



# 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 WHO SETS US APART

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

**Nursery Volunteers (worship service):** Steve & Kathy O'Neal, Karen Broughton, Shirah Goldstein

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Megan Hawley

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Jim Talent

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflection**

When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.

— Proverbs 21:15

"But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die." — Exodus 18:21

"When (The Lord) uses force it is as a last resort, a measured response to restrain wickedness." — Andrew Judd

## Devotional Preparation

Excerpted from Justin Taylor, "How could God command Genocide in the Old Testament?" TGC.com

### ***God's actions were not an example of ethnic cleansing***

"The Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy) provides laws for two types of warfare: (1) battles fought against cities outside the Promise Land (see Deut. 20:10-15), and (2) battles fought against cities within the Promised Land (Deut. 20:16-18). The first type allowed for Israel to spare people; the second type did not. This herem practice (the second type of warfare) meant "devotion/consecration to destruction." As a sacred act fulfilling divine judgment, it is outside our own categories for thinking about warfare. Even though the destruction is commanded in terms of totality, there seems to have been an exception for those who repented, turning to the one true and living God (e.g., Rahab and her family [Josh. 2:9], and the Gibeonites [Josh. 11:19]). What this means is that the reason for the destruction of God's wicked enemies was precisely because of their rebellion and according to God's special purposes—not because of their ethnicity. "Ethnic cleansing" and genocide refer to destruction of a people due to their ethnicity, and therefore this would be an inappropriate category for the destruction of the Canaanites."

# Song of Preparation

## Better Is One Day

Matt Redman

$\text{♩} = 77$

**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 -

**4** **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.

**8** **E5**



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

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



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

**14** **Bsus**



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

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



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

## Call to Worship—Psalm 62

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

**People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

**People: On God rests my salvation and my glory;**

**All: God is a refuge for us. *Selah***

Leader: Now O Lord our God, our Rock and our Redeemer, make us ready instruments to sing Your praise!

## WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

**\*Songs of Adoration**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Trinity Hymnal #92

# 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 —

8 A D D



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

12 G Bm A<sup>sus</sup> 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 2.

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.

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## **New Testament Reading—Mark 1:14-20**

Jesus Begins His Ministry and Call His First Disciples

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." Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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 Corinthians 7:29-31**

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace —**

### **1 Corinthians 15:56-57**

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

# Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor

B $\flat$  F

1. Let us love and sing and won - der,  
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
 3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion

3 Gm E $\flat$  F

Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,  
 Pit - ied us when en - vior's e - mies,  
 Threat - en hard to bear us down

5 B $\flat$  F

He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,  
 Called us by his grace and taught us  
 For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion

7 Gm E $\flat$

He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has  
 Gave us ears view and the gave us u'ror's eyes crown He has  
 Holds in view the conq - u'ror's crown He who

9 Gm E $\flat$

washed us with His blood,  
 washed us with His blood,  
 washed us with His blood,  
 He has  
 He has  
 He who

11 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He who

13 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood, He pre -  
 washed us with His blood, Soon will

15 F Bb

brought us nigh to God  
 sent our souls to God  
 bring us home to God

17 F Gm Eb

4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
 Join and point to mercy's store  
 When through grace in Christ our trust is  
 Justice smiles and asks no more  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
 Of the saints enthroned on high  
 Here they trusted Him before us  
 Now their praises fill the sky  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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)

*I'll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)*

Wendell Kimbrough

**Sermon**

"Straight Talk"

Deuteronomy 7:1-8

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# The Lord Is My Salvation

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Nathan NOckles, and Joanas Myrin. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs

F#m D E Sus E F#m D E Sus E

1. The grace of God has reached for\_ me,  
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls,  
 3. My hope is hid - den in the\_ Lord,  
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of\_ need,

And pulled me from the rag - ing sea.  
 His strength will help me scale these walls.  
 He flow'rs each pro - mise of His Word.  
 When I know loss, when I am weak.

4 D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E 1.3. D/A E/A

And I am safe on this sol - id ground: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.  
 I know His grace will re - new these days: The Lord is my sal - va -

8 2.4. Refrain D/A E/A A E D A/C# E D A/C#

tion. Who is like the\_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

13 F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E 1. [to verse] 2. D/A E/A D/A E/A

debt is paid and the vic - tory won: The Lord is my sal - va - tion. tion.

F#m D Esus E F#m D Esus E

5. And when I reach my fi - nal\_ day, He will not leave me in the grave.

D/F# E/G# A A/C# D Bm7 E D/A E/A A

But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

**Refrain**  
E D A/C# E D A/C#

Who is like the\_ Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

F#m E/G# A A/C# D A/C# Bm7 E A **Bridge**

debt is paid and the vic - tory won; The Lord is my sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

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

be to God, the Fa - ther, - Glo - ry be to God, the Son, - Glo - ry

D A/C# C#m F#m Bm7 Esus <sup>1.</sup> A sus A

be to God, the Spi - rit; - The Lord is our sal - va - tion. Glo - ry

## \*Benediction

Please remain in the sanctuary for a very brief congregational meeting

**Nursery Volunteer (SS):** Julie Hammond (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the congregational meeting)



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Adult Sunday School

### **Survey of the Minor Prophets- Dr. Aaron Goldstein (Room 111)**

Also known as the Book of the Twelve, in this class we will explore the twelve Minor Prophets in the Old Testament. We will look at each book, considering its main message and key passages, with a special interest in the way that the book is quoted in the New Testament and how it applies today.

