



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO MAKES US HIS SONS & DAUGHTERS BY GRACE

Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk

Scripture Reader: Lyn Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Fielding Poe, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace... — Ephesians 1:3-6

"Adoption gives us the privilege of sons, regeneration the nature of sons."
— Stephen Charnock

"Adoption is the highest privilege that the gospel offers: higher even than justification." — J.I. Packer

"Since God has a Son of his own, and such a Son, how wonderful God's love in adopting us! We needed a Father, but he did not need sons!"
— Thomas Watson

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Delighting in the Greater Adoption- TGC.com

Chelsea Patterson Sobolik: March 11, 2014

Apart from the gift of my salvation, earthly adoption is the greatest gift I've ever received. I was an orphan—both physically and spiritually. My story began in Romania with a 19-year-old unwed girl who wasn't able to take care of me. The Lord sovereignly chose adoption for me. I am blessed that a man and a woman from the United States made a decision that radically altered my life forever when they traveled across the world and chose me as their daughter. I was rescued from a life void of love and care and freely given a new life beyond my wildest dreams. Adoption is immensely personal, because I was specifically chosen, sought out, bought, declared to have all the rights and privileges of being a member of a new family, and most importantly, loved beyond belief. As I pause to meditate on my adoption from Romania, I cannot help but meditate on an even greater adoption.

Greater Adoption

Earthly adoption, while incredible, must be viewed as a representing God's greater adoption. My adoption was a result of sin—the fallen nature of man and the specific sin of my birth parents. The greater adoption redeems from sin. Whom did Jesus intentionally seek out while he was doing his earthly ministry? The sick, the outcast, the children, the sinners—those whom most Americans shy away from, those whom most Americans build their perfect little lives in order to avoid. We don't want to "get dirty," we don't want to love until it hurts, and we don't want to sacrifice. But that is what Christ has called us to do. The Great Commission is beautifully and accurately displayed in adoption. God commands his followers to go into all the world making disciples. The Lord has called his church and his people to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. John Piper said it well when he taught, "The gospel is not a picture of adoption, adoption is a picture of the gospel." If the Lord chooses you for adoption, and you repent and trust in his finished work of Jesus on the cross to atone for your sins, you are adopted into his family. As a result, you receive the King of the universe as your Father, you are granted full access to come to him, and you are called his own.

Unconditional Love

God did not choose to adopt you because of anything you did, for we are completely undeserving of his great adoption. As a helpless baby in Romania, I could not do anything to prove that I was worthy of being adopted. I could not work my way into my earthly father's heart. I could do nothing but accept and enjoy the gift of adoption. As God's child, there is nothing you can do to make him love you more, for he has already given the greatest gift—his Son. Delight in the greater adoption. Live as one who knows you have God as your Father. You were purchased by the precious blood of Jesus, redeemed from sin, and offered an eternal inheritance. Every February, my family remembers my adoption day. We exchange flowers, hugs, tears, good memories, and love. Like other former orphans, I consider my adoption day a cause of great celebration. But how much greater and more worthy of celebration is our salvation and the greater adoption! Praise the Father that you are his own. Meditate on the implications of this great adoption for your life, the life of the body, and for those who don't call God their father. Thank the Lord that he redeemed you, encourage your brothers and sisters with the truths of the greater adoption, and seek to share this redemption and love with those who aren't yet God's children.

Song of Preparation

This Is My Father's World

Trinity Hymnal #111

***Call to Worship—Psalm 66:1-4**

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;

People: Give to him glorious praise!

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

People: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

All: They sing praises to your name.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Trinity Hymnal #115

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

VERSE

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered ev - erygrain of sand?
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion an - y of His words?
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

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Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

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CHORUS

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a -
 all his won - drous deeds? ris - en now to reign!

13

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!

19

Him!

Him!

BRIDGE

Men: You will reign for - ev er.____ You will reign for - ev er.____ You will reign for -
 Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.____ Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.____ Let Your

ev - er.____ You will reign for - ev er.____
 glo - ry fill the earth.____ Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.

