

# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

April 23, 2023



# WELCOME

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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO GOES BEFORE US

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**Pastoral Prayer:** Duncan Highmark, Ruling Elder

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflections**

It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant. — Matthew 20:26

“The authority by which the Christian leader leads is not power but love, not force but example, not coercion but reasoned persuasion. Leaders have power, but power is safe only in the hands of those who humble themselves to serve.”

— John Stott

“The way of the Christian leader is not the way of upward mobility in which our world has invested so much, but the way of downward mobility ending on the cross.” — Henri Nouwen

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

## **The Maddening Paradox of Leadership (Abridged) by Dan Doriani**

thegospelcoalition.org: November 24, 2020

Leadership is always a glory and a ruin, a privilege and a torment. People look for leaders, who are in short supply, and they look to leaders, whose skills and achievements they often exaggerate.

Leaders have friends and allies who assist and advise them, favor and flatter them, haunt them and hover over them. But they also have adversaries who criticize and condemn, squinting at the simplest act. They drown their leaders and delight in their demise, forgetting that it's so much easier to critique a sermon, a book, or a movie than it is to deliver, write, or direct one. And it's so much easier to rail at a leader than to be one.

Every step up in rank brings privileges—influence, wealth, assistance, knowledge. But every step up is simultaneously a step down—pressures, troubles, and demands. Every honor gained is a freedom lost.

Peter spoke to leaders in a difficult decade for churches, and his principles resonate today:

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. (1 Pet. 5:1–3)

First, notice that Peter calls himself “a fellow elder,” not an apostle. He identifies with the people he leads, instead of locating himself above them. So let us continue to identify with our people.

Second, Peter points his fellow elders to the pattern of Christ. For him, as for us, there is suffering and then there is glory. This was the course for Jesus, so let us be neither surprised nor alarmed if our ministry includes hardship.

Third, Peter states the core task. In the church, it is to shepherd and watch over God's flock. Pastors may speak of “my church, my people, or my flock,” but the church is “the flock of God” first and last. It is our sacred trust to care for God's people.

Fourth, Peter describes the mentality and motivations of a Christian leader with three contrasts. Elders lead . . .

- “not under compulsion, but willingly”
- “not for shameful gain, but eagerly”
- “not domineering, but being examples”

All three points describe Jesus, for he leads willing, eagerly, and by setting an example. So should we. When we look to Jesus, we expect leadership to be costly, for it cost him first. We also expect it to become rewarding, for he saw the result of his suffering and was satisfied (Isa. 53:11).

So leadership is a paradox—a ruin but finally a glory, a torment but also a privilege.

# Song of Preparation

*Better Is One Day*  
Words and Music by Matt Redman

♩ = 77

**E5** **A2(no3)**

1. How love - ly is Your dwell - ing place, O Lord al - might -  
 (2. One) thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -

**Bsus** **E5** **Bsus**

y. — For my soul longs and e - ven faints for You.  
 ty, — to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells.

**E5**

For here my heart is sat - is - fied  
 One thing I ask and I would seek:

**A2(no3)** **Bsus** **E5**

with - in Your pres - ence. — I sing be - neath the  
 To see Your beau - ty, — to find You in the

**Bsus**

shad - ow of Your wings. — Bet - ter is  
 place Your glo - ry dwells. — Bet - ter is

**A2(no3)** **E/A** **Bsus**

one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

19 **A2(no3)** **A/C#** **Bsus** **E/G#**  
 one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where. \_\_\_\_\_ Bet - ter is

21 **A2(no3)** **E/A** **Bsus**  
 one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is

23 **A2(no3)** **A/C#** **Bsus**  
*Last time to Coda*  
 one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where, \_\_\_\_\_ than thou - sands

25 **E5** **Bsus**  
 else - where. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. One else - where. \_\_\_\_\_

## Call to Worship—Psalm 116 (selected)

Leader: What shall we render to the Lord for all his benefits to us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

Leader: O Lord, we are your servants;

People: You have loosed our bonds.

