

# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

March 10, 2024  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

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

**Nursery Volunteers (worship service):** Deborah Moen, Suzanne Keating, Steve O'Neal, Shirah Goldstein

**Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

**Scripture Reader:** Lyn Moffit

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, J Harrison

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflection**

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. — Jeremiah 29:11-13

"Don't seek the gifts but the Giver, not the rewards of Wisdom but the Rewarder who is Wisdom." — David Murray

"Soft prosperity thinking has sold us a way of life that is so seemingly improved by their "gospel" that we don't even want to go to heaven." — Erik Reymond

# Devotional Preparation

The Days of Prosperity and Adversity- Ligonier.org

It is no sin to be joyful when we prosper. Though we should be aware of the temptations that are unique to prosperity, we should not therefore think that prosperity is something to be avoided or that we have necessarily done something wrong when we enjoy the good things of life. Jesus, after all, even though He was not a wealthy man and warned that we "cannot serve God and money" (Matt. 6:24), found time to rejoice at the wedding in Cana. He even blessed the guests with a type of prosperity when He turned water into the best wine available (John 2:1–12).

God praises those who give sacrificially to His kingdom (Luke 21:1–4), but He is also clear that a sacrificial spirit is not inherently contrary to the enjoyment of prosperity. Abraham prospered greatly, but he also allowed Lot to possess the choicest portion of the Promised Land (Gen. 13). In the Mosaic law, our Creator promises great prosperity to His obedient people (Deut. 28:1–14). We may even speak of God as having a desire for our prosperity, though we must understand that this will not be fulfilled completely until the new heaven and earth.

Ecclesiastes 7:14 confirms this point, commanding us to be joyful in the day of prosperity. Wise people rejoice when good things have happened to them and when God has tangibly blessed their efforts. There is a place before the face of God to take joy in our Lord's bounty and to enjoy what He has given us.

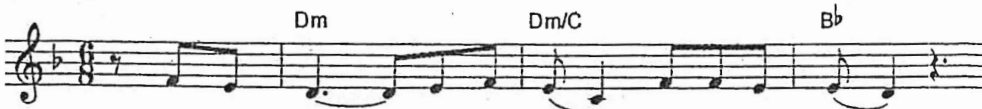
Being the realistic student of life in this fallen world that he is, however, the Preacher who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes is under no illusions that God's people will experience material prosperity at every turn. Actually, there will be days of adversity. Moreover, these days of adversity are no less made or ordained by the Lord than days of prosperity (Eccl. 7:14). Essentially, the Preacher wants us to understand that because God ordains days of both blessing and hardship, there is a place for both in our fallen creation. We should not think that days of trouble are any less from the hand of God than are days of ease and abundance. This will help prevent us from thinking that the Lord is acting less kindly toward us on our difficult days than He is on our easy ones. All that God does is good, and if He has ordained days of trouble for us, we know that He has done so for a good purpose (Rom. 8:28).

Life often fluctuates between good days and bad days, but both are from God. Only He understands how all this works out. We should therefore trust in Him and His goodness.

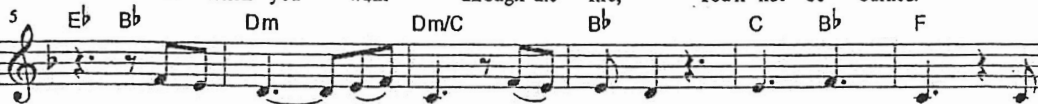
# Song of Preparation

Isaiah 43  
Composer Unknown

Real Key



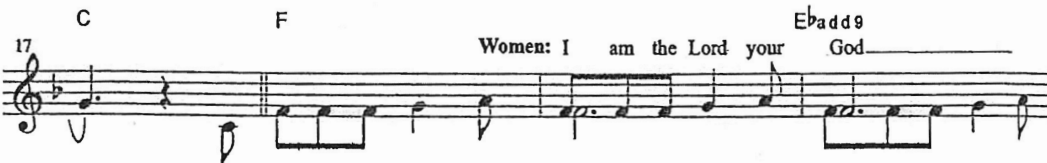
1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you  
2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.



