

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

March 23, 2025
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 WEEPS WITH US

(Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service, but if your family needs a break from the sanctuary or wants to move around, our family overflow room with toys is available in room 111. We also have an area for nursing moms in room 106 by the back entrance.)

Nursery Volunteers (worship service): Emily Ridenhour, Amy Mitchell, Steve O'Neal, Nora Williamson

Liturgist: Mitchell Dixon

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Pablo Rosales

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflection

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
– 1 Thess. 4:13,14

"Everyone can master a grief but he that has it." – William Shakespeare

"In grief nothing 'stays put.' One keeps on emerging from a phase, but it always recurs. Round and round. Everything repeats. Am I going in circles, or dare I hope I am on a spiral?" – C. S. Lewis

"Great grief does not of itself put an end to itself." – Lucius Seneca

"He that conceals his grief finds no remedy for it." – Anonymous

"His tears here were not generated out of mourning, since He was to raise Lazarus, but out of grief for a fallen world entangled in sin-caused sorrow and death. He was 'a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.'" (3:16; Is. 53:3) – John F. MacArthur

Devotional Preparation

“Sin, Death, and Grief” Burk Parsons, *ligonier.org*

My father was a veteran of World War II, the son of a small-town country preacher, school teacher, and sheriff, the son-in-law of the automobile manufacturer Preston Tucker, a fellow college graduate of Sam Walton, the leader of one of the first grass-roots movements to campaign for Ronald Reagan for president, and a father who grieved for many years over the loss of his first son who died at eighteen years of age. My father was a great man, but he never seemed to overcome the grief he experienced. I never understood the grief my father experienced over the loss of his first son until I was faced with a similar loss. The grief I experienced began with news that came early on a Sunday evening in September — my father had died. I was sixteen years old.

I didn't know how to grieve. I couldn't even bring myself to cry over his death until years later when I cried out to God asking Him why he had to take my father away from me. It wasn't until I entered my twenties and began to learn what manhood is all about when I realized how much I needed my father. It was then, while in college, that I began to deal with the grief that had set in several years before. It was then that I understood the truth of Paul's words to the Thessalonians when he wrote that we do not grieve as those who have no hope (1 Thess. 4:13). The way we grieve is different because the hope we possess is different. Our hope is not in ourselves. We would fail just as our first father failed, sinning against his Father, bringing grief and shame not only to himself but to the entire human race. For in Adam we all sinned, and in Adam we all died (Rom. 5:12). As a result, we suffer with grief every day of our lives — grief over the loss of others, over the sin of others, and over the sin within us.

However, our grief cannot even begin to be compared to the grief of the one who knew no sin. The Man of Sorrows became acquainted with grief (Isa. 53:3) so that He might bear our grief and carry away our sorrows (v. 4). All this was done so that we might know our heavenly Father who loved us and gave His only-begotten Son, laying on Him the iniquity of us all, so that we might live eternally coram Deo, before His face, loving Him and enjoying Him forever. The first man sinned and grieved only for himself, but the second Man knew no sin yet grieved for us so that we would not grieve forever.

Song of Preparation

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words by Charles Wesley. Music by Greg Thompson

Real Key

1. Je - sus, lo - ver of my soul, let me
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to

to thy bo - som fly,
 help - less soul on thee; find;
 all in thee I sin;
 cov - er all my

While the nea - rer wa - ters roll, while the
 leave, ah! leave me not a lone, still the
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal sup -
 let the heal - ing streams a bound; make and

tem - pest still is high:
 port and com - fort me!
 sick, and lead the blind.
 keep me pure with in:

hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide,
 All my trust ho - ly thee is stayed,
 Just and of life the foun - thy name;
 thou and of the tain art,

11 F C 'till the storm is past;
help thee I bring;
I let am me take un - righ - teous thee;

13 F C safe in - to the ha - ven guide,
cov - er my de - fense less head,
false and full up of sin I am,
spring thou heart, to

15 Gm C cieve my soul at last
shad ow of thy wing.
full of truth and grace.
all e - ter ni ty.

Call to Worship—Psalm 63 (selected)

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Leader: Gracious God and Savior, meet us here and uphold us as we worship you in the name of your Son, Jesus.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

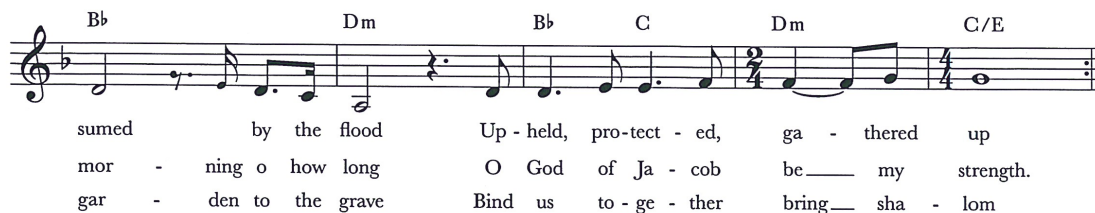
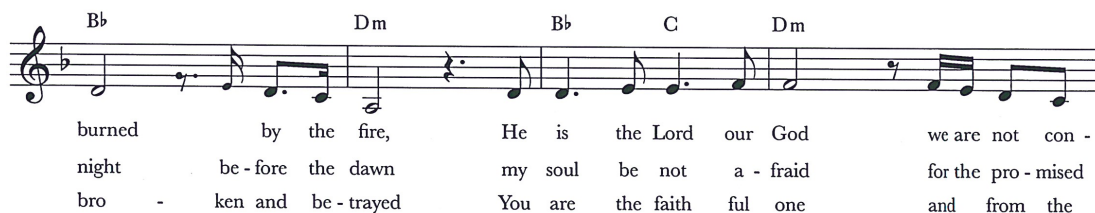
We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



