

TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

February 16, 2020
The Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

Visiting with us today?

We are glad you are here! We would love to reach out to you (not in a nagging way) this week. Please fill out a card in the seat pockets and place in the offering basket or hand to an usher or pastor, or text your name to: **314-384-2444**.

We are happy your little ones are here too. They are welcome throughout the worship service, but if you prefer we offer:

- Nursery care for children 6 weeks through pre-school age.
- Children's Church gathers in the 1st & 2nd gr. classroom (room 111) during the offering for ages 4yrs through 2nd grade (and stays there for the remainder of the service).
- The worship service is streamed to the Fireplace Room for nursing moms.

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO MAKES US HOLY

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Pastoral Prayer: Michael Jorgensen

Scripture Reader: Kathy O'Neal

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

“Holiness is not something we do or attain; it is the communication of the divine life, the inbreathing of the divine nature; the power of the divine presence resting on us.” — Andrew Murray

“A holy life is not an ascetic, or gloomy, or solitary life, but a life regulated by divine truth and faithful in Christian duty. It is living above the world while we are still in it.” — Tryon Edwards

“Holiness is not freedom from temptation, but power to overcome temptation.”
— G. Campbell Morgan

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Reflect quietly and prayerfully on these words as we prepare to enter into worship.

As we come again to *Jesus' High Priestly Prayer*, we see that Jesus was praying for the father to sanctify, or make holy, His disciples to ready them for the work that they had been given. But what constitutes being holy for us in the modern day?

Francis Schaeffer was one of the great Christian thinkers and apologists of the 20th century. In his book, *The Mark of Love*, he has this to say about the biblical call to holiness in the life of the believer:

“The Christian really has a double task. He has to practice both God’s holiness and God’s love. The Christian is to exhibit that God exists as the infinite-personal God; and then he is to exhibit simultaneously God’s character of holiness and love. Not His holiness without His love: this is only harshness. Not His love without His holiness: that is only compromise. Anything that an individual Christian or Christian group does that fails to show the simultaneous balance of the holiness of God and the love of God presents to a watching world not a demonstration of the God who exists but a caricature of the God who exists.”

Let us come and worship the God who not only calls us to holiness, but who makes us holy!

Song of Preparation (Ensemble vv. 1-3, Congregation vv. 4-5)

O, Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us

Words by Bessie P. Head. Music by Rebekah Marsh

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G/C C C2 C G/C C C2 C G/B

1. O Breath of life come sweep ing through us re - vive your
 2. O Wind of God, come bend us break us, till hum - bly
 3. O Breath of love, come breathe with - in us, re - new - ing

Am F Gsus G F/C Am F G Gsus G F

4 church with life a-nd pow'r O Breath of life come cleanse re - new us and fit your
 we con-fess our need; then in your ten - der - ness re - make us, re - vive re -
 thought and will and heart; come, Love of Christ a - fresh to win us, re - vive your

C G CC2 C CC2 C A sus A A/D D D2 D A/D

1, 2. 1, 2.

Chur - ch to meet this hour. O Heart of Christ once brok - ken
 Sto - re for this we plead. Re - vive us, Lord, is zeal a -
 Chur - ch in ev - ery part.

DD2 D A/C# Bm G A sus A G/D Bm G

13 for us 'tis there we find our strength a-nd rest; our bro-ken con - trite hearts now
 ba - ting while har - vest fields are vast a-nd white? Re - vive us Lord the world is

A A sus A G D D D D

1. 2.

17 so - lace and let your wai - ting church be blest.
 wai - ting e - quip your church to spread the light.

***Call to Worship—Psalm 71 (selected)**

Leader: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

People: You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

Leader: I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

People: I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

All: Our lips will shout for joy, when we sing praises to you; our souls also, which you have redeemed.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Trinity Hymnal #92

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

G **Em7**

1. The splen - dor of the King, 7 clothed in maj - es - ty;
 (2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4 **C2**

— Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps
 — Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7 **G** **Em7**

— Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
 head, three in one, 7 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

10 **C2**

— and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
 — the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. How great

13 **G** **Em7**

— is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

Last time to Coda

16 **Cmaj7** **D** **G2**

— And all will see how great, how great is our God! 2. And

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Deuteronomy 30:11-20

The Lord reveals the pathway to life

“For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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

People: **Amen!**

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—Matthew 5:21-24

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

Silent Confession and Lament

"Sin is a clenched fist and blow to the face of God." — Joseph Parker

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 Timothy 1:16

But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Though we are unworthy, we are granted God's favor in Jesus Christ!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

"Abounding sin is the terror of the world, but abounding grace is the hope of mankind."
— Tozer

*Song of Rejoicing

His Mercy Is More

Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

♩ = 40

VERSE

E E/G# A E

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 (2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
 (3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

3 B C#m A B^{sus} E F#m⁷

-ni - sient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could

6 E/G# A E/G# A E/B

bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

1, 2. **TURNAROUND**
 B^{sus} B⁶ B^{sus} E E/G#

11 A E B C#m A B^{sus}

2. What mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, —
 3. What

3. **CHORUS**
 B^{sus} B⁶ B^{sus} E A E

17 C#m⁷ B^{sus} A E B^{sus} B B^{sus} A E

His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,

21 B C#m⁷ A E

1. B^{sus} E
 2. B^{sus} E

nev - 'ry morn. — Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the mer - cy is more.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.)

