



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday in Lent

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO GIVES US STRENGTH

Liturgist: Tim Jackson

Scripture Reader: Sydney Segen

Pastoral Prayer: Fielding Poe, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." — Mark 1:14-15

"If the world is sane, then Jesus is mad as a hatter and the Last Supper is the Mad Tea Party. The world says, 'Mind your own business,' and Jesus says, 'There is no such thing as your own business.' The world says, 'Follow the wisest course and be a success,' and Jesus says, 'Follow me and be crucified.' The world says, 'Drive carefully – the life you save may be your own' – and Jesus says, 'Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.' The world says, 'Get' and Jesus says, 'Give.' In terms of the world's sanity, Jesus is crazy as a coot, and anybody who thinks he can follow him without being a little crazy too is laboring less under a cross than under a delusion."

— Frederick Buechner

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Today we will be working through a portion of Ephesians (6:10-12) that functions as a sort of culmination of Paul's overall argument in which he is saying that we have been richly blessed by Christ and must therefore enter the battle as His beloved children. Underneath this exhortation is an important theological concept sometimes referred to as the "already, but not yet."

Dr. David Briones of Westminster Theological Seminary summarizes the concept in this way:

For now, Christians live in a great theological tension: we already possess every spiritual blessing in Christ, but we do not experience the fullness of these blessings yet. In one sense, we are already adopted, redeemed, sanctified, and saved; in another, these experiences are not yet fully ours. Underneath this theological and practical tension are the two comings of Christ. In his first coming, he inaugurated the last days; in his second coming, he will complete them. In the meantime, we live for now in "the overlap of the ages."

The resurrection of Christ is central to Christianity (1 Corinthians 15:12–19). There is indeed no hope without it. But Christ's resurrection is also central to Christian living in the last days. It is a time-changing event that reconstitutes where we live and how we live. We live "in Christ" and we live for Christ in the overlap of the ages. His defeat of death has ushered in the age to come, and we now get glimpses of the future — foretastes of the heavenly world we call home (Hebrews 6:5).

He is risen. And that means we can be certain of our physical resurrection. We can be convinced of our righteous standing before God. We can be calm on the final day of judgment. And we can be courageous in our fight against sin.

Living between the times is riddled with theological and practical tension. But adopting the already–not yet mindset will better equip saints to read the Scriptures faithfully and live out the gospel powerfully, all the while giving thanks to the God who raised Jesus from the dead, and brought the future into the present.

Song of Preparation

Abide With Me

Trinity Hymnal #402

Call to Worship—Psalm 95:1-3

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

All: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD


*Songs of Adoration

The Love of the Father

Words and Music by James Ferguson and Rich Thompson

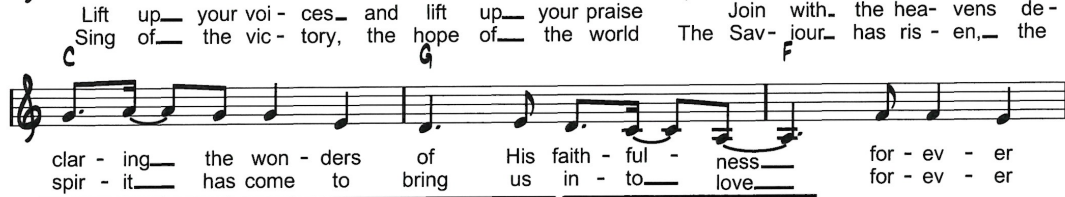
Verse 1 + 2:

C




Lift up your voi - ces and lift up your praise Join with the hea - vens de -
Sing of the vic - tory, the hope of the world The Sav - jour has ris - en, the

C G F



clar - ing the won - ders of His faith - ful - ness for - ev - er
spir - it has come to bring us in - to love for - ev - er


1. C 2. C



Oh


Chorus:

C F



we are the peo - ple of God With the free - dom of hope in our hearts How


Am F C



great is the love of the Fa - ther

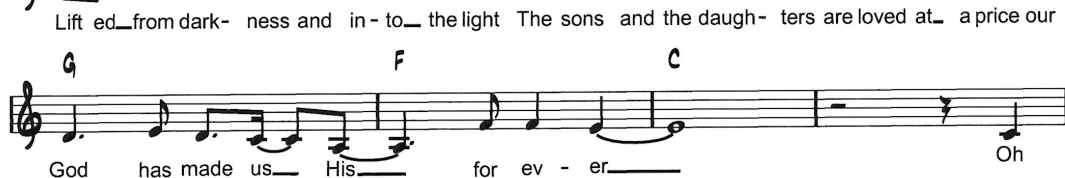
Verse 3:

