



BBLOODLINES

The Scarlet Thread of

Redemption

Third Sunday in Advent

DECEMBER 12, 2021

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF UNDYING LOVE

Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk

Scripture Reader: Kathy O'Neal

Pastoral Prayer: Michael Jorgensen, Ruling Elder

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. —John 3:16

"We must see our circumstances through God's love instead of, as we are prone to do, seeing God's love through our circumstances." — Jerry Bridges

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Devotional Preparation:

"The Two Advents"

Words: Right Rev. George Washington Doane (1827)

He came not, with His heavenly crown, His sceptre clad with power,
His coming, was in feebleness, the infant of an hour;
An humble manger cradled, first, the Virgin's holy birth,
And lowing herds companioned there, the Lord of heaven and earth,
He came not, in His robe of wrath, with arm outstretched to slay;
But, on the darkling paths of earth, to pour celestial day,
To guide in peace, the wandering feet; the broken heart, to bind;
And bear, upon the painful cross, the sins of humankind.
And Thou hast borne them, Savior meek! and therefore, unto Thee,
In humbleness, and gratitude, our hearts shall offered be;
And greenly, as the festal bough, that, on Thy altar, lies,
Our souls, our bodies, all be Thine, a living sacrifice!
Yet once again, Thy sign shall be, upon the heavens, displayed,
And earth, and its inhabitants, be terribly afraid, For, not in weakness, clad,

Thou com'st, our woes, our sins, to bear,
 But girt with all Thy Father's might, His vengeance to declare.
 The terrors of that awful day, Oh I who shall understand
 Or, who abide, when Thou in wrath, shalt lift Thy holy hand?
 The earth shall quake, the sea shall roar, the sun in heaven grow pale,
 But Thou hast sworn, and wilt not change, Thy faithful shall not fail!
 Then grant us, Savior! so to pass our time, in trembling, here,
 That when, upon the clouds of heaven, Thy glory shall appear,
 Uplifting high our joyful heads, in triumph, we may rise,
 And enter, with Thine angel train, Thy temple, in the skies!

Song of Preparation

Hide Away in the Love of Jesus

Music and Words by Steve and Vikki Cook

♩=88

VERSE 1, 2 & 3

Bm⁷

Gmaj⁷

D/F#

A



1. Come wear - y saints, though — tired and — weak; Hide a -
 2. Come wan - d'ring souls and — find your — home; Hide a -
 3. Come guilt - y ones, weighed — down with — sin; Hide a -

5

Bm⁷

G²

D/A

A

D



-way in the love of Je - sus; Your strength will re -
 -way in the love of Je - sus; He of - fers the
 -way in the love of Je - sus; The free - dom you

10

Gmaj⁷

D/F#

A

Bm⁷

Gmaj⁷



-turn by His qui - et streams; Hide a - way in the love of
 rest that you yearn to know; Hide a - way in the love of
 long for is found in Him; Hide a - way in the love of

15

A^{sus}

1.

D

Bm⁷

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A



Je - sus.
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Call to Worship—Psalm 126:1-3

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Leader: Then they said among the nations,

People: "The Lord has done great things for them."

All: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Trinity Hymnal #203

Angels We Have Heard on High
Trinity Hymnal #214

Lighting of the Advent Candle

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 1:47-55

Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of
the Lord stands forever!