Sermon

"Jesus Prays for His Disciples"

John 17:6-19

Rev. Chris Polski

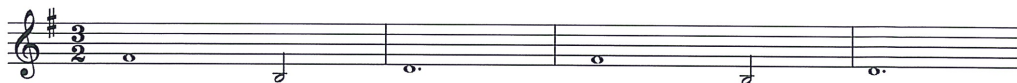
*Song of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

Words and Music by Ada Habershon and Matthew Merker

♩ = 66 **INTRO**

Gmaj⁷ G/B C² Gmaj⁷ G/B C²



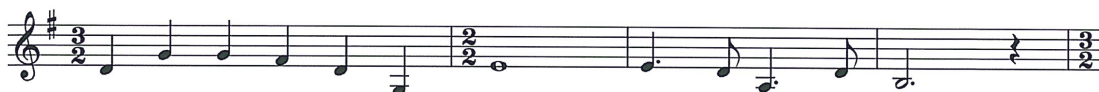
VERSE 1 & 2

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;

"Faith saves us, but assurance satisfies us." — Spurgeon

26 TURNAROUND

Am⁷ G/B C D Gmaj⁷ G/B

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

30 VERSE 3

C² Gmaj⁷ G/B C² 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 ENDING

1. D G 2. D G

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

61 Am⁹ G/B C G/B Am⁷ D^{7sus} G

***Benediction**

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class

Join Pastor Polski for a SS series on the integrity of Holy Scripture. During this series we will examine the origins of the Bible, how it came together as one grand document and why we can believe that the Bible is exactly what it says it is, God's perfect and fully trustworthy word to mankind.

Children/Youth Sunday School

Classes

Pre K & K

1st & 2nd grade

3rd, 4th & 5th grade

Teachers

Jessica Doiron, Michelle Goldstein, Melissa Jorgensen,
Melissa Kocher

Mimi Steele, Sue Freeman, Beth Kling, Janice Koch

Gary & Patty Peterson, Bill & Laurel Elzinga, Scott & Amy
Mitchell

Jr. High Foundations Class

This spring semester in our jr high Sunday school class, we will be studying the Gospel of Mark along with the resource, Mark: The Gospel-Centered Life for Students by John Perritt. We will learn about the life and teachings of the authoritative Son of God, Jesus, through interactive discussion and engaging activities like Jeopardy!

Sr. High Formations Class

This semester the sr. high will be studying the Old Testament Book of 1 Samuel, and will focus on uncovering the pattern of God's faithfulness. We will look at how seeing this pattern builds and encourages our faith today.

These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...

- 314/821-7311 • www.trinitychurchkirkwood.org • Facebook: Trinity Church Kirkwood

Worship and General Church Information

- **Sunday school classes** for all ages meet today.
- **Volunteers next week: Nursery:** Mitchell, O'Donnell, Roberts, Johler, Schmidt, Jorgensen. SS: Thomason, Behnke, Van Duren. **Ushers:** S. Mitchell, Younger, Thomason, Standerfer. **Welcome team:** Boehne, Hall, Thomason, Highmark.
- **Men's Bible Study meets** this Friday at 6:30am. The men are studying the Book of Judges on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of each month.
- **Women's Bible Study:** The Tues. study will continue their look at the Psalms on Feb. 25th at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The Wed. morning group meets weekly to study the Book of Galatians. It isn't too late to join either study!
- **Men's Night this Wed.** at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.
- Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office if you need help setting it up.
- **Scripture Readers** needed for Sunday mornings March through May. Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.
- **Volunteers needed to help in the Robinson Elementary Food Pantry.** See Nate Taylor or your weekly emails to sign up.
- **Does your family enjoy the Sunday snacks?** If so, please consider signing up to bring a snack on a future Sunday. See Amy Mitchell or your weekly email.
- **Calling all 4th-6th graders!** It is time to sign up for **Camp Strong**. April 17-19th. Sign up here: tiny.cc/4nsjiz.
- **Choral Ensemble** will be singing for BOTH Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Save the date for the **rehearsals: Wednesday April 1st and 8th** from 7-8pm.
- All Trinity singers have an opportunity to **sing in a joint choir** for a performance of Handel's Messiah this December and before Easter of 2021. See the flyer in the hallway or Mimi Steele for more info.
- We are hoping to have a good group of Trinity ladies (and friends) attend the **Gospel Coalition Women's Conference** on Jun. 11-13th in Indianapolis. If you are interested in going, please contact Amy Mitchell. Scholarships and financial aid available.
- **Ladies Connect:** Monday, Feb. 24 at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's. Come out for a relaxing evening with friends. Beverages provided, but feel free to bring a snack to share.

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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