



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

October 8, 2023

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF SALVATION

(Our overflow room is located off of the hallway near the kitchen.)

Liturgist: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Katherine Hickman

Pastoral Prayer: Steve O'Neal, Ruling Elder

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

"Christ is the desire of nations, the joy of angels, the delight of the Father. What solace then must that soul be filled with, that has the possession of Him to all eternity!" — John Bunyan

"Christ is not said to have received salvation, but to be salvation itself."
— John Calvin

"If you have ever come to God, crying out for salvation, and for salvation only, then you have come unto God aright." — Charles Spurgeon

"The coming of the gentle king is associated with the proclamation of peace to the nations, extending his reign to the ends of the earth." — D. A. Carson

Devotional Preparation

"The Latter Days" — ligonier.org, 02.20.13

Understanding certain concepts in the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Bible, written by Moses—is essential for understanding the prophets. One key concept is "the latter days," which appears in today's passage. Centuries before the prophet's ministry, Moses foretold what would happen in the latter days.

The Hebrew phrase translated into English "latter days" appears several times in the Pentateuch, and it is also sometimes rendered "days to come." Each time that it appears, this phrase refers to great blessing that is to come for the people, particularly the tribe of Judah, to whom is promised the obedience of the peoples (Gen. 49:1, 8–12). In Deuteronomy, the phrase is particularly associated with the purification of Israel through and after the exile. Moses foresaw that the people would fall into idolatry, but that the remnant would repent and be restored (Deut. 4:15–31; 30:1–10; 31:29–32:43).

When Isaiah refers to the "latter days" in today's passage, he is looking forward to the same era. This chapter is interesting because of the way it offers both hope and warning. The warning is found in Isaiah 2:6–22, where Jacob—the people of Israel—is admonished not to fall into idolatry, for it can result only in final destruction. This warning served to keep the remnant faithful even as it resulted in the hardening of the non-elect, for the Word of the Lord always accomplishes its purposes (Isa. 55:10–11).

Isaiah's words of hope are found in today's passage, verses 1–5. Since God dealt with the covenant community as a corporate body, He did not discriminate between the righteous and the unrighteous when Israel went into exile. Though the Lord knew His true servants and did not condemn them to eternal death, godly people such as Daniel went into exile alongside the faithless Israelites (Dan. 1). These believers needed sustenance for their faith, which the Lord provided in Isaiah 2:1–5 and many other texts.

This passage depicts the hope of Israel in a way the ancient Jews could understand. Ancient peoples typically built their temples on mountains, and Israel was no exception, having built its temple on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. Exalting this mountain meant that Israel's religion would be proven the only true religion. The nations would see that Yahweh, the covenant Lord of Israel, is the one true God (vv. 2–3a). After the exile, God's people would be vindicated, and the whole world would worship Him (vv. 3b–5).

Today's passage is ultimately fulfilled in Christ, the temple of God who is exalted over all the nations (Mark 14:58; John 2:13–22). How much of this Isaiah clearly understood is hard to say, but he knew for sure that his vision meant the exaltation of Israel and that the world would know Yahweh is the one true God. The Lord showed this to him in a way His ancient people could understand, for God speaks our language when He reveals Himself. Let us thank Him for that.

Song of Preparation

Be Still, My Soul

Trinity Hymnal #689

Call to Worship—Psalm 46 (selected)

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord!

People: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

Leader: Be still, and know that I am God.

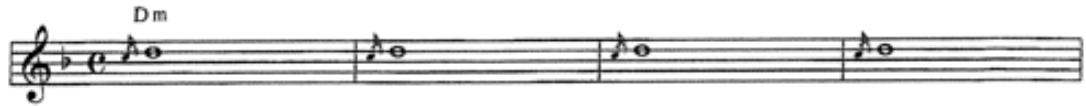
People: He will be exalted among the nations, He will be exalted in the earth!