C



Lift ed from dark - ness and in - to the light The sons and the daugh - ters are loved at a price our

G F C




God has made us His for ev - er

Oh


Chorus:

C F



we are the peo - ple of God With the free - dom of hope in our hearts How

Am F C



great is the love of the Fa - ther

1. Oh



Bridge:

2. C C/E F Am
This is the song of the re - deemed The ran-somed and the free

G C/E F Am
Giv-en life at such a price This is love, this is love

G C/E F Am
And when the Fath - er calls us home And we see Him on the throne

G C/E F
Hear the voi - ces sing as one This is love..

Am G
this is love Oh

Chorus:

C F
we are the peo-ple of God With the free - dom of hope in our hearts. How

Am F C 1.
great is the love of the Fa - ther Oh

2.
[Musical notation for the second ending of the chorus, consisting of a series of slanted lines on a staff.]

Shout to the Lord

Words and Music by Darlene Zschech

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A E F#m E

My Je - sus, my Sav - iour, Lord, there is none ___ like ___ You; ___

4 D A/C# D A/E F#m

___ All of my days ___ I want to praise ___ the won - ders of Your

7 G D/F# Esus E D/E A E/G#

might - y love. My com - fort, my shel - ter,

11 F#m E D

Tow - er of ref - uge and strength; ___ Let ev - 'ry breath, ___

13 A/C# D A/E F#m G D/F# Esus E

___ all that I am, ___ nev - er cease to wor - ship You. ___

17 A F#m D D/E E

Shout to the Lord, ___ all the earth, ___ let us sing. ___

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WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Romans 5:1-11

Peace with God through Faith

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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—Exodus 17:1-4

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Ps. 103:8-12

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for removing our transgressions from us!

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. Arr. by Ryan Foglesong, Patrick Anderson, and John Martin

The musical score is written in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of nine systems of music, each with a vocal line and guitar chords. The lyrics are arranged in three columns per system, with some lines having multiple verses (1.O, 2.O, 3.O).

System 1: Chords: Em, B, C, B, Em. Lyrics: 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.

System 2: Chords: G, B, Em, Am, B, Em. Lyrics: Vast, un - meas - ured, bound - less to free; Spread his - praise - ed, shore - to shore; Love of ev - ery love the best.

System 3: Chords: Em, B, C, B, Em. Lyrics: Roll - ing as a migh - ty o - cean,; How he lov - eth ev - er, lov - eth;

System 4: Chords: G, B, Em, Am, B, Em. Lyrics: 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,; 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,;

System 5: Chords: G, D, Em, B. Lyrics: In its full - ness o - ver me,; Chang - eth ne - ver, ne - ver, more;

System 6: Chords: G, D, Em, B. Lyrics: 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest; 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest;

System 7: Chords: G, D, Em, B. Lyrics: Un - der neath me, all a - round me,; How he watch - es deep, o'er his - loved ones,; O the deep, deep love of Je - sus;

System 8: Chords: Em, Am, B, Em. Lyrics: Is the cur - rent of thy love; Died to call them of his own;

System 9: Chords: Em, B, C, B, Em. Lyrics: 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

System 10: Chords: G, B, Em, Am, B, Em. Lyrics: Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,; How for - heim - ward, he - deth,; And it lifts me up to glor - y;

System 11: Chords: G, B, Em, Am, B, Em. Lyrics: To thy glor - ious rest a - bove; Watch eth o'er them from the throne;

System 12: Chords: G, B, Em, Am, B, Em. Lyrics: For it lifts me to thee; For it lifts me to thee;

Children's Sermon

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

*(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade in room 106,
with the exception of the 5th Sunday of the month)*

Sermon

"Keeping a Heavenly Perspective"

Ephesians 6:10-12

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Words and Music Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend



1. Hear the call of the king-dom, lift your
 (2. Hear the) call of the king-dom, to be
 (3. Hear the) call of the king-dom to reach



eyes to the King; — Let His song rise with-in you as a fra-grant of - fer - ing of how
 chil - dren of light — with the mer - cy of heav-en the hu - mil - i - ty of — Christ; Walk-ing
 out to the lost — with the Fa - ther's com-pas-sion in the won-der of the — cross, bring-ing



God, rich in mer - cy, came in Christ to re-deem — all who trust in His un - fail - ing
 just - ly be - fore Him, lov - ing all that is right, — that the life of Christ may shine through
 peace and for-give-ness, and a hope yet to come: — Let the na-tions put their trust in



grace. 2. Hear the us. King of heav-en, — we will
 Him.



an - swer — the call. — We will fol - low, — bring-ing hope to — the world, — filled with



pas - sion, — filled with pow - er to — pro - claim — sal -



-va - tion — in Je - sus' name. 3. Hear the

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday School for all ages meets today. See the bulletin insert for a list of classes and locations.

