



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 23, 2022

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO GIVES CLARITY

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Mickie Schmidt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Steve O'Neal

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. — James 4:10

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. — I Peter 5:6-7

"The Christian is like the ripening corn; the riper he grows, the more lowly bends his head." — Thomas Guthrie

"Let me name be forgotten, let me be trodden under the feet of all men, if Jesus may thereby be glorified." — George Whitfield

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Abridged from *The Path to Humility* by Erik Raymond- Oct. 19, 2015, on TGC.com

One thing we can be sure of is that we all need to work on humility. It is an amazing thing to know that whoever reads these words, in varying degrees, is prideful. So how do we grow in humility? What is the path from pride to humility?

Humility comes from seeing God's bigness and our badness

In order to work on it we should know what it is. I've heard some define humility as rightly responding to who God is. I think this is a good start but we need to go further. We also need to rightly know who *we* are. These go together of course, because we cannot rightly know ourselves until we come to some biblical understanding of who God is.

Humility comes from fasting from self

How do we get there? C.S. Lewis helpfully wrote in *Mere Christianity* that, "True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less." The tendency to be preoccupied with ourselves is a sure sign of pride. A heart inverted upon itself is sure to cultivate suffocating pride. It expresses itself in a fixation on ourselves. This selfishness is expressed in terms of worry, anxiety, thin skin, gossip, slander, lying, being afraid of what others think of you, laziness, being a workaholic, harshness, and a relentless clinging to your rights (just to name a few). In short it is a preoccupation with gratifying the flesh. Lewis is encouraging humility by throwing away the broken compass that always leads us inward to the heart, the den of self.

But is this all? Do I just need to start thinking of myself less? This is a good start, but, I think there is more.

Humility comes not just from fasting from self but feasting on Christ

Remember the gospel. God, being rich and mercy, has sent Christ to be the sin-bearing, life-giving Savior. By his doing and dying we are saved from God's wrath and given new life as adopted children (Eph. 1: 3-14; 2:1-10). The Bible, and particularly the gospel, then gives us the proper perspective on God and us. When we see who God is and who we are then we are properly humbled before him.

But how do I learn this humility?

When we sit in the shadow of the cross we learn that nothing is beneath us in terms of service. We have been served by Christ in this glorious way—he laid down his life for us! We then need to walk in humility, which is, at its core, what it means to follow Jesus.

Song of Preparation

Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor

Words and Music by Matthew Papa and Matthew Boswell

♩=77

VERSE

B♭ B♭/A Gm F/A

1. Christ the — sure and stead - y an - chor in the fu - ry of the
 (2. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor while the temp - est rag - es
 (3. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor through the floods of un - be -
 (4. Christ the) — sure and stead - y an - chor as we face the wave of

4

B♭

F/A Gm F

storm, when the — winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been
 on, when temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has
 - lief. Hope - less, — some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va -
 death, when these — trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal

CHORUS

8

F7

B♭/D

E♭²

B♭/D

E♭²

F

torn. In the suf - fring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are
 won. Deep - er still, then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac -
 - ry. This my bal - last of as - sur - ance— see His love for - ev - er
 breath. We will cross that great hor - i - zon, clouds be - hind, and life se -
 (D.S.) shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er

12

Gm

E♭²

F/A Gm

E♭maj⁷

F^{sus}

B♭

few, I will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 -cused. I will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 proved. All my — hope is in the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 -cured. And the — calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dured.
 true. We will — hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

17

B♭/A

Gm⁷

1, 2, 3.

E♭²

4.

E♭²

B♭/D

D.S.

E♭²

B♭

2.3.4. Christ the —

Christ the

***Call to Worship—Psalm 65 (selected)**

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion.

