



BLOODLINES
The Scarlet Thread of
Redemption

Second Sunday in Advent

DECEMBER 5, 2021

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO GIVES JOY

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Glynn Schlitt

Pastoral Prayer: Michael Jorgensen, Ruling Elder

Quotes and Reflections

“God’s people can experience times of great darkness. Their nations may fall away from true religion into idolatry and immoral living; their families may face devastating consequences of poor decisions. In such times, all can seem like bitterness and emptiness, but it is essential that we cling to each other with faithful committed love...Christ redeemed His people; He paid their ransom price at His own expense. He took the outsider as His bride. He made a public and binding commitment. He did it all so that poor outsiders might rejoice in His love and give glory to God.” — Joel Beeke on Ruth

“The book of Ruth highlights how God’ people experience his sovereignty, wisdom, and covenant kindness. These often come disguised in hard circumstances and are mediated through the kindness of others.”

— Ronald Bergey

Prelude


Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation

He Has Come to Reign


Sherdonna Denholm

D G



1. For the Lord our God He is - strong to save, from the
2. In the dark - est night, on the - low - est hill, though I
3. When tri - als come and weigh you down, you can
4. The true and liv - ing God we serve; His

D D/F# A



depths of sin, from the - deep - est grave. Ev - er
feel Him not, He is - faith - ful still. He is
catch a glimpse, you can hear the sound of the
truth will stand, the on - ly Word. He has

D G



faith - ful - is His a - bound - ing Word: "Fear
com - ing - in all His - right - eous - ness; I will
an - gels sing - ing heav - en's song, say - ing
come to reign, God's on - ly Son, Je - sus

D A D



not my child, I've o - ver - come the world.
wait for Him - in this - lone - li - ness. [Chorus]
"Child, hold on, it won't be long." [Chorus]
Christ, our King, He has o - ver - come. [Chorus]

Chorus: G D A Bm



He has come to reign in our bro - ken hearts; we will - doubt and fear no more.
He has come to reign in our bro - ken hearts; all we - lost He will re - store.

Call to Worship—Luke 1:46-50

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!

People: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things for us!

People: Holy is God's name!

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; From generation to generation God gives mercy!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Trinity Hymnal #208

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Come and Worship

Music by Bebo Norman and Jason Ingram

An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er the earth;
7 Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry now pro -
13 claim Mes - si - ah's birth: Come and Wor - ship Come and
19 wor - ship, Come and wor - ship; wor - ship Christ the new - born King.
25 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing watch - ing
Saints be fore the al - tar ben - ding watch - ing
31 o'er your flocks by night God with man is now re - sid - ing
long in hope and fear Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
37 Yon - der shines the In - fant light Come and Wor - ship
In His tem - ple shall ap - pear
43 Come and wor - ship; Come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ the new - born
49 King

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort for God's People

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the Lord blows on it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—1 John 1:8-10

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. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for forgiving mercies!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

Sermon

"The Brokenhearted and the Kinsmen Redeemer"

Advent Series, Bloodlines

The Book of Ruth

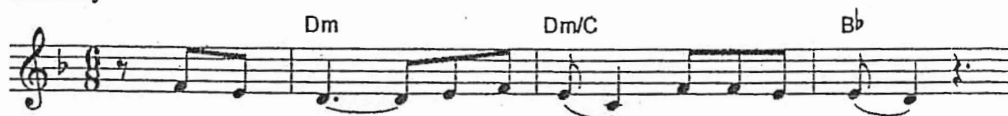
Rev. Ben Tharp

*Song of Response

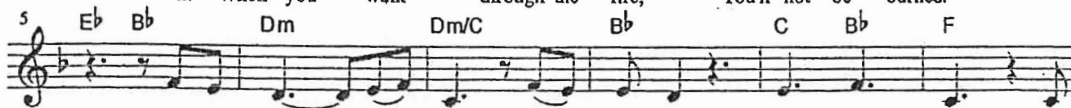
Isaiah 43

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Real Key



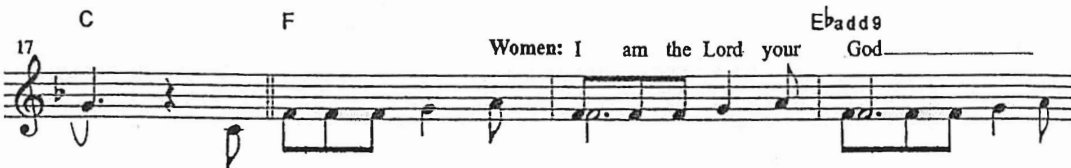
1. When you pass through the wa-ters, I will be with you
2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.



