

Palm Sunday



April 13, 2025
Trinity Church

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 REDEEMS OUR DISAPPOINTMENT

(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): Joan Kwong, Tara Thomason, Deborah Moen, Nora Williamson

Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk

Scripture Reader: Lyn Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Jim Talent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes & Reflection

Why do you contend against him, saying, 'He will answer none of man's words'? For God speaks in one way, and in two, though man does not perceive it. – Job 33:14

And the Lord said to Job: "Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it." Then Job answered the Lord and said: "Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you. I lay my hand on my mouth. I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further." – Job 40:1-5

"Faith means believing in advance what will only make sense in reverse."

– Philip Yancey

"Repeated disappointment almost always triggers a series of other reactions: discouragement, anger, frustration, bitterness, resentment, and even depression. Unless we learn to deal with disappointment, it will rob us of joy and poison our soul."

– Billy Graham

Devotional Preparation

On Disappointment with God

Today we are going to explore another difficult challenge we face as believers in a fallen world, the idea of disappointment with God.

The notion of disappointment is always set in the context of expectations. If we don't have expectations, we usually aren't disappointed.

The big challenge when it comes to our Christian faith is that we worship a perfect, righteous and holy God who has told us that he is always working out things for the good for those who believe (Rom. 8:28). For many this is quickly translated into an *expectation* that God will always and only give us good things.

In his book, *Disappointment with God*, Phillip Yancey highlights this tendency that many believers have, saying:

“We tend to think, 'Life should be fair because God is fair.' But God is not life. And if I confuse God with the physical reality of life- by expecting constant good health for example- then I set myself up for crashing disappointment.”

This "crashing disappointment" can cripple our faith and make us feel very distant from God.

What's wrong with this paradigm isn't so much the disappointment, but the nature of the expectation. When God says he is "working all things for the good" that doesn't mean that what he's doing in our life will be easy, happy or even understandable to us. The good he is working is good from his perspective, not ours. It's what he knows we need.

So, if you are struggling with disappointment with God, it's essential to go back and spend some time on the question of what kind of expectations you have of God and whether or not they are consistent with what he has told us in his word.

Introit

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Trinity Hymnal #235

Song of Preparation (Children's Choir & Ensemble)

Hosanna
Bekah Marsh

*Call To Worship— Psalm 118 (selected)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say...

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

People: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Leader: Oh Lord, help us as we come now to sing your praises, offer our thanksgiving, and hear from your word!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Trinity Hymnal #53

Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith. Arr. by Joel Mott and Dan Galbraith

A musical score for the Agnus Dei, arranged by Joel Mott and Dan Galbraith. The score is written for a single melodic line, likely a guitar, with guitar chords indicated above the notes. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 2/4. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, and 24 marked. The lyrics are written below the notes, and some words are hyphenated across measures. A 'CHORUS' section is indicated by a box around the word 'CHORUS' above measure 11. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

A A^{2sus} A D/A A A^{2sus} A D/A E/A
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

4 D/A E/A D/A A D/A A A^{2sus} A A^{2sus} A D/A A
-ia, for the Lord God Al - might - y reigns. Al - le - lu - ia,

8 A^{2sus} A D/A E/A D/A E/A D/A E/A D/A A D/A A A^{2sus} A
al - le - lu - ia, for the Lord God Al - might - y reigns.

11 A^{2sus} A D/A E/A D/A E A A E/A A
Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly are You,
CHORUS

15 D/A A F#m E Bm A/C# D Bm A/C#
Lord God Al - might - y. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the

18 D A E/A A D/A A F#m
Lamb. You are ho - ly. Ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might -

22 E Bm A/C# D Bm A/C#
-y. Wor - thy is the Lamb; Wor - thy is the

24 1. D 2. D E A
Lamb. You are ho - Lamb. A - men.

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Luke 19:28-40

The Triumphal Entry

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

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 2:4-8

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Silent Confession and Lament

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to to the Lord for cleansing us from our sin!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Ed Cash, Fionan De Barra, Keith Getty & Kristen Getty

E A E E A E E A E

mel.
 1. Lift high the name of Je - sus of Je - sus our King. Make
 2. Lift high the name of Je - sus of Je - sus our Lord. His
 3. Lift high the name of Je - sus of Je - sus our Light. No

E A E A E A E

known the pow - er of His grace, the beau - ty of His peace. Re -
 pow'r in us is great - er than, is great - er than this world. To
 oth - er name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He

5

B E G# A F#m7 B

mem - ber how His mer - cy reached and we cried out to Him. He
 share the rea - son for our hope to serve with love and grace. that
 o - pens up our eyes to see the har - vest He has grown. We

9

E A E B E

lift - ed us to so - lid ground to free - dom from our sin.
 all who see Him shine through us might bring the Fa - ther praise.
 la - bor in His fields of grace as He leads sin - ners home.

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Chorus

Oh sing my soul and tell all He's done 'til the
earth and heav - ens are filled with His glo - - - ry.

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)

Jesus, My Savior

Rob Gardner, adapted freely from "When All Thy Mercies, O My God" by Joseph Addison

Sermon

"Disappointment with God"

Habakkuk

Sermon Series, Soul Life

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

***Song of Response**

Be Thou My Vision
Trinity Hymnal #642

***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): Ruth Harlow (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: Schaffer, Schlitt, Thomason, Kocher. Nursery: Kwong, Thomason, Moen, Williamson. SS: Harlow. CC: Mitchell, Williamson, Younger. **Next**

Sunday: Ushers: Thomason, Heintz, Standerfer, Younger. Nursery: Manwarings, Emerson. CC: Oehlerking, Polski, Hawley.

NO Men's and Women's Bible Studies this week.

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

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 meets today at 4:30pm for a time of guided prayer, asking God to bring renewal to St. Louis.

Trinity is hosting a **blood drive with Red Cross** on May 14th from 2-6pm. **Registration is now open** via the QR code to the right or Church Center. 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.

Men's Breakfast: 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: More snack volunteers needed! 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.

Want to **know more about serving on the Mission Committees?** Join us for lunch following SS on Apr. 27th. Please use the QR code to let us know you are coming.

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:](#)



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, 6:45-8:30am 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 the 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.
- **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 for this is now open-use the QR code above.**

Senders:

- **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 17th pantry. Please bring items by Sunday, April 13th. 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

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. **Link to snack list via QR code above.**

Mobilizers:

Mission Committees Informational – On April 27th, following the Sunday School hour, please join us in the Narthex for an informational meeting. If you’ve wondered what it would be like to serve on a committee, or what is involved in putting together our yearly Mission’s Conference, please come. Ruling Elder Tom Schmidt will share a bit about the Mission’s Conference, and Pastor Chris will briefly share about the impact that missions can have on a church for generations.

Bring your questions. Light lunch will be provided, so we’ll need a head count. Register by Thursday, April 24th either on Church Center or via the QR code.

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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