Son was sac - ri - ficed to make me right - eous in God's eyes. This riv - er's

9 F C/E G^{sus} G C F C/E Am



grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His heart; I know that
sin - less Sav - iour died my sin - ful soul is count - ed free, for God the
-self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His blood; My life is
depths I can - not know, but I can glo - ry in its flood; The Lord Most

13 F C/E G Am Am/G F Dm F/G Am



while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can
Just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on
hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God, with Christ, my
High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glo - rious love, and poured on

17 F Dm F/G C



bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me.
Sav - iour and my God.
me His glo - rious love.

*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, General Assembly is not just for the pastors and elders. There are lots of events for you too! Scan the QR code for more information and to register.



Men's Night this Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's home.

Please be sure to **sign the Trinity Hymnal** in the Narthex for the Taylors.

Men's Bible Study this Fri. at 6:30am at Trinity or via Zoom.

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 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.

The Session of Trinity Church, pursuant to BCO 23, is calling a **congregational meeting for Sun., July 18 at 11:00am** for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Nate Taylor and the congregation of Trinity Church Kirkwood and recommending Nate, with great joy and thanksgiving for his service at Trinity, to the care of Mission to the World as he pursues his calling to overseas missions.

Adult Sunday School Classes

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? 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. (room 111)

Christian Mentoring

Pastor Polski will be guiding those who have expressed an interest in becoming mentors. This 4-week training will be held in room 110 (new classroom)

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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