



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

April 6, 2025  
Fifth 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 DELIVERS US THROUGH SUFFERING

(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):** Laurel Elzinga, Kim McCall, Kenna Marcus, Shirah Goldstein

**Liturgist:** Dr. Aaron Goldstein

**Scripture Reader:** Hannah Kwong

**Pastoral Prayer:** Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## Devotional Preparation

It seems strange, almost uncomfortable, that in Colossians 1:24, Paul says he rejoices in his sufferings. Most of us endure or cope with suffering, but we don't rejoice in it. Strangest of all, though, is that he says he is filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. How can anything be lacking in Christ's afflictions? Jesus's death was "once for all."

I realized that here and elsewhere, Paul was re-enacting the gospel, Jesus's death for us. The word for means the weight of our sins comes on Jesus.

So just as Jesus substitutes himself for us, we substitute the pieces of our lives for others. Now I understood how Paul could fill up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. Jesus's death was once for all. His death was finished... mine was ongoing. I could substitute myself for another. So, I have a mini death and the other lives. Paul articulates this:

For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. (2 Cor. 4:11-12)

Seeing this pattern of substitutionary love reoriented my view of what it meant to be a Christian. This meant the difference between a life of low-level irritation (like when your kids interrupt you while reading a book) and a life devoted to people (when you interrupt loving them to read a book). And when we understand that substitution is the heart of love, we see life through a different lens. We realize that all of life is love.

(Adapted from Paul E. Miller in *J-Curve: Dying & Rising with Jesus in Everyday Life*, pp. 26-31)

# Song of Preparation

## Give Thanks

Henry Smith

$\text{♩} = 80$

Am/C  $\text{⌘}$  F C/E Dm

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the

4 Am B $\flat$  F/A F

Ho - ly One; Give thanks be - cause He's giv - en Je - sus

7 E $\flat$  Gm7/C C7 Am/C Gm7/C C C/B $\flat$

1 2,3

Christ, His Son. Give Son. And

10 Am7 Dm7 C/D Dm7 Gm7 B $\flat$ /C C B $\flat$ /D/C/E Fmaj7 Am/E

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of

15 Dm7 C/D Dm7 E $\flat$  E $\flat$ /D  $\text{⌘}$  Gm7/C C C/B $\flat$  Gm7/C C Am/C D.S. al Coda

1 2

what the Lord has done for us; And us. Give

$\text{⌘}$  Coda

19 Gm7/C C7 B $\flat$ /C F Fmaj7 Gm7/F F

us. Give thanks.

## **\*Call To Worship— Psalm 126:1-5**

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Leader: Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**People: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.**

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!

**All: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!**

Leader: Now come among us and increase our joy as we bow before you in worship!

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

Matt Boswell & Matt Papa

$\text{♩} = 74$  G C/G G

1. You made the star - ry host, You traced the moun - tain peaks, You paint the eve - ning skies with  
2. Let sym - pho - nies re - sound, let drums and choirs rung out, all heav - en hear the sound of  
3. You spoke in - to the dark, the si - lence of the womb, and wove a liv - ing soul to -

4 C/G G C/G Em

won - der. The earth, it is Your throne, from des - ert to the sea; all na - ture test - i - fies Your  
wor - ship. Let eve - ry na - tion bring its hon - ors to the King; a roar of har - mo - nies e -  
- geth - er. A life, a beat - ing heart; Lord, I was made for You. Your glo - ry to re - store for -

8 C D G Am7 G/B C Dsus Em

Chorus

splen - dor.  
- ter - nal. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, all cre - a - tion sing His prais - es, praise the Lord, raise your  
- ev - er.

14 Dsus G/B C 1.2. G/B Am7 Dsus

voice, you heights and all you depths, from furth - est east to west, let eve - ry - thing that has breath praise the

18 G C/G 3. G/B C

Lord!  
2. Let west, you dis - tant burn - ing stars, all crea - tures near and  
3. You

22 G/B Am7 G/B C Em Dsus G

rit.....

far, from sky to sea to shore, sing out for ev - er - more, let eve - ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord!



# We Will Say in that Day

Wendell Kimbrough

You will see there a high - way from God's own hand that will  
We will call back our ar - mies, "Re - turn from war!" And we'll  
You will see there a ban - quet for sin - ners spread where we'll  
When the rem - nant re - turn to the pro - mised land, when the

3  
lead back the lost to the pro - mised land, and the voice of the Sa - vior will  
make in - to plow-shares our use - less swords, ve - ry soon to for - get what they  
sit with the Lord at the ta - ble's head, and the Shep - herd Him - self is our  
high - way of God brings us home to Him, we'll be wel - comed with love by our

6  
call us friends, say - ing, "Join in the song of the Lord!"  
once were for, when we join in the song of the Lord.  
wine and bread, and we'll join in the song of the Lord.  
Sa - vior Friend and we'll join in the song of the Lord.

9  
We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give — thanks!" We will

12  
not be a - afraid, for He comes to save. We will shout, we will call, "Ev - 'ry

15  
tribe and race: Come and join in the song of the Lord!"

