



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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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.



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WORSHIPING THE GOD OF TRUTH

Liturgist: Dr. Aaron Goldstein

Scripture Reader: Glynn Schlitt

Pastoral Prayer: Bill Elzinga, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

I waited patiently for the Lord, He inclined to me and heard my cry.

— Psalm 40:1

"God is not always immediate justice, but He is a God of ultimate justice."

— John Blanchard

"God's love for sinners is very wonderful, but God's patience with ill-natured saints is a deeper mystery." — Henry Drummond

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 1:45 contains what seems to be one of the most terrifying verses in the bible. It recounts the moment after Israel had rebelled against the Lord, ignored his warnings and gone into battle without his aid, a mistake that caused them to be routed. On the heels of this disobedience Deuteronomy states:

And you returned and wept before the Lord, but the Lord did not listen to your voice or give ear to you.

Does this mean that there are moments when God refuses to hear our prayers?

The answer is yes, and no.

"Yes," in the sense that when our prayers are offered out of selfishness and an expectation that God needs to give us what we want when we want it, then He will not listen. Here in Deuteronomy 1:45 Israel's weeping is not repentance as much as it is embarrassment for being caught out.

Having said that, the answer is also "no," because even if God does not "listen" to our prayers, He still "hears" them. This is because 1) He's God and He knows and sees everything and 2) Because in order to discern whether our prayers are offered earnestly God must assess them.

So Israel's weeping was "heard" but it was not "heeded/listened to" because it was not earnest.

What this verse should inspire in us is taking a moment to assess whether we are offering our prayers and intercessions before God with the proper respect, earnestness and humility. If we are, then He both "hears" and "listens" and in doing so He determines what is best for us.

Song of Preparation

All I Have

Rebecca Elliot and bobby Gilles

Creator, giver of all things. All I have is yours
Accept my humble offering. All I have is yours
When I was chained to greed and pride;
Tight-fisted destined just to die.
You paid my debt and bought my life. All I have is yours
All I have, all I have. All I have is yours

Call to Worship—Psalm 31 (selected)

Leader: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

People: Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

Leader: For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

People: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. My times are in your hand;

All: Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Trinity Hymnal #92

Cornerstone

Eric Lijero, Rueben Morgan, Jonas Myrin, and Edward Mote. Arr. by Joel Mott

♩=71 **INTRO**
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VERSE 1



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less, than Je - sus' blood and



right - eous - ness. — I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. —



16 2. C C^{sus} C CHORUS F Am G C/E

- sus' Name. Christ a-lone. Corn-er-stone. Weak made

20 F Am G C F Am G

strong in the Sav-iour's love. Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of

24 C § VERSE 2 & 3 C

all. 2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face,
3. When He shall come with trump-et sound,

28 F G Am

I rest on His un-chang-ing grace. In ev-'ry high and
oh may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His right-eous-

31 Am/G F G C F G 2nd time to Coda Φ

storm-y gale, my an-chor holds with-in the veil. My an-chor holds with-in
-ness a-lone. Fault-less stand be-fore

35 C CHORUS F Am G C/E

the veil. Christ a-lone. Corn-er-stone. Weak made

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Peter 2:2-10

A Living Stone and a Holy People

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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—John 14:1-3

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for relieving our fear!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Jennie Wilson. Arr. by Mason Brown

Country Gospel shuffle ♩ = 75

mp Band in; Light groove
16th shuffle

1 Verse

D

Time is filled with swift tran -

Bm D

si - tion, naught of earth un-moved can stand; build your hopes on things e -

2 Chorus *mf*

F#7 Bm G D/A A7 D D

ter - nal, hold to God's un-chang-ing hand. Hold to His hand,

Bm

God's un-chang-ing hand. Hold to His hand, God's un-chang-ing hand.

D F#7 Bm G D/A A7 D

Build your hopes on things e - ter - nal, hold to God's un-chang-ing hand.

3 Verse *mp*

D Bm

Trust in Him who will not leave you, what - so - e - ver years may bring;

23 D F#7 Bm G $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

if by earth-ly friends for - sa - ken, still more close-ly to - Him cling.

