



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO EQUIPS US

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Aaron Goldstein

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

"The next day they took him, and had him into the Armoury, where they showed him all manner of furniture, which their Lord had provided for pilgrims, as sword, shield, helmet, breast-plate; All Prayer, and shoes that would not wear out. And there was here enough of this to harness out as many men for the service of their Lord, as there be stars in the heaven for multitude."

— John Bunyan, *The Pilgrim's Progress*

"The armour is for the battle of prayer. The armour is not to fight in, but to shield us while we pray. Prayer is the battle." — Oswald Chambers

"Soldiers of Christ arise, and put your armor on.— Charles Wesley
God, who foresaw your tribulation, has specially armed you to go through it, not without pain but without stain." — C. S. Lewis

"You're supposed to put the armor on before the big battle, not during the big battle." — Timothy Keller

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

[Our True Enemy and Best Armor](https://www.tgc.org) – [tgc.org](https://www.tgc.org), August 30, 2020

This week, take a minute to pray this prayer.

Lord Jesus, though you crushed his head on the cross, the devil awaits his eradication at your return. Filled with fury because he knows his time is short, he is actively seeking to harm everything you treasure and cherish—your Bride, the church; our marriages, creation, civility, individuals, and the list goes on.

Forgive us for blaming people for most of the ills in our lives, and the problems in the world. Though we harm one another destructively (which we're witnessing in American culture right now), there is one who hates all of us collectively. Help us recognize his snarly schemes (2 Cor. 2:11) and prowling ways (1 Pet. 5:8).

Our greatest peace, confidence, and hope in the battle is you, Lord Jesus. As surely as we'll dress ourselves with appropriate clothes for this day, so by faith, we put on the garments of grace right now—which is you, Lord Jesus. You don't just give us armor, you are our armor—our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.

In you, there is no condemnation or fear. By you, we have everything we need. For you, all things exist, and with you, we enter this day, dependent, expectant, and ever so grateful. So very Amen we pray, in your triumphant and tender name.

Song of Preparation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Trinity Hymnal #457

Call to Worship—Psalm 63:1-4

Leader: O God, you are my God.

People: Earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you.

Leader: As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Trinity Hymnal #100

I See the Lord

Chris Falson

♩ = 80

D A/C# Em D/F# G

Musical staff for measures 1-3. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4. There are rests in measures 2 and 3.

I see the Lord seat - ed on the throne ex -

4 Asus A D A/C# Em D/F#

Musical staff for measures 4-6. The melody continues with quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4. There are rests in measures 5 and 6.

alt - ed, and the train of His robe fills the tem - ple with

7 G E7/G# D/A Em7/A

Musical staff for measures 7-9. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4. There are rests in measures 8 and 9.

glo - ry; And the whole earth is filled, and the

11 D/A Em7/A Bm7 Gmaj7

Musical staff for measures 11-13. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4. There are rests in measures 12 and 13.

whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with His

15 Em/G D D Em/D D

Musical staff for measures 15-17. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4. There are rests in measures 16 and 17.

glo - ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

20 Em7/D Bm7 D/F# G

Asus	A
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Asus	A	D
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Musical staff for measures 20-22. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, C5, B4, A4, G4. There are rests in measures 21 and 22.

ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord. Lord of lords.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 55:1-9

The Compassion of the Lord

"Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that
which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the
Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

"Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have
compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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 13:1-5

There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Family of God, give thanks to God for 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

All I Have Is Christ

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin. Arr. by Dan Kreider

G Am F



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the
 (2. But as I) ran my hell-bound race, in - dif - f'rent to the
 (3. Now, Lord, I) would be Yours a - lone and live so all might

4 C Dm F G C



way; The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no
 cost, You looked up - on my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be -
 see the strength to fol - low Your com - mands could nev - er come from me. O Fa - ther,

9 Cmaj⁷



hope that You would own a reb - el to Your will, and if You
 -held God's love dis - played, You suf - fered in my place; You bore the
 use my ran-somed life in a - ny way You choose, and let my

13 Am⁷ F 1.
G^{sus} G C



had not loved me first I would re - fuse You still. 2. But as I
 wrath re-served for me; Now all I know is
 song for - ev - er be: My on - ly boast is

18 2, 3.
G^{sus} G C F CHORUS C G Am



grace! Hal - le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal - le -
 You.

24 F Am G 1.
C 2.
C D.S.



-lu - jah! Je - sus is my life! 3. Now, Lord, I life!

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)*

Offertory Song (Adult Choir)

The Blessing

Kari Jobe Carnes, Cody Carnes, Steven Furtick, and Chris Brown

Sermon

"Equipped to Stand-The Armor of God"

Ephesians 6:13-20

Rev. Pablo Rosales

***Song of Response**

It Is Well with My Soul

Trinity Hymnal #691

***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: 3/28). The Wednesday study will NOT meet this week,

Ladies Connect meets Monday, Mar. 27th at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's. Come for a casual evening with friends.

No Men's Bible Study this week.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: C. Waldron, Poe, Goldstein, J. Petty, Ridenhour. SS: Mitchell, Williamson. CC: Standerfer, Polski. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Garner, Halls, Schlitt. SS: Talent, Oehlerking. CC: Oehlerking, Marcus.

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) will NOT meet this week. We will resume on Mar. 29th.

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. You can **let us know you are coming** and where you would like to help by scanning the QR code to the right or going to Church Center.

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

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, April 21st

Our monthly Coffee ministry was this past Friday morning. Thank you to the volunteers and all who prayed. It would not be possible without you.

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.

Robinson Elementary Food Pantry – April 20th

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.*

Due to space, this service opportunity is limited to 2 volunteers per month. Registration is now open for last 2 remaining dates on our Events page in Church Center.

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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