People: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—John 1:6-11

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—John 1:12-13

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for making us His children by grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Words by Samuel Trevor Francis. Music by Thomas J. Williams

(children are invited to come forward)

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus

5. Vast, un - meas - ured, bound - less to free
 Spread his - praise - ured, shore - less to free
 Love of ev - ery love the best

9. Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean,
 How he lov - eth ev - er - lov - eth,
 'Tis an cean o - cean vast - er - ble - ss - ing,

13. In its full - ness o - ver me.
 Chang - eth ne - ver, no - ver - more
 'Tis a ha - ven sweet - of - rest

17. Un - der - neath watch - me, all a - round me,
 How he the watch - es deep, o'er his loved Je - ones,
 O the deep, deep, deep, love of Je - sus

21. Is the cur - rent of all thy love
 Died to a heav'n of heav'ns to his own
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to his own me

25. Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,
 How for them he lifts me up in - ter - ce - deth,
 And it lifts me up to glo - ri - y

29. To thy glor - ious rest - a - bove
 Watch eth o'er them from the throne
 For it lifts me to thee

Children's Sermon

Song of Rejoicing

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know Trinity Hymnal #189

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)

Jesus What A Wonderful Child

Sandra McCracken

Sermon

"The Lord Redeems the Confused"

Advent Series, Bloodlines

Samuel 16 and Isaiah 11

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

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



*Song of Response

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

D/F# G

1. In the dark - ness — we were wait - ing, with - out hope, .
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -

2 A D D/F# G

— with-out light, — till from Heav - en You — came run - ning. There was mer -
- con-cile the lost, — to re - deem — the whole — cre - a - tion You did not —

4 A D D/F# G

- cy in — Your eyes. — To ful - fil — the law — and pro - phets, to a vir -
- des - pise — the cross. — For — e - ven in — Your suf - fring, You saw to —

6 A D D/F# G

- gin came — the Word — from a throne — of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
- the oth - er side. — Know-ing this — was our — sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for —

8 A D D

- dle in — the dirt. — Praise the Fa - ther,
— our sake — You died. —

12 G Bm A^{sus} A D

praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 G Bm G A D

maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

20 1. 2. VERSE 3
 Bm G

2. To re-veal 3. And the morn - ing that - You rose - all of heav

23 A D Bm G

- en held - its breath - till that stone - was moved - for good, - for the Lamb

25 A D Bm G

- had con - quered death. - And the dead - rose from - their tombs, - and the an -

27 A D Bm G

- gels stood - in awe, - for the souls - of all - who'd come - to the Fa -

29 A D VERSE 4 D/F# G

- ther are - re - stored. - 4. And the Church - of Christ - was born, - then the Spir
 - it lit - the flame. - Now this Gos - pel truth - of old - shall - not kneel, -

33 A D D/F# G

- shall - not faint. - By His blood - and in - His Name, - in His free-

35 A D D/F# G A

- dom I - am free, - for the love - of Je - sus Christ - who has res - ur - rect - ed me. -

***Benediction**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes: Children Pre-K-2nd grade meet in the Pre-K/K room. Grades 3rd-5th meet in the 3-5th classroom. The adults will meet in the sanctuary for the Congregational Meeting.

Men's Bible Study will resume on Jan. 12th and 14th.

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. The Wednesday studies will resume on Jan. 12 with a look at the Book of Daniel.

Join us for Trinity's annual **Christmas Concert** on Sunday, Dec. 19th at 6:30pm. This will be a special evening of music and readings. Bring your friends and family.

Men's Night this Wed. at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

Moms of preschool or younger: Come out for a **play date** on Friday, Dec. 17th at Trinity at 9:30am. Make plans to attend the **Mom's Taco Night** on Monday, Dec. 20th at Carly Waldron's. See Alyce Bava for more details and to RSVP.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Dec. 24 at 5pm.

ACTION bible studies and children's ministries will resume on Jan. 12.

Join a Small Group! Sign up on Church Center.

Year End Giving: Thank you for your tithes and offerings for the General Fund and to the Capstone project these past years. We will report to you the financial results during the congregational meeting on December 12th. If you have a desire to provide stock to be used for 2021 contributions or any other method, please be sure that this is instructed or sent to the church office prior to December 31. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Duncan Highmark.

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](#):



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session wishes to invite the congregation to our annual meeting of the congregation/corporation TODAY during the Sunday school hour. At this meeting we will review the budget, elect officers, and review 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.



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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