41 $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D D

Co-vet not_ this world's vain ri-ches,

45 Bm D F#7 Bm G

mf Band building

that so-ra - pid-ly de - cay; seek to gain the hea-ven-ly trea - sures,

49 $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D D

they are ne - ver gon-na pass a - way. Hold to His hand,

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade in room 106)

Sermon

"The Sins of the Fathers"

A Series on the Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 1:34-46

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

Song of Response

Your Will Be Done

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

5 C Am F C

1. Your will be
 (2. How in that)
 (3. When I am)
 (4. As we go)

9 C F C Am G

done, my God and Fa - ther as in heav - en, so on earth. My heart is
 gar - den he per - sis - ted, I may nev - er ful - ly know. The fear - ful
 lost, when I am bro - ken, in the night of fear and doubt. Still I will
 forth, our God and Fa - ther, lead us dai - ly in the fight. That all the

13 C F C G C F/C

drawn to self - ex - alt - ing, help me seek Your king - dom first. As Je - sus
 weight of true o - be - dience, it was held by him a - lone. What won - drous
 trust in my good Fa - ther, yes, to one great King I bow! As Je - sus
 world might see Your glo - ry and Your Name be lift - ed high. And in this

17 C F C Am G

walked, so I shall walk held by Your same un - chang - ing love. Be still my
 faith to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what won - drous love! My hope was
 rose, so I shall rise in ran - somed glo - ry at the throne. My heart re -
 Name we o - ver - come, for You shall see us safe - ly home. Now as Your

21 C F C F C G

soul, O lift your voice and pray,
 sure when there my Sav - iour prayed: } "Fa - ther, not my will, but Yours be
 stored with all your saints I sing:
 church, we lift our voice and pray:

24 | 1, 2, 3. | 4. D.S. al Coda

done." 2. How in that done." And in this
 3. When I am
 4. As we go

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.

(Grape juice is in the purple cups and wine in the clear. The bread is gluten and nut free)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Words by Reginald Heber. Music & add'l text by Zac Hicks

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Doxology
Trinity Hymnal #731

*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.

Cheryl Crocker, Missionary with MTW (Fireplace Room)

Cheryl Crocker has served for over 20 years with MTW working with global national church planters around the world. The Lord has given her the great privilege of bringing medical teams to walk alongside these church planters. By God's grace, she has helped provide additional opportunities of mercy and benevolence to people who have so little. She has witnessed change in those who were opposed to the ministry to being supportive of it in their villages, and more importantly becoming a child of the King themselves. In this case, the Lord used a pair of reading glasses, and the truth of the gospel walked out before them. The Lord has been building his church and Cheryl has been a faithful instrument in His service.

For more information and to support her ministry, please check out her MTW page: <https://www.mtw.org/missionaries/details/cheryl-crocker>

Jr. & Sr. High Students - Lower level

4th-5th Grade - Room 102

1st-3rd Grade - Room 106

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: 5/9). The Wed. study is on hiatus.

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

Volunteers today: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: O'Neals, Linenbrokers, M. Goldstein. SS: K. Standerfer, Hammond. CC: Oehlerking, Jackson Standerfer.

Next Sunday: Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, T. Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Halls, Bava, L. Polski, M. Kocher. CC: Jackson, M. Roberts.

Young Adults Lunch TODAY at 12:15pm at Drew & Brittany Lattner's.

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

Men's Breakfast on Sat., May 13 from 8-9:30am. RSVP to Kyle Roberts or use the QR code to the right.

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.

Ladies, we are excited to announce that we have an overnight **retreat coming** the evening of Aug. 11- the afternoon of Aug. 12. Registration will open next week (keep an eye out for an email with more details), but make sure to save the date!

Sr. High Lock-In: May 19-20, **Jr. High Lock-In:** Jun.9-10 (friends encouraged to both). SH, be sure to RSVP for the **SH Retreat** on July 7-9 by Jun. 11.

Children nursery-5th grade and their families, join us for **Summer Kickoff on Sat., Jun. 10** from 3:30-7pm for inflatables, activities, crafts, music, and fun! A hot dog dinner will be served at 5pm. Register by using the QR code to the right.

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.Kocher@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(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

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

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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