



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 24, 2021

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO SEES THE THINGS WE CANNOT SEE

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Scripture Reader: Abby Freeman

Pastoral Prayer: J Harrison, Ruling Elder

Quotes and Reflections

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.
— Genesis 1:31

"As a Christian is never out of the reach of God's hand, so he is never out of the view of God's eye." — Thomas Brooks

"If one thought lies at the basis of the whole biblical teaching about God, it is that God knows all things." — J. Gresham Machen

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

One of the oldest of the Greek mythological tales is the story of Narcissus.

Retelling the story concisely, Narcissus' mother Cephissus was warned one day by a seer that her son would live a long life as long as he "never knows himself." The reason for this prophecy became clear as Narcissus grew up because he was a young man so handsome that he could never find another who could attain to his level of beauty and satisfy his idealistic longings. He was able to function somewhat normally because he had never had occasion to physically see his own beauty until one day when he came upon a very still pool of water that granted him the opportunity to look at himself. When he did, he saw his own reflection in a still pool of water. As the story goes, he became so infatuated with his own beauty that he fell in love with himself and became unable to pull himself away from gazing at his reflection. As a result, Narcissus eventually perished of starvation as he was unable to pull himself away from the image of his own self-perceived beauty.

Our text for this morning from Genesis 29 details a critical moment in the life of Jacob, in which the Lord presents him with an opportunity to see himself in a sort of metaphorical mirror, and in doing so to take a step back and wrestle with who he really was and how his true self could learn to better bow before the Lord, His redeemer.

As we come to worship today, the question I want us to begin considering is this: Who or what do you see in the mirror?

Song of Preparation

Still, My Soul, Be Still

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

A D F#m A/C# D D/F# E/G#

1. Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of change may rage to-mor-row.
 2. Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by less-er lights and fleet-ing shad-ows.
 3. Still, my soul, be still; do not for-sake the truth you learned in the be-gin-ning.

A D F#m A/C# D D/F# E/G#

God is at your side; no long-er dread the fires of un-ex-pect-ed sor-row.
 Hold on to His ways, with shield of faith a-gainst temp-ta-tion's flam-ing ar-rows.
 Wait up-on the Lord, and hope will rise as stars ap-pear when day is dim-ming.

Refrain

F#m E/G# A Bm F#m D Esus E

God, You are my God, and I will trust in You and not be shak-en.

F#m E/G# A Bm F#m D E

Lord of peace, re-new a stead-fast spir-it with-in me to rest in You a

Call to Worship—Psalm 34 (selected)

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

Leader: Let the humble hear and be glad.

People: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Leader: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

All: Let us exalt his name together!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

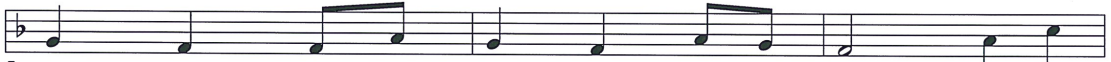
Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleeker. Arr. by Dan Kreider



1. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, in the
2. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, He the
3. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, Christ the
4. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, slain by



4 dawn - ing of the King. He the theme of hea -vens
per - fect Son of Man. In His li - ving, in His
Lord u - pon the tree. In the stead of ru - ined
death the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -



7 prai - ses, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our
suf - fering, Ne - ver trace nor stain of sin. See the
sin - ners, hangs the lamb, in vic - tor - y. See the
strain Him. Praise the Lord; He is a - love! What a



10 long - ing, in our dark - ness, Now come the
true and of bet - ter A - dam see to
price of taste our re - dem - ption come see the
fore - taste of de - li - verence. How un -



12 light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
save the hell - bound un - fold! Christ the great and sure - ful -
Fa - thers plan our hope! Bring - ing ma - ny sons to -
wa - ver - ing our hope! Christ in po - wer re - sur -



15 scen - ded took on flesh to ran - som us.
fill - ment of grace the un - law; to in Him we stand.
glo - ry un - mea - sured, be Him love un - told.
rec - ted as we will be when he comes.

Praise the Name of Jesus

Words and Music by Roy Hicks Jr.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple, with notes corresponding to the lyrics. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, F, C, F, C. The second staff starts at measure 5 and continues the melody. Chords are: F, C, F, C Dm/C, C, F, C/E, G7/D, C. The third staff starts at measure 8 and concludes the piece. Chords are: D7, C/D, D7, G, C, Cmaj7, F, C/G, G7, C. The lyrics are: 'Praise the name of Je - sus, praise the name of Je - sus. He's my Rock, He's my For - tress, He's my De - liv - er - er, in Him will I trust. Praise the name of Je - sus.'

