

# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday in Lent



# 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 REVEALS TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

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

**Nursery Volunteers (worship service):** Jackie Petty, Lori Nichols, Linda Manwaring, Stella Hendricks

**Liturgist:** Rev. Pablo Rosales

**Scripture Reader:** Alyce Bava

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflection**

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully...

— I Tim. 1:8

"The law may express sin, but it cannot suppress sin." — Thomas Watson

"Just as the moon and the stars, though they are themselves bright and spread their light over all the earth, yet vanish before the greater brightness of the sun, so the law, however glorious in itself, has no glory in the face of the gospel's grandeur." — John Calvin

"Law without love is pharisaism; love without law is antinomianism."

— J.I. Packer

# Devotional Preparation

"The Threefold Use of the Law," Ligonier.org, 8/21/15

Every Christian wrestles with the question, how does the Old Testament law relate to my life? Is the Old Testament law irrelevant to Christians or is there some sense in which we are still bound by portions of it? As the heresy of antinomianism becomes ever more pervasive in our culture, the need to answer these questions grows increasingly urgent.

The Reformation was founded on grace and not upon law. Yet the law of God was not repudiated by the Reformers. John Calvin, for example, wrote what has become known as the "Threefold Use of the Law" in order to show the importance of the law for the Christian life (Institutes 2.1.304-10).

The first purpose of the law is to be a mirror. On the one hand, the law of God reflects and mirrors the perfect righteousness of God. The law tells us much about who God is. Perhaps more important, the law illumines human sinfulness. Augustine wrote, "The law orders, that we, after attempting to do what is ordered, and so feeling our weakness under the law, may learn to implore the help of grace" (Institutes 2.7.9). The law highlights our weakness so that we might seek the strength found in Christ. Here the law acts as a severe schoolmaster who drives us to Christ.

A second purpose for the law is the restraint of evil. The law, in and of itself, cannot change human hearts. It can, however, serve to protect the righteous from the unjust. Calvin says this purpose is "by means of its fearful denunciations and the consequent dread of punishment, to curb those who, unless forced, have no regard for rectitude and justice" (Institutes 2.7.10). The law allows for a limited measure of justice on this earth, until the last judgment is realized.

The third purpose of the law is to reveal what is pleasing to God. As born again children of God, the law enlightens us as to what is pleasing to our Father, whom we seek to serve. The Christian delights in the law as God Himself delights in it. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). This is the highest function of the law, to serve as an instrument for the people of God to give Him honor and glory.

By studying or meditating on the law of God, we attend the school of righteousness. We learn what pleases God and what offends Him. The moral law that God reveals in Scripture is always binding upon us. Our redemption is from the curse of God's law, not from our duty to obey it. We are justified, not because of our obedience to the law, but in order that we may become obedient to God's law. To love Christ is to keep His commandments. To love God is to obey His law.

# Song of Preparation

# Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

Words by Jean Sophia Pigott. Music by David Hampton

$\text{♩} = 108$

**F** **B $\flat$**  **C/E** **F2**



1 Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the  
 2 Oh, how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er,  
 3 Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be -

**3** **B $\flat$**  **C/E** **F/A**



joy broad hold of er Thee what than as Thou the Thou art. sea. art. I am Oh, how And Thy

**5** **B $\flat$**  **C2/E** **F2** **B $\flat$ maj7** **C**



find - ing out the great - ness of Thy lov - ing heart.  
 mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness lav - ished all on me.  
 love so pure, so change - less sat - is - fies my heart,

**8** **F** **B $\flat$ maj7** **C2/E** **F2/A**



— Thou hast bid me gaze up - on Thee, and Thy  
 — Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what  
 — sat - is - fies its deep - pest long - ings, meets, sup -

**11** **Dm** **C** **B $\flat$ maj7**



beau - ty fills my soul for by  
 wealth of grace is Thine, know Thy  
 plies its ev - 'ry need, com - pass -

13 **B<sup>b</sup>2/D** **C/E** **F/A** **B<sup>b</sup>** **C**

Thy trans - form - ing pow - er, Thou hast made me whole.  
 cer - tain - ty of prom - ise and have made it mine.  
 eth me 'round with bless - ings, Thine is love in - deed.

16 **F** **B<sup>b</sup>maj7** **C/E** **F/A**

— Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the

19 **Dm** **Am/C** **B<sup>b</sup>** **B<sup>b</sup>2/D** **C2/E**

joy of what Thou art. I am find - ing out the great -

22 **F2/A** **B<sup>b</sup>maj7** **C** **F**

ness of Thy lov - ing heart.