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



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.



Women: I am the Lord your God

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



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



Women: I am the Lord your

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

28 E $\flat$ add9 Gm C  
 God God  
 I am the Lord Your God Unison: I am the Ho - ly One of

31 Gm C B $\flat$  E $\flat$ add9 C F F/E  
 Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior Women: Do not  
 Men: I am the Lord

35 F/D F/C B $\flat$  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 $\flat$  F/A Gm C  
 fear Do not fear  
 I am the Lord

## Call to Worship—Psalm 107 (selected)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.

**People: Some were fools through their sinful ways, and they drew near to the gates of death.**

Leader: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

**People: He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.**

Leader: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

**All: And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!**

Leader: Now, O Lord, receive our songs of thanksgiving as we tell of your wondrous deeds.

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Oh Give Thanks! (Psalm 107)

Wendell Kimbrough

1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls  
 2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs  
 3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun -  
 4. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth

so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home - land we did not  
 bend down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark - ness we were slaves  
 - ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos - er to the death  
 and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc - tion brought us trem -

know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi -  
 to sin and blame Then we cried out in our la -  
 - we should have died in our con - di -  
 - bling to our knees, and we cried like drun - ken sai -

- ces to the on - ly One who hears and the God  
 - bor to the on - ly One who hears and the God  
 - tion and He called us by our names and the God  
 - lors to the on - ly One who hears and the God

of mer - cy came and brought us near. Oh give thanks to the Lord  
 of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.  
 of glo - ry took a - way our shame.  
 of com - fort took a - way our fears.

for His love en - dures fo - re - ver! We were wan - der - ing and lost and our Fa -

- ther brought us home to a safe dwe - lling place, to a feast

of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

Trinity Hymnal #455

## **\*Prayer of Adoration**

### WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

#### **New Testament Reading—Ephesians 2:1-10**

*By Grace Through Faith*

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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 3:19-20**

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—John 3:21**

But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for bringing us to the light.

**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

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

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

13. 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** (Trinity Choir)

*You Are My Alleluia*

Joseph M. Martin

**Sermon**

"Restored"

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

# Goodness of God

Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson

♩ = 63

## VERSE

A D

1. I love \_ You, Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Oh, Your mer - cy nev - er fails .  
2. I love \_ Your voice.) \_\_\_\_\_ You have led me through the fi -

3 A E/G# F#m7 D

\_\_\_\_\_ me. All my days \_\_\_\_\_ I've been held in \_\_\_\_\_ Your hands .  
- re. In dark - est night, \_\_\_\_\_ You are close like \_\_\_\_\_ no oth -

5 E(4) F#m7 D

\_\_\_\_\_ er. From the mo - ment that I wake up un - til I lay  
I've known You as a fa - ther, I've known You as

7 A E/G# F#m7 D E(4) A

my head, I \_\_\_\_\_ will sing \_\_\_\_\_ of the good - ness of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
a friend. I \_\_\_\_\_ have lived \_\_\_\_\_ in the good - ness of God. \_\_\_\_\_

## CHORUS

10 D<sup>2</sup> A D<sup>2</sup>

All my life \_ You have \_ been faith - ful. All my life \_ You have \_ been so, .

13 A E<sup>(4)</sup> D<sup>2</sup> A E/G# F#m<sup>7</sup>

so good. With ev-'ry breath \_ that I \_ am a - ble I \_ will sing.

16 D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> 1. A 2. A

of the good - ness of God. \_ 2. I love \_ Your voice. \_

BRIDGE

19 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. \_

21 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. \_ With my life \_

23 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> E<sup>(4)</sup> F#m<sup>7</sup>

\_ laid down, \_ I'm sur - ren - dered now; \_ I give \_ You ev - 'ry - thing. \_

25 A/C# D<sup>2</sup> 1. E<sup>(4)</sup> A

Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. \_

27 2. E<sup>(4)</sup> A D.S. al Coda

run - ning af - ter me. \_

## \*Benediction

**Nursery Volunteer (SS):** Sarah Oehlerking (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

# 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 Choir- Katie Polski (Fireplace Room)**

Do you enjoy singing? Do you love worship? The Trinity choir might be just the place for you to serve! Join us beginning Sun., Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll spend eight weeks together learning songs that we'll sing throughout the semester, including Good Friday and Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Katie Polski.