All: We will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



1. You made the star - ry hosts, You traced the moun - tain peaks, You  
2. You reached in - to the dust, in love Your Spir - it breathed. You



paint the ev - 'ning skies with won - ders. The earth, it is Your throne from  
formed us in Your ver - y like - ness to know Your won-drous works, to



des - ert to the sea. All na - ture tes - ti - fies Your splen - dor. Praise the  
tell Your might - y deeds, to join the ev - er - last - ing cho - rus.

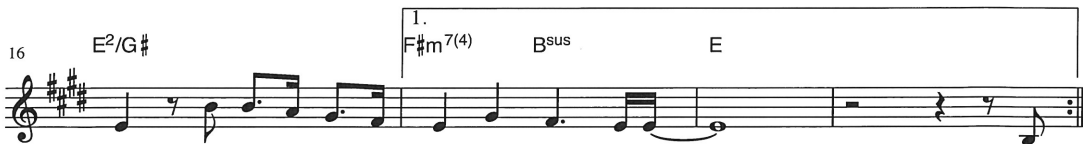
### CHORUS 1



Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness, all cre - a - tion. Praise the



Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from furth - est east to



west, let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. — 2. You



has breath praise the Lord. —



24 A F F<sup>2sus</sup>

3. Let sym - phon - ies re-sound, let drums and choirs ring out, all

27 F F<sup>2sus</sup> F F

heav - en hear the sound of wor - ship. Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its

30 F<sup>2sus</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> F/A B<sup>b2</sup> C

hon - ors to the King, a roar of har - mon - ies e - ter - nal. Praise the

**CHORUS 2**

33 F Gm<sup>7(4)</sup> F/A B<sup>b2(no3)</sup> C<sup>sus</sup>

Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness, all cre - a - tion. Praise the

37 Dm<sup>7</sup> C/E F/A B<sup>b2(no3)</sup>

Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from furth - est east to

40 F/C B<sup>b2/D</sup> F/C

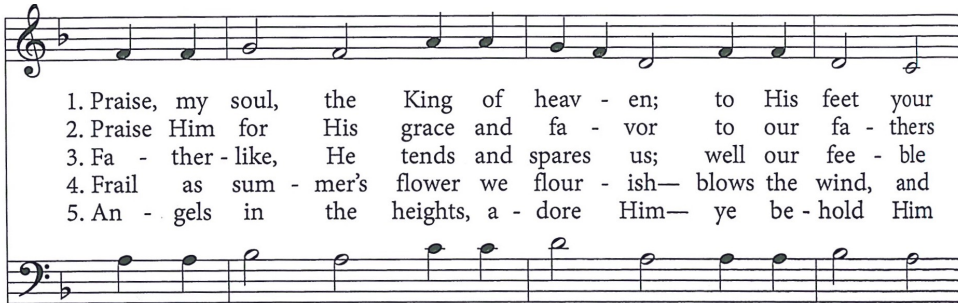
west, you dis - tant burn - ing stars, all crea - tures near and far, from sky to sea to

43 Gm<sup>7(4)</sup> F/A B<sup>b</sup> C F

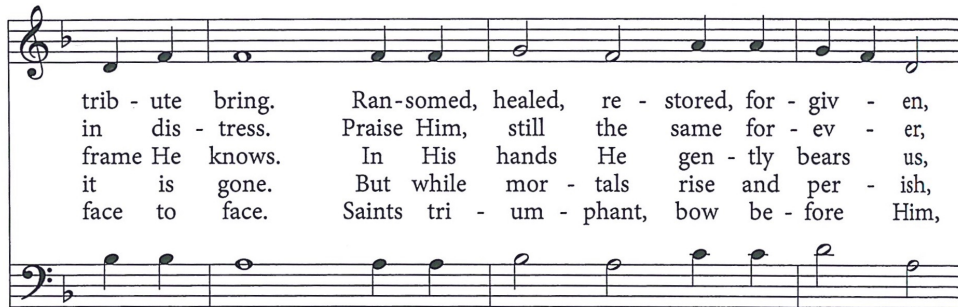
shore, sing out for ev - er - more, let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord. —

# Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Words: Henry F. Lyte. Music: American folk melody