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

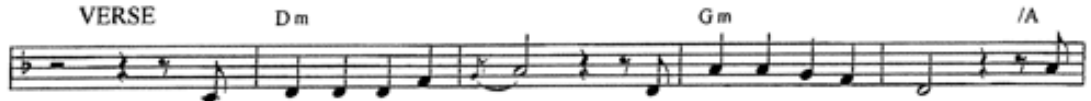
The Lamb Has Overcome

Luke Morton

INTRO



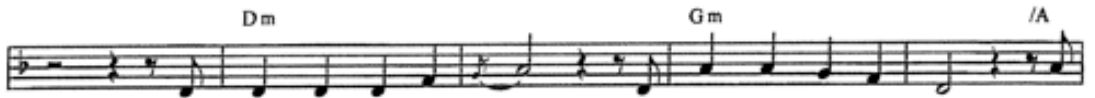
VERSE



5 1,6. The Lamb has ov - er - come spread The Lamb has ov - er - come spread The
4. The ta - ble now is spread The ta - ble now is spread This



10 bat - tle's done and the vic - to - ry is won For the Lamb has ov - er - come!
wine and bread bro - ken bo - dy and blood shed The ta - ble now is spread.



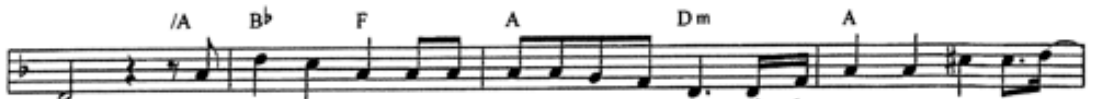
14 2. No grave could hold him down. No grave could hold him down Up



19 from the ground, "He is ri - sen!" was the sound No grave could hold him down



23 3. At God's right hand is he near At God's right hand is
4. The day is draw - ing near The day is draw ing



27 he near. Our Per - fect Plea as he lives to in - ter - cede At God's right hand is he
He shall ap - pear and will wipe a - way each tear The day is draw - ing -

CHORUS

31 near. Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain Glo-ry

34 be un - to his name Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain Glo-ry

38 be un - to his name!

40 be un - to his name! Wor - thy

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Romans 10:8-17

The Message of Salvation for All

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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—Acts 20:24

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

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: Christian, give thanks to God for hearing our pleas for mercy!

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, Fionan de Barra, Dave Cleveland, Ross Holmes, and Matt Menafey

D D A7 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 A7 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# Bm7 D/A Em/G Em/F# Em A7

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

13 D D/C# D/C Bm7 Em7 Gma7 A7 D

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

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 (please join when directed)

Our God Will Go Before Us

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa. Arr. by Daniel Galbraith

Our God will go before us, the Lord of Hosts is with us.

O praise the One who leads us on

For His grace will bring us home.

Sermon

"The Vision of the Nations"

Isaiah 2:1-5

Rev. Jason Polk

*Song of Response

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

D/F# G



1. In the dark - ness — we were wait - ing, with - out hope, .
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -

2 A D D/F# G



— with-out light, — till from Heav - en You — came run - ning. There was mer -
- con-cile the lost, — to re - deem — the whole — cre - a - tion You did not —

4 A D D/F# G



- cy in — Your eyes. — To ful - fil — the law — and pro - phets, to a vir -
- des - pise — the cross. — For — e - ven in — Your suf - fring, You saw to —

6 A D D/F# G



- gin came — the Word — from a throne — of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
- the oth - er side. — Know-ing this — was our — sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for —

CHORUS

8 A D D



- dle in — the dirt. — Praise the Fa - ther,
— our sake — You died. —

12 G Bm A^{sus} A D



praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 G Bm G A D



maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.

20 1. VERSE 3

Bm G

2. To re-veal 3. And the morn - ing that - You rose - all of heav

23 A D Bm G

- en held - its breath - till that stone - was moved - for good, - for the Lamb

25 A D Bm G

- had con - quered death. - And the dead - rose from - their tombs, - and the an -

27 A D Bm G

- gels stood - in awe, - for the souls - of all - who'd come - to the Fa -

VERSE 4

29 A D D/F# G

- ther are - re - stored. - 4. And the Church - of Christ - was born, - then the Spir

- it lit - the flame. - Now this Gos - pel truth - of old - shall - not kneel,

33 A D D/F# G

- shall - not faint. - By His blood - and in - His Name, - in His free

35 A D D/F# G A

- dom I - am free, - for the love - of Je - sus Christ - who has res - ur - rect - ed me.