## Call to Worship—Psalm 19 (selected)

**Leader:** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**People:** Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

**Leader:** The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People:** The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

**All:** More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**Leader:** Now O Lord, let the words of our mouth and the meditation of our heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Across the Lands

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

D G D



1. You're the Word of God the Fa - ther, — from be - fore the world be -  
(2. Yet You) left the gaze of an - gels, — came to seek and save the  
(3. With a) shout You rose vic - to - rious, — wrest - ing vic - t'ry from the

4 A G G<sup>6</sup> D/F# Em G



-gan; — Ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry pla - net — has been fash - ioned by Your hand. All cre -  
lost, — and ex - changed the joy of heav - en — for the an - guish of a cross. With a  
grave, — and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en — lead - ing cap - tives in Your wake. Now You

9 D G D A



-a - tion holds to - geth - er — by the pow - er of Your voice: — Let the  
prayer You fed the hung - ry, — with a word You stilled the sea. — Yet how  
stand be - fore the Fa - ther — in - ter - ced - ing for Your own. — From each

13 G G<sup>6</sup> D/F# Em G A<sup>sus</sup> G

CHORUS



skies de - clare Your glo - ry, — let the land and seas re - joice! — You're the au - thor of cre -  
si - lent - ly You suf - fered — that the guilt - y may go free. —  
tribe and tongue and na - tion — You are lead - ing sin - ners home. —

18 D D/F# G A<sup>2</sup> Bm Bm/A G G/A



-a - tion, — You're the Lord of ev - 'ry man; — And Your cry of love rings

22

1, 2. Bm<sup>7</sup> A D | 3. Bm<sup>7</sup> A D



out a - cross the lands. — 2. Yet You out a - cross the lands. —  
3. With a



# Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

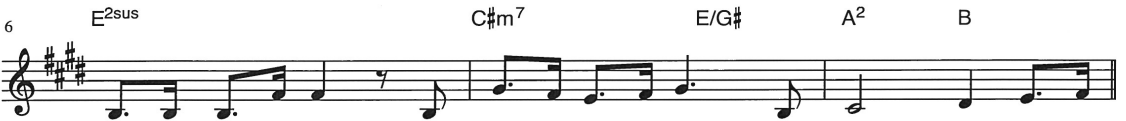
Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



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.

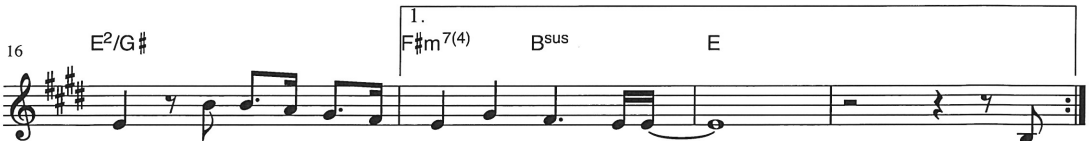
## CHORUS 1



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>b</sup>2 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>b</sup>2(no3) 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>b</sup>2(no3)

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

40 F/C B<sup>b</sup>2/D 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. —

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## New Testament Reading—John 2:13-22

### *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 1:20-25**

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Cor. 1:30**

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption...

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for sending Jesus to become our righteousness!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

## Father Let Your Kingdom Come

Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice, Latifah Phillips

Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah, Fa - ther let Your king - dom come

1. May the works \_\_\_ of my hands bring You \_\_\_ joy. May the works  
2. May the words \_\_\_ from my mouth speak Your \_\_\_ peace. May the words

\_\_\_ of my hands bring You joy. May the works \_\_\_ of my hands bring You  
\_\_\_ from my mouth speak Your peace. May the words \_\_\_ from my mouth speak Your

\_\_\_ joy. May the works \_\_\_ of my hands bring You joy.  
\_\_\_ peace. May the words \_\_\_ from my mouth speak Your peace.

You make all things new \_\_\_\_\_ You make all things new \_\_\_\_\_ in

pla - ces we don't choose \_\_\_\_\_ You make all things new. \_\_\_\_\_

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Tithes and Offerings**

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

**Sermon**

"Making Sense of the Law"

Deuteronomy 22

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

**\*Song of Response**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Trinity Hymnal #295

# 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)

*Jesus Is The Answer*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## \*Sending Song

*Doxology*  
Trinity Hymnal #731

## \*Benediction

**Nursery Volunteer (SS):** Ruth Harlow (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: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: J. Petty, L. Nichols, Manwaring, Hendricks. SS: Harlow. CC: Doiron, Manwarings. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Moen, Keating, O'Neal, S. Goldstein. SS: Oehlerking. CC: Jackson, Hawley, Williamson.

**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. studies** meet weekly at 9am or the 1st & 3rd Wed. at 6pm. The **Men's study of Daniel** will meet this Wed. at 6pm OR Fri. at 6:30am.

**Men's Night this Wed.** at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

**ACTION** (All Church Things In One Night) THIS Wed. If you would like to join us for a **Chipotle taco dinner at 5:30pm**, be sure to register on Church Center by Tues., Mar. 6 at 10am.

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

**Sandra McCracken in Concert:** Fri., Apr. 26th at 7pm along with an all-star bluegrass band. Doors open at 6:15pm. 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 Ellen Jackson. 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](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 (James.

[Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org](mailto:Broughton@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)),

**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:](#)



## HOLY WEEK

We hope you can join us for the **Good Friday service** on March 29th at 7pm. We will have an outdoor (we will move indoors if the weather is bad) **Easter sunrise service** at 7am 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!

Please see insert 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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