## \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## **New Testament Reading—John 12:1-8**

*Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany*

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

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—Philippians 3:4-8**

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Phil. 3:8-9**

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to the Lord who gives us his righteousness through faith!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

# I Set My Hope on Jesus

Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa

♩ = 73

B♭ B♭/D E♭ B♭ E♭maj7 F B♭ B♭sus B♭

1. When this

## VERSE 1

B♭ B♭/D E♭ B♭ B♭/D E♭ B♭/D F B♭ F/A

life of tri - als tests my faith, I set my hope on Je - sus. When the

10 Gm E♭ B♭/D E♭ F B♭ F/A

ques - tions come and doubts re - main, I set my hope on Je - sus. For the

14 Gm Dm E♭ B♭/D Cm7 F

deep - est wounds that time won't heal, there's a joy that runs still deep - er. There's a

## CHORUS 1a

18 B♭ B♭/D E♭ B♭/D Cm7 Fsus B♭ E♭2 B♭

truth that's more than all I feel, I set my hope on Je - sus. I set my hope on

23 Gm F B♭ F/A Gm E♭ B♭/D

*2nd time to Coda* ♯

Je - sus, my rock, my on - ly trust, who set His heart up - on my first. I

28 E♭ F B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭maj7 F B♭ B♭sus

set my hope on Je - sus. 2. Though I

## VERSE 2

B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ B♭/D F B♭ F/A

fal - ter in this war with sin, I set my hope on Je - sus. When I

37 Gm Eb Bb2/D Eb F Bb F/A

fail the fight and sink with - in, I set my hope on Je - sus. Though the

41 Gm Dm Eb Bb/D Cm7 F

shame would drown me in its sea and I dread the waves of jus - tice, I will

45 Bb Bb/D Eb Cm7 F Bb Eb2 D.S. al Coda

cast my life on Cal - va - ry, I set my hope on Je - sus. I

49 *Coda* Eb F

set my hope on Je - - - -

**INSTRUMENTAL**

Bb Bb/D Eb Bb Eb Gm F Bb Gm Eb Bb/D Eb F

sus.

**VERSE 3**

57 Bb Bbsus Bb Eb Bb/D Eb2 Bb/D F Bb F/A

3.Though the world calls me to leave my Lord, I set my hope on Je - sus. Though it

62 Gm Eb Bb/D Ebmaj7 F Bb F/A

of - fers all its vain re - wards, I set my hope on Je - sus. Though this

66 Gm Dm Eb Bb/D Cm7 F

heart of mine is prone to stray, give me grace e - nough to fin - ish. Till I

**CHORUS 1a**

70 Bb Bb/D Eb Cm7 Fsus Bb Eb2 Bb

wor - ship on that fi - nal day, I set my hope on Je - sus. I set my hope on

# 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:*



## **Sermon**

"Suffering"

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Sermon Series, Soul Life

Rev. Tim Jackson

**\*Song of Response**

*Be Still, My Soul*  
Trinity Hymnal #689

# 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)

## *Son of Suffering*

David Funk, Aaron Moses, Matt Redman, and Nate Moore. Arr. by Daniel Galbraith

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Sending Song

### *Mighty God We Thank and Praise You*

Wendell Kimbrough and Ludwig van Beethoven

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;  
Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ.  
In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son;  
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, One.  
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

### \*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):** Chenoa Pysar (please report to the toddler nursery directly following the service)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Soul Life Sermon Discussion-** Pastor Polski and Jamie McCall (Sanctuary)  
Each week, we will also host a follow up Sunday School in the sanctuary co-taught by Pastor Polski 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-** Pastor Rosales (Room 111)  
“Swim! It doesn’t matter if you don’t know how. Just jump in and swim!”  
Hopefully that’s not how you learned to swim, but it is often what we feel when we’re told to evangelize. Wait a minute...what is evangelism? And how do I do that in an increasingly post-Christian context? Join Pastor Pablo as we look at *Evangelism in a Skeptical World*. Together we will dip our feet in the theology of evangelism, a few strategies, and then how to craft a gospel presentation. While you will not get a one-size-fits-all approach to evangelism, there are helpful tools to first help of float and then stroke through the waters.

**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: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Elzinga, McCall, Marcus, Goldstein. SS: Chenoa. CC: Doiron, Petty, Goldstein. **Next Sunday:** Ushers: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Kwong, Thomason, Moen, Williamson. SS: Harlow. CC: Mitchell, Williamson, Younger.

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 the 2nd & 4th Sundays from 4:30-6:30 pm for ages 3yrs-5th grade. The children enjoy a shared meal, games, Bible lesson, and choir.

Trinity is hosting a **blood drive with Red Cross** on May 14th from 2-6pm. Registration and more info are coming. In the meantime we are in **need of a few volunteers** to help with registration and to pass out snacks. Please use the QR code or go to Church Center to volunteer.

**Today is the last day to sign up to donate eggs** for the Easter Egg hunt (following the 9:30am Easter service). All donations can be **dropped off in the basket in the church office by Apr. 13.**

The next **Men's Breakfast** is Sat., Apr. 26, 8-9:30am.

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.

**Easter Flowers** will be available following the 9:30am service on Apr. 20. Donations are appreciated!

**Ladies Connect:** Tues., Apr. 22 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's.

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),

**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:](#)



## HOLY WEEK

**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. Kids, join us following the 9:30am service for an Easter Egg hunt on the front lawn.

# MISSION UPDATE

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



**Prayers:** Scan the QR link for the **April 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Robinson Elementary Food Pantry** – Our last 2 pantries of the school year are upon us. Thank you to all who have joined to partner with local families during tough times. We are in need of the following items for the April 17<sup>th</sup> pantry. Please bring items by Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are grocery shopping, please consider buying one or some of the following from the pantry wish list:

- Liquid Hand Soap and Dish soap
- Disinfecting Spray/All-Purpose Cleaner
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels and Tissues
- Laundry Detergent and Bleach
- All Feminine Products
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Women's and Men's Deodorant
- Sugar and Flour
- Cooking Oil
- Shampoo and Conditioner

## **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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