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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO GIVES US NEW LIFE

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Amy Mitchell

#### **Prelude**

#### Welcome and Announcements

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

"As the heart becomes more depraved the mind becomes more insensible to spiritual light. On the other hand, as the eyes behold more and more clearly the beauty of the truth, the more lively become the affections, and the more obedient the will." — A.A. Hodge

"Becoming a Christian is not making a new start in life; it is receiving a new life to start with." — John Blanchard

"In a spiritual but real sense, Christians have left this life and its loves. They have moved to a new domain where Christ lives." — Richard R. Melick Jr.

#### Devotional Preparation: from Ligonier.org, August 10, 2011

Given the biblical doctrine of the Trinity, we know that each person of the triune Godhead delights in that which the other persons are doing. There is a mutual indwelling (perichoresis) among the persons of the Godhead — the Father in the Son and the Spirit; the Son in the Father and the Spirit; and the Spirit in the Father and the Son. To put on Christ, then, is to put on the Father and the Spirit as well, and living out the new life in Christ according to the pattern He gives us pleases our triune Creator. On the other hand, violating the standards given to the disciples of Jesus not only grieves the Son of God but also the Father and the Spirit.

The apostle Paul makes this very point in Ephesians 4:30 when he warns us not to "grieve the Holy Spirit of God." When we sin, the Holy Spirit experiences grief in a manner appropriate to His deity. He cannot stand the presence of sin and hates it when we, His dwelling place, entertain transgression (Hab. 1:13). Yet even though the reality of His grief proves the Spirit's personhood, His grief is not exactly the same as ours. The Spirit cannot be paralyzed by grief, and His grief is always holy, undefiled by sin, ungodly jealousy, and all the other flaws that often attend our sorrow. His grief, ultimately, is a mystery. John Calvin comments, "No language can adequately express this solemn truth, that the Holy Spirit rejoices and is glad on our account, when we are obedient to him in all things, and neither think nor speak anything, but what is pure and holy; and, on the other hand, is grieved when we admit anything into our minds that is unworthy of our calling."

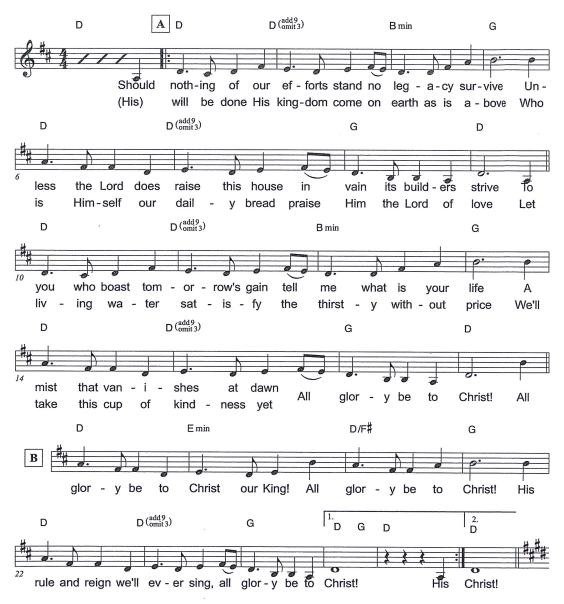
God's Spirit is especially sensitive to sin because of His close relationship with us, those who have been saved and defined as the Lord's holy people (1 Peter 1:13–16). The Spirit seals us "for the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30; see 1:13–14) — He dwells within us when we trust in Christ Jesus, marking us as the people of God who will be spared divine wrath on judgment day. By the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, we are increasingly conformed to our Savior's image, and a return to a pattern of life wholly dominated by sin is impossible for all those whom the Spirit has sealed (Rom. 8:29–30). Still, even Christians may fall into significant sin, which grieves the Spirit, introducing a distance between Him and us.

Just as we experience the joy of restoration upon repentance, so we make amends for grieving the Spirit when we turn from our sin and seek to do His will. When we sense a distance in our relationship to God, it is wise to ask ourselves if we are engaged in some persistent, impenitent sin that brings the Spirit grief. He may withdraw for a time that we might recognize that our sin has grieved Him and that we need to deal with it.

# Song of Preparation

# All Glory Be to Christ

Dustin Kensrue | Kings of Kaleidoscope





# Call to Worship—Psalm 29 (selected)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the

Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of

glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the

Lord bless his people with peace!

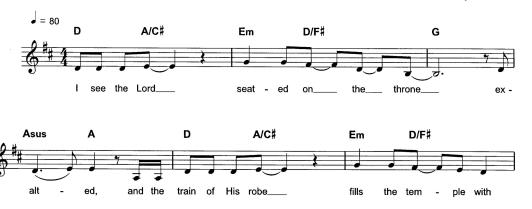
All: In his temple all cry, "Glory!"

#### WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

\*Songs of Adoration All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! Trinity Hymnal #296

#### I See the Lord

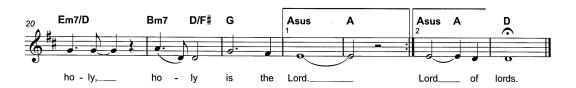
Words and Music by Chris Falson











# \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

# Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 43:1-7

Israel's Only Savior But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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—Luke 3:15-17

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

#### Silent Confession and Lament

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for redeeming us

and forgiving our sins.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

# \*Song of Rejoicing

#### Goodness of God

Word and Music by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson





#### WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

# **Pastoral Prayer**

# **Tithes and Offerings**

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

#### Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Rejoice

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Bryan Fowler, Ben Shive, and Skye Peterson

#### Sermon

"A New Walk" Ephesians 4:17-32 Rev. Pablo Rosales

Put off the old self

Put off the new self

Practice the new life

# \*Song of Response

#### Take My Life, and Let It Be

Words by Frances R. Havergal. Music by Henri A. Cesar Malan



# SERVICE OF INSTALLATION TO THE OFFICE OF DEACON & ELDER

Eliot Sinclair (Deacon), Aaron Goldstein (Ruling Elder)

Men previously ordained but are being re-installed: Dan Bailey, Norman Steele, Roger Manwaring, Phil Oehlerking, Paul Schaffer, Kevin Keating

The Warrant and Nature of the Office of Deacon and Elder

The Questions for Ordination and Installation

The Prayer of Ordination

The Right Hand of Fellowship

The Pronouncement of Ordination and Installation

The Charge

\*Sending Song

Doxology

Trinity Hymnal #731

\*Benediction

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

No Sunday School today. Due to recent water damage to our building, our nursery rooms have temporarily moved to the new adult classrooms across the kitchen. Children's Church will meet in the lower level youth room on the 1st & 3rd Sundays.

The **Men's Bible Study** is on hiatus until mid January. More info coming soon.

Trinity ladies (and friends), join us for bible study and prayer. We offer a few options to fit your schedule. Two Tuesday evenings a month a group meets in Melissa Jorgensen's home to discuss the Book of Ecclesiastes (next gathering: 1/10). We will also be meeting weekly on Wednesday either at 9am or 6pm to study the Book of Judges. The Wednesday studies are tentatively set to begin on Jan. 18th. The Judges study guide is available on the hall table (\$12). See Katie Polski or Melissa Jorgensen for more info.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Smith, Broughton. Nursery: C. Waldron, Hendricks, A. Schmidt, Mitchell, Broughton. Next Sunday: Ushers: Roberts, Maglione, Wong, O'Neal. Nursery: McCall, Keating, O'Neals, Boeddeker.

As we head into the new year, now is a great time to pray about how you can serve at Trinity. We are always looking for volunteers for the usher team, nursery, ACTION children's activities, and Sunday snacks. See Amy Mitchell for help signing up!

You can find an **updated Sunday snack schedule** in your weekly email. Please consider signing up for an upcoming Sunday.

**ACTION** (All Church Things In One Night) is tentatively schedule resume on Jan. 18th. However, this may depend on how the repairs are coming to the church building.

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 <u>following the link</u>:



# SINGERS:

Calling all singers! All are welcome to join our adult choir this semester which will meet during the Sunday School hour from February 5th through April 2nd. Our choir will sing three times during the Sunday morning services this semester, including Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Katie Polski.

#### MISSION UPDATE

Several of our missionaries reached out to us at the end of last year to give us updates and ask for prayer. Below are the prayer requests of two missionary teams, one in Africa (The McGinty's) and the other in Scotland (our very own Taylor's). Please take a moment to read through these requests and pray that our heavenly Father would grant them.

#### Nate and Erin Taylor

- Prayer for renewal as we look to 2023. We are thankful for what the Lord has done, but we also need to refocus and seek encouragement as ministry has had its challenges.
- Prayer for God to bless our plans (Prov. 16:9).
- Prayer for good follow-up of those who attended the Christmas events and for the Lord to move hearts towards him.

#### Coby and Pamela McGinty

- Praise God for the CCEF and MTW Africa Conferences Pamela attended in October. Both went well and the SALT women's training has prompted new ministry plans
- Pray for students across Southern Africa who are back home for the Christmas holidays, that they would stay strong lights amidst families submerged in African Traditional Religion
- Pray for the growth of Biblical Counselling Africa and access to their advanced courses
- Pray for the young men in the Friday Journey Group breakfast study on Biblical Manhood
- Pray for Pamela, Nomfundo and Nokuthula as they plan to launch a Bible study on Biblical Womanhood
- Pray for our safety, health, relief of chronic pain, for wisdom and renewed strength
- Pray for our South African visas to be granted in time for planned travel.
   They are among over 50,000 delayed in processing
- Praise the Lord for Pamela getting to see both Calla and Liam in October, and for Lake and Ellie's visit to Cape Town in November
- Please pray for us to raise the additional monthly support for our expansion of ministry and the increase in housing cost

Lord, you know the needs and desires of your people. We pray that you would grant these requests according to the counsel of your holy and divine will. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

rinity's ministries are organized around the core values in out ourpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to exa God's name, establish God's people, equip God's church ar ngage God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.	It nd