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to His feet your  
2. Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers  
3. Fa - ther - like, He tends and spares us; well our fee - ble  
4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish— blows the wind, and  
5. An - gels in the heights, a - dore Him— ye be - hold Him



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress. Praise Him, still the same for - ev - er,  
frame He knows. In His hands He gen - tly bears us,  
it is gone. But while mor - tals rise and per - ish,  
face to face. Saints tri - um - phant, bow be - fore Him,



ev - er - more His prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
God en - dures un - chang - ing on! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
gath - ered in from eve - ry race. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Praise the ev - er - last - ing King! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows. Al - le - lu - ia,  
Praise the High E - ter - nal One! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Praise with us the God of grace! Al - le - lu - ia,

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## \*Prayer of Adoration

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### New Testament Reading—Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Peter's Sermon at Pentecost*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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—1 Peter 1:17**

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile...

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Peter 1:18-19**

You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for saving us by the precious blood of Christ!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

# Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Words and Music by Robert Lowry. Arr. by Keith Getty, Fianan de Barra, Dave Cleveland, Ross Holmes, and Matt Menafee

D D A<sup>7</sup> D

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
2. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
3. This is all my hope and peace, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
4. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! this I sing - Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

5 D D A<sup>7</sup> D

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
Naught of good that I have done, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
This is all my right - eous - ness, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
All my life, my cry shall be - Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

9 D D/C# Bm<sup>7</sup> D/A Em/G Em/F# Em A<sup>7</sup>

Oh! pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

13 D D/C# D/C Bm<sup>7</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> Gma<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D

No oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

## 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)*

## **Offertory Song** (Ensemble)

## *The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)*

Words and Music by Matt Maher, Bryan Fowler, and Jacob Sooter

## **Sermon**

"The Burden and Responsibilities of Leading and Following"

A Series on the Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 1:9-18

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

Isaiah 43

Composer Unknown

Real Key

Dm Dm/C Bb

1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you  
 2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.

5 Eb Bb Dm Dm/C Bb C Bb F

And the waves will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For  
 And the flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear For

11 C Bb Eb Bb Dm Dm/C Bb

I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine  
 I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

17 C F Ebadd9

Women: I am the Lord your God\_\_\_\_\_

Men: For I am the Lord your God\_\_\_\_\_ I am the Lord Your

21 God Gm C Gm C

Unison: God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your

24 Bb Ebadd9 C F

Women: I am the Lord your

Sa - vior. Men: For I am the Lord your God\_\_\_\_\_

28  $E^b a d d 9$  God  $Gm$  God  $C$

I am the Lord Your God **Unison:** I am the Ho - ly One of

31  $Gm$   $C$   $B^b$   $E^b a d d 9$   $C$  **Women:** Do  $F$   $F/E$  not

Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior **Men:** I am the Lord

35  $F/D$   $F/C$   $B^b$   $F/A$   $Gm$   $C$   $F$   $F/E$  fear Do not fear Do not

I am the Lord I am the Lord

39  $F/D$   $F/C$   $B^b$   $F/A$   $Gm$   $C$  fear Do not fear

I am the Lord

**\*Benediction**



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## **Skills in Bible Reading and Interpretation - Dr. Aaron Goldstein (Room 111)**

The Bible is God's word. It is also a big book, written over centuries, by different human authors, from various historical contexts, and in a variety of literary genres! In this class, we will discuss theory and practice for reading this diverse material well. (It will be fun!)

## **Trinity Connect – Rev. Dr. Chris Polski & Rev. Pablo Rosales (Room 110)**

Are you interested in learning more about Trinity Church and the PCA? Thinking of becoming a member? If so, join Pastor Polski and Pastor Rosales for this six week class. While attending this class does not commit you to membership, it is a prerequisite.

## **Exodus - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Fireplace Room-101)**

Moses, the Law, the Egyptian Plagues, the flight from Egypt: the references from Exodus are throughout Scripture. Can we really understand Mount Zion, unless we study to appreciate this experience of Mount Sinai? As our pastors take us through Exodus in their Sunday sermons, we will be doing a verse-by-verse study of the book, *Exodus, a Flight from Slavery*.