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today.

Adults will meet for a special joint class in the sanctuary.

Sunday snack volunteers needed: See sign up info on the snack table.

Volunteers today: Ushers: S. Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Chrissy Inion, Poe, S. Goldstein, Highmark, M. Goldstein. SS: Martir, Oehlerking. CC: Jackson, A. Rosales. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Schaffer, S. Garner, J. Standerfer, Williamson. SS: Broughton, Kocher. CC: K. Standerfer, Marcus.

Sign up for a Small Group today in the Narthex.

ACTION (All Church Things In One Night) **meets the 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month (10/18).** An optional dinner is available if you register by Tues. at 9am using the QR code to the right. Dinner is at 5:30pm, followed by nursery, children's ministry, jr. high, and men's and women's bible study from 6-7:15pm.

Youth Ministry: Jr. High meets weekly on Wed. from 6-7:15 pm. Sr. High meets Sundays from 6-7:30pm. Jr. High Mini Golf-Oct. 13 from 6:30-8pm.

Men's Breakfast on Sat., Oct. 21 from 8-9:30am.

Men's Bible Study will meet Wed. during ACTION, OR the 2nd & 4th Fri. at 6:30am. Pastor Polski will be leading a study on Daniel. There is a **Women's Bible Study** on Proverbs that meets two Tues. a month at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home (10/10). A study of Luke is held weekly at Trinity at 9am or along side ACTION every-other week at 6pm.

Join us for our Fall children's event--**Flannelpalooza!** Wear your Fall flannel, participate in the chili contest and dinner, roast s'mores, pick a pumpkin, take a hayride, and bring a friend! All are welcome! RSVP using the QR code to the right or on Church Center.

Our fall **all church Work Day** will take place on Sat., Oct 21 at 9am. Please plan to join us as we care for the grounds and church building. There will be things to do indoors and out.

Christmas Craft Volunteer Info Meeting: Never attended our annual Christmas Craft Party? This is a favorite ministry to our Trinity kids and a wonderful outreach to our community. But it takes LOTS of volunteers. On Oct. 29 we will have a very brief meeting after SS for those who have not volunteered in the past to let them know what we do.

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 Kocher (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 we head into the fall, please add these dates to your calendar:

Flannel Palooza- Oct. 14

Men's Breakfast- Oct. 21

Church Work Day- Oct. 21

Christmas Craft Volunteer Mtg.-
Oct. 29

Thanksgiving Service- Nov. 22

Christmas Craft Party- Dec. 2

Christmas Concert- Dec. 17

Christmas Eve-5pm (regular 9:30am worship that morning)

MISSION UPDATE

Today's Joint Sunday School

As we conclude our mission week, join us today in the sanctuary following the service to hear from our guest preacher and Mission to the World missionary, Jason Polk. He will be sharing about his team's ministry of community health outreach and church planting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, including the planting of a new denomination—Grace of the Messiah Presbyterian Church.

Baby Shower and Baby Bottles!

THRIVE St. Louis provides low cost/no cost medical services to women facing an unexpected pregnancy. They offer pregnancy testing, STD testing and treatment, ultrasound services, pregnancy options and parenting & life skills classes.

To support this ministry, we are hosting a Bottle Drive and Baby Shower. On **October 22nd**, a Thrive Ambassador will give a brief presentation the worship service. Empty bottles will be distributed that morning. Fill your baby bottle with loose change, cash, or a check. Return your bottles on October 29, November 5, or November 12. There will be a display in the narthex.

If you prefer to purchase items, a shopping list will be included in the weekly bulletin on October 22nd. Return your unwrapped items to church on October 29, November 5, and November 12th and place in the display area.

****There are some urgent needs. Thrive is currently out of Infant car seats, next step up car seats, Pack N' Plays with/out bassinets. They have a lot of moms getting ready to deliver. Please contact Jane Caldwell (jecmd25@gmail.com) for immediate donations.**

Please pray for the women, men, and children served by this ministry. Your generous support is greatly appreciated!

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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