Verse

1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - ery vow we've



All I Have Is Christ

Jordan Kauflin

G Am F

1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the
 (2. But as I) ran my hell-bound race, in - dif-frent to the
 (3. Now, Lord, I) would be Yours a - lone and live so all might

4 C Dm F G C

way; The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no
 cost, You looked up - on my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be -
 see the strength to fol - low Your com- mands could nev-er come from me. O Fa-ther,

9 Cmaj7

hope that You would own a reb - el to Your will, and if You
 -held God's love dis - played, You suf-fered in my place; You bore the
 use my ran-somed life in a - ny way You choose, and let my

13 Am⁷ F

had not loved me first I would re - fuse You still. 2. But as I
 wrath re-served for me; Now all I know is
 song for - ev - er be: My on - ly boast is

1. G^{sus} G C

2, 3. G^{sus} G C F C G Am

18 CHORUS

grace! Hal-le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal-le -
 You.

24 F Am G

1. C D.S. 2. C

-lu - jah! Je-sus is my life! 3. Now, Lord, I life!

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 55:1-9

The Compassion of the Lord

"Come, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
 and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found;
 call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of
 the Lord stands forever!

People: Thanks be to God!

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Call to Confession—1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—

1 Cor. 15:54-57

“Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” 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: Children of God, give thanks to God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

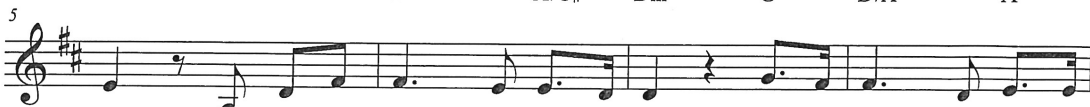
Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Matthew Merker. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

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What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-
What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
Un-to the grave, what shall we sing? Christ, he lives! Christ, he

A D A/C# Bm G D/A A



lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to him be-
good. Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
lives! And what re-ward will heav-en bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with

D F#m Bm Em7 D/F#



long Who holds our days with-in his hand? What comes a-part from His com-
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y
him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-

G D/A A(F#/A# Bm G D/A A D



mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. —
trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un-to the shore the rock of Christ? —
stroyed, and we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-ev-er more. —

Bm G D A/C# A Bm D/F# G



— O sing hal-le-lu-jah Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O — sing hal-le-

— D/F# G D/F# A G Bm A D



lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer



Tithes and Offerings

Children ages 3 (by July 31) through 1st grade are
dismissed for Children's Church to Room 106B

If you would like to give your tithe online, scan your camera phone here:



Offertory Song (Ensemble)

O Heart Bereaved and Lonely

Words by Fanny Crosby. Music by Christopher Miner

Sermon

"A Tale of Grieving"

John 11:11-46

Sermon Series, Soul Life

Rev. Pablo Rosales

*Song of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

Jean Sibelius, Ada Havershon, Matt Merker

VERSE 1 & 2

5 G G/B C D G

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

9 G/B C D G

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

13 Em D/F# G C B Em

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

17 D/F# G/B C D G

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

CHORUS

22 C D Em D/F# G

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

26 Am⁷ G/B C D Gmaj⁷ G/B

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

30 C² Gmaj⁷ G/B C² **VERSE 3** Em⁹ C

3. For my life He bled and died,

35 C/E D/F# G Em⁹ C

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

39 D G Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

43 B Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

47 **CHORUS** D G C D Em

when He comes at last! _____ He will hold me fast,

52 D/F# G Am⁷ G/B C

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

56 1. D G 2. D G **ENDING**

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.

61 Am⁹ G/B C G/B Am⁷ D^{7sus} G

*Benediction

*If you would like a time of prayer with one of our elders,
please come to the front of the sanctuary after the service.*

Nursery Volunteer (SS): Barb Schlitt (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Soul Life Sermon Discussion- Pastor Rosales and Jamie McCall (Sanctuary)
Each week, we will also host a follow up Sunday School in the sanctuary co-taught today by Pastor Pablo and Jamie McCall (a certified Christian Counselor) that will be a debrief of the sermon paired with some helpful framing of how each of these spiritual emotions can be better understood (Spiritual Depression, Grief, Doubt, Suffering, Disappointment with God, and Lament).