You will reign for - ev er.____ You will reign for - ev er.____ Be
 _____ Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.____ Let Your glo - ry fill,

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 10:38-42

Mary and Martha

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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—Psalm 15:1-4

○ Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend; in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Colossians 1:20

For in him, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for reconciling us to Him through His blood on the cross!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

My Worth Is Not What I Own

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick

4 C² F/C C² G/C C² F/C

1. My worth is not in what I own; not
 (2. My) worth is not in skill or name; in
 (3. As) sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,
 (4. I) will not boast in wealth or might, or
 (5. Two) won - ders here that I con - fess: my

7 C² F C² F/C C² G G#° Last time to Coda ⊕
 Am F

in the strength of flesh and bone. But in the cost - ly wounds of love at the
 win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e - ter - nal calls to us at the
 hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will boast in know - ing Christ at the
 worth and my un - wor - thi - ness. My val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the

11 1, 3. C² F/C C² F/C 2, 4. C² F/C C²

cross. 2. My cross.
 cross. 4. I cross.

CHORUS

15 F² G Am F C/E G²

I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er. Great - est treas - ure, well-spring of my soul.

19 F² G Am C/E F G

I will trust in Him, no oth - er; my soul is sat - is - fied in Him a -

22 C² F/C C² F/C D.S. al Coda

-lone.

3. As
 5. Two

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)

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Words by Civilla D. Martin. Music and Arr. by Page CXVI

Sermon

"The Doctrine of Adoption"

Part of a Series on The Foundations of the Christian Faith

Romans 8:12-17

Rev. Tim Jackson

*Song of Response

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Kevin Twit

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff. The score includes a key signature change from G major to E minor (three sharps) at measure 9. The lyrics are as follows:

A - rise my soul, a - rise shake off your guilt - y fears;
 He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter-cede,
 Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry
 My God is re - con - ciled his pard - ning voice I hear;

5 the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears
 his all - re - deem - ing love his prec - ious blood to plead
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers they strong - ly plead for me
 he owns me for his child I can no long - er fear;

9 be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands
 his blood a - toned for ev - ry race his blood a - toned for ev - ry race
 for - give him, o for - give they cry for - give him, o for - give they cry
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh

13 my name is writ - ten on his hands
 and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die!
 and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

17 **Men:** A - rise **Women:** A - rise **Unison:** A - rise my soul a - rise
 A - rise A - rise, a - rise a - rise, A - rise

21 A - rise A - rise a - rise a - rise a - rise A - rise my soul a - rise

25 shake off your guilt - y fears and rise

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **adult Sunday school**, *The Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*, meets today. Children's SS will resume in August.

Nursery workers NEEDED! Volunteering in one of our two nursery rooms is such a great way to care for your church family. Please see Pastor Ben if you are interested.

Mom's Dinner Out: TOMORROW at 6:30pm at Rosalita's Cantina. See Alyce Bava for more details.

Student Ministry midweek schedule: Jr High from 5:45-7pm. and Sr High from 7-8:30pm

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

No Men's Bible Study this week. The study will resume in Aug.

Trinity Ladies: Be sure to take home the summer schedule of fun events. If you haven't received one, they can be found on the Welcome Table. Join us for **lunch and shopping** in Webster Groves on July 21. Meet at Frisco's at 11:30am. Please RSVP to Marlene Pannkuk.

Thank you to all who donated to the Crates for Ukraine! Information about the second round of supplies going out is coming soon.

Ladies, mark your calendars for Wed., Aug. 24 at 6:30pm for a night of FUN (AKA: Trinity Women's Dip Off)! More info coming soon, but you won't want to miss this.

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](#):



SUMMER DISCUSSION SERIES

Join us for the remaining two Wednesday night discussions on critically important contemporary issues in the Christian Church.

6:15-7:30pm (no childcare).

July 27: Continuing Responsibilities of Being Pro-Life with the overturn of Roe v. Wade

Aug. 10: Walking through the 12 Statements in the PCA Report on Human Sexuality

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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