If you would like to receive the monthly **Children's Ministry Newsletter**, please send your email address to:
melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org.

Trinity ladies, join us for bible study and prayer. Two Tuesday evenings a month a group meets in Melissa Jorgensen's home to discuss the Book of Ecclesiastes (next gathering: 3/14). We also meet weekly on Wed. either at 9am or 6pm to study the Book of Judges.

Men's Bible Study meets Wednesday at 6pm.

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

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: M. Schmidt, Inion, A. Schmidt, Oehlerking, Marcus. SS: D. Nichols, Doiron. CC: Jacksons, A. Rosales. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: C. Waldron, Poe, Goldstein, J. Petty, Ridenhour. SS: Mitchell, Williamson. CC: Standerfer, Polski.

We could use a few more **volunteers for the usher team, nursery, Sunday snacks, and Sunday coffee.** See Amy Mitchell.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) meets WED. from 6-7:15pm. There is something for everyone: nursery, children's activities, games, lessons, and choir, women's and men's bible studies, Jr. High youth.

The next **Men's Breakfast is Sat., Mar. 18th** at 8am. Register on Church Center or see Kyle Roberts.

Sign up today for **Trivia Night on Fri., Mar. 31st.** at 6:30pm (doors open at 6). Go to Church Center for all the details and to register. All proceeds will go to support our Jr. and Sr. High ministries.

We have a long list of "to do items" for our spring **work day on Apr. 1st at 9am.** Please plan on lending a hand. We will be tackling landscaping, cleaning, and building projects.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to
amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.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:
Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org,
Greeters: James Broughton
(jlbroughton12@gmail.com), **Nursery:**
Alyssa Hall (alyssaruth120@gmail.com).
Children's Ministry: Melissa Kocker
(Melissa,Kocherz@trinitychurchkirkwood.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:](#)



SAVE THE DATE

Here are a few events coming in the next several months:

- **Trivia Night-** Mar. 31, 6:30-9pm
- **Church Work Day-** Apr. 1, 9am
- **Good Friday Service-** Apr. 7 at 7pm
- **Easter Sunrise Service-** Apr. 9 at 7am
- **Easter Morning Worship-** Apr. 9 at 9:30am

MISSION UPDATE

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – March 13th

Robinson Elementary hosts a food pantry every month during the school year. They collect and distribute food and supplies to families in need. Trinity Church has partnered with them and assists in greeting, meeting, and providing necessary items to families. During COVID, when public schools were forced to close, Trinity Church hosted the pantry at our location. Since returning to the school, we have the privilege and opportunity to come alongside Robinson Elementary and serve our community. Two volunteers are needed this upcoming month.

Registration is open for all 3 remaining dates on our events page in Church Center:



Mark your calendars – May 20th - BBQ with Oasis International

Oasis is a ministry that comes alongside new arrivals to this country to help them acclimate to a new land, people, and cultures. They provide resources and material goods to families in order to reflect the love that God has for all his image bearers. They are constantly looking to deepen relationships with refugees and immigrants in order to find open doors for sharing what we all need, the reconciliation of our broken relationship with God.

This BBQ serves to strengthen the relationship that Oasis has with this community. At the same time, it is a unique opportunity for us to create and develop relationships with people who are very different from us, all while enjoying a Arts and Crafts, a performance from Kinetic Tapestry (A Circus and Performing Arts Studio in St. Louis), Grilled Burgers and Hot Dogs. Sign up to volunteer here:



Please bring the whole family for this event. Non-volunteers can arrive around 11am. Location: Oasis International, 5035 Gravois Ave, St. Louis, MO 63116

Coffee on Glenwood – This Friday, March 17th

Our monthly Coffee ministry is this upcoming Friday morning. If you want to get up early, drink coffee, smile and wave, and pray for random people, who may or may not know the Lamb of God, scan this QR code.



Even if you cannot make it, please pray for this ministry. Through it we are meeting, speaking, blessing, and praying, for people who need to know the love of God.

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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