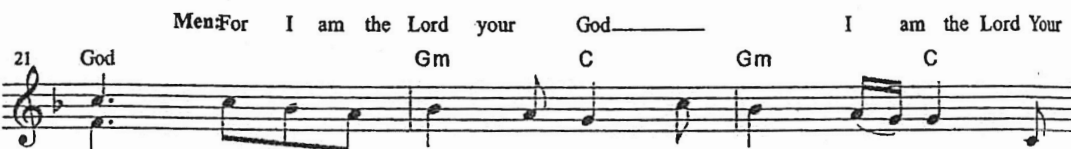
And the waves will not ov-er-come you. Do not fear. For
And the flames will not con-sume you. Do not fear For



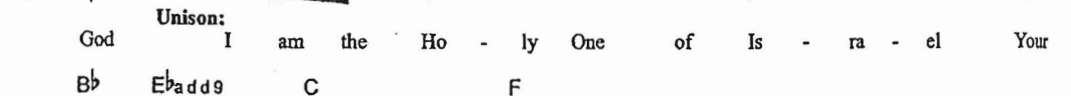
I have re-deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine
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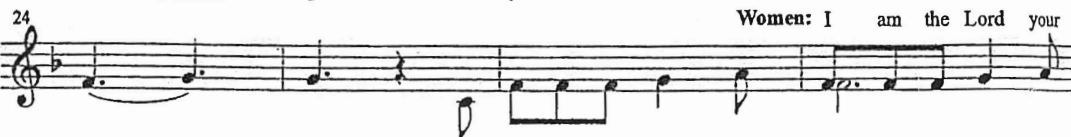
Women: I am the Lord your God



Men: For I am the Lord your God I am the Lord Your God



Unison: God I am the Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el Your



Women: I am the Lord your

Sa - vior.

Men: For I am the Lord your God

28 Ebadd9 God God Gm C

31 Gm C Bb Ebadd9 C F F/E Women: Do not Men: I am the Lord

35 F/D fear F/C Do not Bb Do not F/A not Gm fear C Do not F F/E Do not

39 F/D fear F/C Do not F/A not Gm fear C

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

** Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle, keeping six feet between you and the those in front of you. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.*

(Please note: Grape juice is in all the cups today and all of the bread is gluten and nut free)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

He Who Is Mighty

Words and Music by Rebecca Elliot and Kate DeGraide

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology

*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.

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.

Thank you to all who helped with Christmas Craft Party!

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.

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. 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 on Sun., Dec. 12th during the Sunday school hour. At this meeting we will review the budget, elect officers, and review 2021.

Officers Standing for Ordination/Election

Below are the brief biographical sketches for the men who have been nominated and approved to stand for election to the office of elder or deacon at Trinity Church.

These men have completed our training and have been recommended to you today by our session as men qualified for church office. We will have officer elections next Sunday during our Congregational Meeting.

Chris Freeman - Standing for re-election as Elder

Scott Mitchell - Standing for re-election as Deacon

Glynn Schlitt - Standing for re-election as Deacon

Those Standing for Ordination to Diaconate:

Kyle Kocher: Kyle is married to Melissa and they have two children: Meredith and Maddox. He is the pharmacist manager at Express Scripts pharmacy and has been with the company for over seven years. The Kocher family has been attending Trinity since the spring of 2018. Kyle has served the church as an usher and in children's ministries including nursery, children's church and Sunday school. Kyle desires to serve the church body and our community in practical ways. He finds joy in assisting in various outreach and mercy ministries as well as continuing to serve in the children's ministries at Trinity.

Will Mattingly: Will has been attending Trinity Church since 2014 and works as a licensed professional counselor at CarePoint Christian Counseling. He feels called and desires to serve Trinity through discerning and helping meet the particular needs of its members, whether physical, mental/emotional, or relational in nature.

Caleb Moen: Caleb is married to Deborah and they have 2 kids, Sawyer (3) and Jack (1). Caleb is a registered nurse and works in the Cardiac Cath lab at the VA. Caleb and his family have attended Trinity for 5 years. Caleb is running for a deacon to further serve God, Trinity, and our community.

Doug Standerfer: Doug is married to Kelsie and they have 4 children: Jackson, Josie, Jamison, and Jake. He is an officer with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The Standerfers have been at Trinity since 2012. God gave Doug a heart for helping and loving others, especially those who don't feel like they have value.

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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