Proverbs- Ruling Elders Poe and Talent (Room 110)
Ruling Elders Talent and Poe will guide us through the Book of Proverbs.

Evangelism in a Skeptical World- *WILL RESUME NEXT SUNDAY*

Adult Choir- Katie Polski and Abby Roberts (Fireplace Room)
Calling all singers! Join our Trinity choir March 2nd through April 27th. We'll learn pieces that we'll sing in worship throughout the spring (including Easter Sunday). No musical experience necessary; the only thing needed is a heart for worship and a desire to SING.

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.

Visitors: If you are visiting with us today we would love to give you a small gift. Please stop by the Welcome Table so we can say "hello."

Volunteers today: Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Ridenhour, Mitchell, O'Neal, Williamson. SS: Schlitt. CC: Sweet, Wagberg, Schmidt. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Barker. Nursery: Bava, Linenbrokers, Highmark. SS: Nichols. CC: Doiron, Petty, Goldstein.

The **Wednesday women's Bible studies** meet at 9am (childcare provided) OR 6:15pm.

Men's Bible study: Meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wed. (6:15pm) or Fri. (6:30am) of the month.

Kingdom Kids meets today from 4:30-6:30 pm for ages 3yrs-5th grade. The children enjoy a shared meal, games, Bible lesson, and choir.

Kingdom Prayer: Join us on on Mar. 30 for a guided prayer meeting to pray for God to bring renewal to StL.

Ladies Connect: Mar. 27 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schimdt's.

Holy Week details: **Maundy Thursday**, Apr. 17th at 5:30pm. Join us for a light meal, singing, reflection, and the Lord's Supper. Space is limited so use the QR code to register. **Good Friday** self-guided Stations of the Cross and special music: Apr. 18, 6:30-8:30am and 3-8pm (with special music from 6:45-8pm). **Easter Sunday** services: 7am (outdoor) and 9:30am. To donate eggs for the **Easter Egg Hunt** use the QR code.

The **Grounds Crew could use your help** with mowing and trimming the church grounds. Schedule is flexible. Please contact Glynn Schlitt if you are able to help.

Sunday Snacks: Do you or your family enjoy the little "pick me up" after worship? If so, please consider signing up to bring snacks. Please try and keep the snacks nut free. Sign up using the QR code on the snack table or see Mary Rosales.

Church Work Day: Sat., Apr. 5 at 9am. Many hands will help us with our long list of chores.

Easter Flowers will be available following the 9am service on Apr. 20. Donations are appreciated!

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: Erin Wagberg (Erin.

Wagberg@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](#):



ART ENCOUNTERS

Come enjoy an evening of rest and connecting with Jesus in a fresh way on **Sat., Apr. 5 at 6:30pm**. We'll spend time in contemplation, reflection, and prayer as we consider how a historical painting forms us spiritually. Our guides, Melissa McKinney and Amanda Lennon, will gently lead us through a process that helps us comfortably engage with our painting and reflect on how God might be shaping us through it. Whether you are a long-time lover of art or feel brand new, this event is for you. Register using the QR code above.

MISSION UPDATE

ALL the links mentioned below can be found using this QR code:



Prayers: Scan the QR link for the **March** 2025 Newsletter and Prayer Calendar.

Goers:

Forai is a ministry to Refugee and Immigrant women in the St. Louis area. Their mission is to share to gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, while walking with them and teaching them the skills to create their own business. Learn about other opportunities by following the link in the QR code above.

Restore St. Louis Workday – 18 volunteers joined together to help elderly and widows with yard work. Please see the quick slide show on our Missions Wall. **Our next Restore workday will be on May 10th. Registration will be available in the coming weeks.**

Senders:

Thank you Trinity Church! Thank you to all who are making the “Going” and “Welcoming” possible. Thank you for the donations to the Robinson Food Pantry. There are only two left this school year (April and May). Please scan the QR code for more info on those. Also, thank you for your support of the Youth Missions trip this summer. Your prayerful giving can cultivate a young heart for life-long missions.

Welcomers:

Snacks! Believe it or not, snacks are a 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. A link to the snack schedule can be found by using the QR code.

Oasis International – a ministry to refugees and immigrants, has several opportunities to welcome the stranger. Current needs:

- o **Nursery Workers:** Help care for children on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 12:15 PM. You don’t have to commit every week or even both days—any help is appreciated!
- o **Diaper Delivery Teams:** Each month, we deliver 5,000 diapers to refugee moms in our area. This is a great opportunity to meet the same families regularly. Diapers can be picked up at Oasis and delivered to the homes within a 10-day window.
- o **Furniture Delivery Teams:** We need men, women, and even children for these teams! Each team should have at least 4 able-bodied people who can lift 50 lbs, with a maximum of 15 people (8-12 people is ideal). Deliveries typically happen on Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
- o **Service Groups:** Help with various tasks around the Oasis building, from cleaning to small repairs.
- o **Individual Volunteers:** There are many positions available for individual volunteers, including organizing donations and answering phones.

Please contact Pastor Pablo for more information.

Mobilizers:

If you would like to join our Missions teams, please contact Pastor Pablo.

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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