People: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

Leader: By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,

All: You are the God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

O Worship the King
Trinity Hymnal #2

Across the Lands

Words and Music by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

D G D

1. You're the Word of God the Fa - ther, _ from be - fore the world be -
 (2. Yet You) left the gaze of an - gels, _ came to seek and save the
 (3. With a) shout You rose vic - to - rious, _ wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the

4 A G G⁶ D/F# Em G

-gan; _ Ev - ry star and ev - ry pla - net _ has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -
 lost, _ and ex - changed the joy of heav - en _ for the an - guish of a cross. With a
 grave, _ and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en _ lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You

9 D G D A

-a - tion holds to - geth - er _ by the pow - er of Your voice: _ Let the
 prayer You fed the hung - ry, _ with a word You stilled the sea. _ Yet how
 stand be - fore the Fa - ther _ in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. _ From each

CHORUS

13 G G⁶ D/F# Em G A^{sus} G

skies de - clare Your glo - ry, _ let the land and seas re - joice! _ You're the au - thor of cre -
 si - lent - ly You suf - fered _ that the guilt - y may go free. _
 tribe and tongue and na - tion _ You are lead - ing sin - ners home. _

18 D D/F# G A² Bm Bm/A G G/A

-a - tion, _ You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; _ And Your cry of love rings

22

1, 2. Bm ⁷ A D	3. Bm ⁷ A D
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out a - cross the lands. _ 2. Yet You out a - cross the lands. _
 3. With a _____

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 18:9-14

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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—Jeremiah 14:7, 20

"Though our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against you."

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 28:6-7

Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His mercy and forgiveness.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Pardon

Come Ye Sinners

Joseph Hart. Based on the recording from the Norton Hall Band

Verse 1

7 B m

1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, Weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;

11

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, love and pow'r.

Verse 2, 3, 4

15 B m7 D maj9

2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

19 E 7sus E7 G maj9

True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him

Chorus 1

23 E m7 D maj7 A B m7

I will a - rise and go to Je - sus He will em - brace me in his arms

27 E m7 D F# G maj7

1.
In the arms of my dear Sav - ior O there are ten thou - sand charms

39 2. Gmaj7 Gmaj7

O there are__ ten__ thou - sand charms *piano*

43 3. Gmaj7 Chorus 2 Em7 Dmaj7

O there are__ ten__ thou - sand charms I will a-rise and go to Je - sus

47 A Bm C#7 Bm D Em7 D F#

He will em-brace me__ in his arms In the arms__ of my dear Sav - ior

51 Gmaj7 Tag E7sus

O there are__ ten__ thou - sand charms In the arms__ of

54 E7 Gmaj13

my dear Sav - ior O there are__ ten__ thou - sand charms

Children's Sermon

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Jesus Is The Answer

(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade on the 1st & 3rd Sunday)

Sermon

"Humbled Under God's Grace"

Ephesians 3:1-13

A Series on the Epistle of Ephesians

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

What Wondrous Love Is This
Trinity Hymnal #261

***Benediction**

Adult Sunday School

The Gospel of Matthew (Classroom one)

Ruling Elders Jim Talent and Fielding Poe

This class seeks to provide an in-depth study of the book of Matthew by addressing the text and various key doctrines that emerge from its study toward the goal of helping church members develop a deeper and firmer understanding of the fundamentals of the faith while also providing encouragement and instruction for those who may be interested in leading their own bible studies in the future. The ultimate goal is that all who take part will come away with a renewed appreciation for the King of Kings!

Reading the Psalms with Jesus (Classroom two)

Dr. Aaron Goldstein

The book of Psalms is the one of the most beloved books of the Bible, featuring oft-memorized and cherished passages. In the Gospels, Jesus quotes or alludes to the Psalms on a number of occasions. In this class, we will explore the Psalms, and as a part of our process, we will learn from the way that Jesus himself takes up the Psalms in his ministry.

Trinity Connect-Exploring Membership at Trinity Church (Fireplace room)

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Adult Choir (Sanctuary)

Katie Polski, Director of Music Ministries

Do you enjoy singing? Join us for 8-9 weeks as we prepare songs for upcoming worship services. No experience necessary.

New Sunday School Class Beginning Nov. 6:

Parenting is one of the most difficult and yet, rewarding experiences in our lives. But how do we navigate the complexities we face at each different stage of the journey? Join Pastor Polski for this Sunday School class beginning Nov. 6 in the Fireplace Room as he leads conversations on, and explores biblical teachings related to issues in parenting. Please note that this class isn't just for parents of young children, it's for anyone and everyone who ever has been, is now, or who hopes to be a parent someday since an intergenerational and multi-perspectival dialogue on parenting is essential to developing a context for wisdom and discernment in our calling as parents.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today.