## **Turning Points in Church History- Pastor Polski (Sanctuary)**

Join Pastor Polski for this third and final survey of some of the most significant moments in the history of the church. Having already covered Ancient and Middle Ages Church History, we turn our attention in this class to Post-Reformation Church history all the way up to the current day. Among the topics we will cover are: The development of the Westminster Confession, the Enlightenment, Christianity in the New World, The Great Awakening, the great Missionary movement, the advent of Pentecostalism, Liberalism and the enduring legacy of Christianity in the post-Christian west.

**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: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Moen, Keating, O'Neal, S. Goldstein. SS: Oehlerking. CC: Jackson, Hawley, Williamson. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Inion, Wagberg, Younger, Polski. SS: Younger. CC: Standerfer, Oehlerking, Goldstein.

**Young Adults Ministry**-Please join us on the third Sunday of the month for lunch at 12:30 until we move to a more regular meeting time starting this June. See Mitchell Dixon if you are interested.

The **Women's Tues. Bible study** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's (3/12). The **Women's Wed. study** meets at 9am. The **Men's study of Daniel** will resume Apr. 3 & 5.

**ACTION** (All Church Things In One Night) will resume on Apr. 3.

**Youth Ministry:** Jr. High meets Wed. at 6pm. Sr. High meets Sun. at 6pm.

**Men's Breakfast:** Sat., Mar. 16th from 8-9:30am. Let us know you are coming by registering on Church Center or See Kyle Roberts.

**Upcoming Concerts: Sandra McCracken in Concert:** Fri., Apr. 26th at 7pm. **W. Mark Akin, classical guitarist in Concert:** Sat., May 11th at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale now via Church Center.

**Church Work Day**-Sat., Mar. 23rd at 9am.

Following the 9:30 am Easter Worship Service, nursery children through 5th grade are invited to an **Easter Egg Hunt** on the front lawn. **We are in need of donations of pre-filled eggs for the event.** Eggs may be filled with individually packaged, nut-free candy, small toys, stickers, etc. The donation registration can be found on Church Center. Please contact Jacqueline Petty at jackiehrnz@aol.com with any questions.

If you plan to attend the Easter sunrise service and would be available to serve in our nursery during the 9:30 am service, or you would otherwise like to **volunteer in the nursery on Easter Sunday**, please email nursery@trinitychurchkirkwood.org. We are trying to make a determination about how to best serve families of nursery-aged children on Easter Sunday.

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 (James.

Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org),

**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:](#)



## HOLY WEEK

We hope you can join us for the **Good Friday service** on March 29th at 7pm. We will have an outdoor **Easter sunrise service** at 7am (we will move indoors if the weather is bad) and our **Easter worship service** at 9:30am. The **Easter flowers** will be available to take home following the 9:30am service. A basket will be in the church office for donations to help cover the cost.

# MISSION UPDATE

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



- Be informed about Local and Global ministries and missionaries.
- Join with other Trinity members who pray daily for missionaries and ministries we partner with.

**Goers:**

- **Robinson Elementary Food Pantry** – one of the places where you can be on mission is right down the road from our church home. This is a place where we are called to be a blessing to our neighbors. There is no pressure here to feel like every conversation you have must end with an entire gospel presentation. Instead, here you simply help meet the physical needs of our neighbors with the joy that is in you. Let your light shine here! But of course, be prepared to give a response if anyone asked for the hope that is in you.

Registration for March, April, and May, can be found here:



**Senders:** The work of outreach and mission cannot happen without your generous and sacrificial giving. 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

**Now Open! – Trinity Church Kirkwood Community Board!**

Introducing the Trinity Church Kirkwood Community Board. Think of Facebook marketplace mixed with the community board at your local coffee shop, where people thumbtack items or services or needs to the cork board. Well, this is similar, but instead of a thumbtack and corkboard, you send it via email! Sign up on 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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