C F C F C

Praise the name of Je - sus, praise the name of Je - sus.

5 F C F C Dm/C C F C/E G⁷/D C

He's my Rock, He's my For - tress, He's my De - liv - er - er, in

8 D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C Cmaj⁷ F C/G G⁷ C

Him will I trust. Praise the name of Je - sus.

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Mark 10:46-52

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

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—Job 42:2-6

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.’ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Job 42:10

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. And the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for restoring our fortunes by his grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

26 Am⁷ G/B C D Gmaj⁷ G/B

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

30 C² Gmaj⁷ G/B C² Em⁹ C

VERSE 3

3. For my life He bled and died,

35 C/E D/F# G Em⁹ C

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

39 D G Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

43 B Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

47 D G C D Em

CHORUS

when He comes at last! He will hold me fast,

52 D/F# G Am⁷ G/B C

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

56 D G D G

ENDING

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.

61 Am⁹ G/B C G/B Am⁷ D^{7sus} G

Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Nora Elizabeth Tharp

Baptismal Song

This Is My Father's World
Trinity Hymnal #111

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)

Continuously
Sandra McCracken

Sermon

"Who Do You See in the Mirror?"

Genesis 29:1-30

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

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



*Song of Response

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Stead, Kirkpatrick. Arr. by Page CXVI

A (2x add toms)
C/G C/F C



11/39
(1x solo) *p* 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at___ his_ word;
+ 1 voice) *mp* O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans - ing_ blood;



15/43
just to rest up - on his prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!



19/47
(2x sing notes) (Oh, _____ Oh) _____

B



23/51
p Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
mf



(add elec)



31/59
(1x no lead) *mp* And more, _____ and more _____
(2x add cues) *mf*



35/63
And more, _____ and more _____

C (building)
C/G

C/F C

67 (add a voice) I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend.
(prime unison)

C/E C/F C

71 And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me 'till the end.

C/A C/F C

(guys on bottom)

'Till the

C/A C/F C

end

D (big with drive)
C/A

C/G C/F

83/91 (all in) *f* Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er_ and_ o'er!

C/A C/F C

87/95 Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

C/A C/F C

(guys on bottom) And more, and more

C/A C/F

103 And more, and more

***Benediction**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today at 11am. Children Pre-K-2nd grade meet in the Pre-K/K room. Grades 3rd-5th meet in the 3-5th classroom.

Sign up for a Small Group! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex or go to groups in Church Center.

Interested in becoming a member of Trinity?

Join us for our new members Sunday school class, Trinity Connect, in the fireplace room.

Men's Bible Study: The men will have the option of attending on Wed. evenings at 6pm or Friday mornings at 6:30am. Pastor Polski is leading a study on the Book of Acts.

Ladies Connect: TOMORROW, Oct. 25 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's. Join us on Friday, Nov. 5th at 7pm at Trinity for a **Ladies' Paint Party**. Julie Hammond will take us step by step to make our own beautiful piece of artwork. \$10 will cover supplies and you will go home with your own masterpiece. Sign up on Church Center.

Women's Bible Studies: We offer two options- Two Tues. a month a group meets at Melissa Jorgensen's home at 7pm to discuss the Sermon on the Mount (10/26). On Wednesdays we meet at Trinity for a study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians either at 9am or 6pm.

Flannel Palooza meets Trunk or Treat: Friday, Oct. 29th at 5pm. Wear your favorite flannel or costume and come out for food, games, costume contest, and trunk or treat (costumes not required). We are still looking for trunk hosts and items for the cake walk. Sign up on Church Center.

Save the Date: Our **Christmas Craft Party** for ages 4yrs thru 5th grade is coming back on Sat., Dec. 4th from 9am-12:15pm! We will have a very **brief meeting (10 min. tops) next Sun. after SS for those interested in learning more about ways to volunteer.** Volunteer sign ups will also begin next Sun.

Life Line Screening will be at Trinity on Thurs., Nov. 4th. If you would like more information on these tests that identify risks of stroke or cardiovascular disease, or to register, see the flyers on the welcome table.

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.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link](#):



WELCOME LUNCH

Welcome Lunch on Sun., Oct. 31st after Sunday school in the Narthex at 12pm.

New to Trinity? We would love to welcome YOU by inviting you to lunch. Come to learn more about the church and ministry opportunities. RSVP by texting "welcome lunch" to 314-384-2444.

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.



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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