Wed. night dinner: Register today for dinner at 5:30 on Wed. This week we will have BBQ from Dalies. Adult-\$8, Children-\$4. **Deadline to register is Tue. at 10am.** Go to events in Church Center or email Amy Mitchell.

Jr. Students: meet on Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm. **Sr. High** meets on Sundays from 6-7:30pm in the lower level youth area. Make plans to attend **George Night on Oct. 30th** from 6-7:30pm!

Ladies Connect TOMORROW at Mickie Schmidt's at 7:30pm. Make plans to join us for **Luameier After Dark on Sat., Nov. 5th** from 4-9pm.

Men's Bible study meets Wed. at 6pm, continuing with a look at the Book of Acts. **Women**, on Tuesdays at 7pm twice a month we will meet to discuss Ecclesiastes at Melissa Jorgensen's home (10/25) or we meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9am or 6pm to study 1, 2, 3 John.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Maglione, Wong, O'Neal. Nursery: Waldron, Hendricks, Cheatham, Ridenhour, Marcus. SS: Jorgensen, Harlow. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaefer, Schlitt, T. Thomason. Nursery: Halls, Garner, M. Linenbroker, Petty. SS: Hammond, Shelton.

ACTION meets Wednesdays starting with dinner at 5:30pm followed by ministries for ALL ages. We have nursery, children's activities, singing, men's and women's bible study, and Jr. High.

Christmas Craft Party: Sat., Dec. 3rd at 9am. We are currently taking **volunteer and donation sign ups** either on Church Center or on the bulletin board in the hallway. Registration for the kids will begin Nov. 1.

Save the Date: Thanksgiving Service: Wed., Nov. 23 at 5:30pm. Trinity's **Christmas Concert** on Sun., Dec. 18th. **Christmas Eve Service** at 5pm, **Christmas Morning Service** at 10:30am.

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), **Greeters:** James Broughton (jlbroughton12@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Alyce Bava (jimnalyce@yahoo.com). **Children's SS:** Michelle Goldstein or Melissa Kocker (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com)

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](#):



M E N ' S B R E A K F A S T

Men, come out for breakfast next Saturday, Oct. 29th from 9-10:30am. We will have great food, while Chuck Barker shares about his work with prison ministry.

Breakfast is free, but donations are welcome to help cover the cost of food. RSVP to Kyle Roberts on using the QR code:



MISSION UPDATE

Restore St. Louis – Fall Workday, November 12th

Restore St. Louis is a ministry that helps the underserved in our city. Every month they offer volunteer opportunities for churches to be the hands of the Lord in serving widows and the elderly, who need work done in and around their homes. This upcoming month, Trinity Youth is volunteering and is inviting anyone at Trinity to join them. We will meet at New City Fellowship in University City (1483 82nd Blvd.) at 8:30am. We are typically done around 12pm.

If you plan on attending, please email Pablo (pablotrosales@gmail.com). It will be helpful to have an accurate headcount.

Please be advised that this work typically involves manual labor. This fall, we will be most likely cleaning up leaves, but an occasional ramp construction, or door installation, has happened.

Coffee on Glenwood – This Friday, October 28, 2022

Coffee of Glenwood began to show our neighbors, as they pass by our church on Friday mornings, that we are here. We understand that the weeks have been long and there are pressures at school and work. Maybe a smile, a cup of coffee, a croissant, and prayer, will encourage them before the weekend. We want them to know that Trinity Church exists to serve them and not ourselves.

There are 2 volunteers needed every month. Please sign-up on the Events page of our Church Center app.

Ministering to the Sexually Broken

Last Sunday we welcomed FirstLight ministries during our ministry moment at the beginning of our service. FirstLight has been a beacon of hope and healing in St. Louis for the last 15 years. They have helped hundreds of men and women find comfort and healing in Jesus as they seek to live out their convictions regarding healthy, biblical sexuality.

Through providing support groups, teaching, and developing resources aimed at helping the church disciple people in the area of sexuality, FirstLight continues to be a voice in the conversation about what it looks like to live faithfully for Jesus in the midst of a sexually broken world.

Please visit with the FirstLight representative in the narthex following the service if you know someone who has been affected by sexual brokenness and would like more information.

If you want to confidentially talk more about this, consider contacting the pastors via email, text, or through the confidential prayer request section that only they receive, by scanning the QR code:



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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