### **The Book of Romans - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)**

If the book of Romans had a title, it might well be "A Righteousness from God". It is the most systematic of all of Paul's epistles, explaining the related concepts of sin, salvation, sanctification, justification, and redemption. Along the way, Paul also explains the relationship between Jew and Gentile in the church and gives practical advice for handling relationships within the body of believers. Anyone who studies Romans will – with the aid of the Holy Spirit -- engage with the most foundational truths of our faith, and of the universe. You won't get that anywhere else!

### **Trinity Connect- Rev. Dr. Chris Polski & Rev. Pablo Rosales (Fireplace Room)**

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.

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

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

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

**Preschool (3yrs by July 31) /Kindergarten** - Room 105

**Nursery** - Room 104

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday school classes for all ages meet today.** See the previous page for a list of classes.

**Volunteers today:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: O'Neals, Broughton, S. Goldstein. SS: Hammond. CC: K. Standerfer, M. Hawley, S. Williamson. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: J. Hendricks, Schlitt, M. Goldstein. SS: Harlow. CC: Sweet, Oehlerking, S. Goldstein.

The **Women's Tues. Bible study will resume on Jan. 23** at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home. They will be discussing lesson 8 (Proverbs 9). The **Women's Wed. studies will resume on Feb. 7th, along with the Men's Bible study.**

**ACTION** (All Church Things In One Night) will resume on Feb. 7th.

**Youth Ministry:** Jr. High meets Wednesdays at 6pm. Sr. High meets Sundays at 6pm. Super Bowl Party-Feb. 11 from 5-9pm.

**Help needed:** Nursery Co-Coordinator, Sunday morning nursery volunteers, ACTION Kids lessons teacher, Playdate Coordinator. See Melissa Kocher.

**Ladies Connect THIS MONDAY** at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's home. Come out for a relaxing evening with friends. Bring a snack or beverage to share (not required).

Save the Date: Our Jr. and Sr. High students are hosting a **Trivia Night on Fri., Mar. 1st at 6pm.** This night of fellowship and competition will help support our Student Ministry for their upcoming summer retreats & Puerto Rico Mission Trip. There will be soft drinks, coffee, and desserts for purchase. Tables are welcome to bring dinner. Register on Church Center or use the QR code on today's insert.

You are invited to **Forai's Winter Sip & Shop Warehouse Sale on Feb. 3 from 10am-2pm.** Enjoy great sales on all inventory, including jewelry, hair accessories, and baby textiles. Free La Cosecha coffee and locally made global treats, along with prizes, live music and tours of Forai's workshop. 4200 Delor St., St. Louis, 63116. Questions-see Brittany Lattner.

**Prayer and Praise!** Mar. 2 at 6:30pm at the home of Kyle & Melissa Kocher. Come for a time of singing and prayer led by our ensemble with a focus on the Lenten season. Register on Church Center-space is limited.

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:

[Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),

**Greeters:** James Broughton

([jlbroughton12@gmail.com](mailto:jlbroughton12@gmail.com)), **Children's**

**Ministry:** Melissa Kocher

([Melissa.Kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto: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:](#)



### SANDRA M<sup>C</sup>CRACKEN

IN CONCERT: Fri., Apr. 26th at 7pm with her band, Paperhorses. Taylor Leonhardt will be opening. Doors open at 6:15pm. Tickets are on sale now, with early bird prices for general admission through Jan. 29th.

# MISSION UPDATE

**Prayers:** Here is a QR link to our January 2024 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar:




## **Goers:**


- **Fulfilling the mission of Trinity's Children's Ministry takes many hands!** Please join us in prayerfully considering how you may join us in this important work.
  - Nursery Co-coordinator
  - Sunday morning nursery volunteers
  - ACTION Kids lessons teacher (Spring semester)
  - Playdate Coordinator

Please contact Melissa Kocher for more information about how you can get plugged in!

- Robinson Elementary Food Pantry — Volunteer opportunities are available through the end of the school year. Sign up here: 
- Restore St. Louis Workday – February 10<sup>th</sup> 2024, 8:30-12:30. This volunteer opportunity will start at **1483 82nd Blvd**, the New City Fellowship University City site. It begins at 8:30am, with a short devotional and prayer time before we head out to jobs. It ends between 12-1pm. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Drew Lattner or Pastor Pablo.

**Senders:** The work of outreach and mission cannot happen without your generous and sacrificial giving. Paul, on his way to Rome, knew that he would find support from the Roman saints for his journey (*Rom. 15:23*). Also he knew that they would provide material blessings to other believers from what they had received from the Lord (*Rom. 15:27-28*). By providing for the work of the gospel, the Roman saints were *senders*. They made the “going” possible. If you would like to participate in mission work by sending, scan here:  Select “Missions” from the dropdown menu.

**Welcomers:** Are you a person that loves the idea of hospitality? Consider volunteering on our Welcome Team. Contact newly ordain deacon, James Broughton, for more information.

- **Snack Table Ministry:** Believe it or not, snacks are a vital part of our weekly ministry. A few calories, fat, carbs, protein, and natural sugar, are necessary fuel for the body. Sadly, around 10:45am every Sunday, those energy stores are depleted and need a quick replenishment (especially for those little ones). Help prevent “hanger” through hospitality by participating in this ministry. Link to snack list: 

**Mobilizers:** Mobilizers are teachers, planners, encouragers, motivators, rally'ers, potstir'ers, makers, guides, and cultivators. They see the potential in someone and are willing to dedicate the time and energy, with the Holy Spirit, to help shape them into go'ers, senders, pray'ers, welcomers, man-fishers, and nation-blessers. Mobilizers see a mission field (in/out of the church walls) and work *with* others to *make* the best trained go'ers.

Are you a *mobilizer*? Let's talk — [pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:pablo@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)

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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