**Jr. & Sr. High Students** - Lower level

**4th-5th Grade** - Room 102

**1st-3rd Grade** - Room 106B

**Pre K/Kindergarten** - Room 105

**Nursery** - Rooms 103 & 104

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday school classes for all ages meet today.**

**Women's Bible Studies:** Two Tues. a month a group meets in the evenings to discuss Psalm 23 (next gathering: 4/25). The Wed. study is on hiatus.

**Women's Dessert and Social:** TOMORROW., Apr. 24th at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

**Men's Bible study** is continuing to meet for a few more weeks on Wed. at 6pm.

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: C. Waldron, McCall, S. Hendricks, Ridenhour, Martir. SS: Oehlerking, Harlow. CC: K. Standerfer, Sweet. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Smith. Nursery: Garner, L. Nichols, Goldstein, Williamson, J. Petty. SS: Mitchell, Broughton. No CC next week.

**Family Movie Night:** THIS Fri., Apr. 28 at 6 pm (showtime at 6:15 pm). We will be watching Raya and the Last Dragon. Wear your comfiest clothes (PJs welcome!), bring your pillow and blanket, and meet us in the youth room downstairs! Lemonade and popcorn will be provided. Extra treats are welcome, but please help us stay peanut free. Please register on Church Center.

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

**Cinco de Mayo:** The Missions Committee will be hosting missionary Cheryl Crocker on Fri., May 5, from 6-7:30 PM. We'll have tacos and mission updates. RSVP preferred, but not necessary, to Liz Boehne at 314-960-4874 or gregliz@swbell.net.

Make plans to join us for our **Summer Discussion Series** events from 6-7:30pm. More details will follow, but here are the topics and dates: June 7- Transgenderism and Gender Dysphoria, June 29 (*adjusted date from original*)- Christianity, Politics and Patriotism, Aug. 2- Disagreeing Biblically.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to  
[amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto: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:

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**Greeters:** James Broughton

([jlbroughton12@gmail.com](mailto:jlbroughton12@gmail.com)), **Nursery:**

Alyssa Hall ([alyssaruth120@gmail.com](mailto:alyssaruth120@gmail.com)).

**Children's Ministry:** Melissa Kocker  
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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(S)

As summer approaches we want to give you a few dates to add to your calendar:

**Oasis BBQ-** May 20

**Summer Discussion Series-**(dates to the left)

**Children's Ministry Summer Kickoff-**  
Jun. 10

**Bike Night-** Jun. 21

**Lawn Games Night-** July 5

**Summer Splash-** July 19

**Prayer & Praise-** Aug. 6


**Women's Retreat-** Aug 11-12

# MISSIONS UPDATE

## **The Mobilized Church: Missions Workshop – April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**


If someone were to ask you, “What kind of missions work does your church do?”, would you know what to say? In a lot of churches, “missions” is the work of a few people in the church while the rest of the congregation is in the dark as to what is going on. This is no one-person’s fault. Rather, it comes from a culture of compartmentalization and specialization. These aren’t necessarily bad things, but we can see what happens if what is meant to be a team effort gets compartmentalized too early too soon. Take youth sports for example—kids (sometimes as early as 5 years old) are given a position that they will be expected to play for the rest of their lives. Note only will this delay athleticism and field awareness, but soon the team game is “not fun anymore.” Similarly, the particular position of “missions” is given to some and they are expected to play that position for the rest of the lives.

In the mobilized church workshop, which will be hosted here at Trinity Church, we want to discover how the entire church can be involved in missions. How, as a team (or one body), we can strengthen and deepen our missional engagement for the spreading of the gospel.

These are two all-day workshops (9am – 5pm). Cost and information are found by clicking this QR code:  Please contact Pastor Pablo with any questions.

## **Mark your calendars – May 20<sup>th</sup> - 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

## **Mission Gate Ministry Luncheon – This Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Free food!* Now I have your attention. Mission Gate is a local ministry that seeks to transform men and women with the power of the Gospel. During this luncheon you will hear testimony from several people who have met Jesus in prison through this ministry. This event will be held at The Lodge Des Peres from 12-1:30pm. RSVP by Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to attend.

Please see Chuck Barker or Jim Talent for more 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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