

# TRINITY CHURCH

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March 15, 2020 The Third Sunday of Lent

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS THE RIGHTEOUS KING

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Steve O'Neal Scripture Reader: Will Mattingly

Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### **Quotes and Reflections**

"Our righteousness is in Him, and our hope depends, not upon the exercise of grace in us, but upon the fullness of grace and love in Him, and upon His obedience unto death." — John Newton

"There are only two kinds of men: the righteous who think they are sinners and the sinners who think they are righteous." — Blaise Pascal

## WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

### The Third Sunday of Lent- Water

During this Lenten season at Trinity we are growing a resurrection garden.

The first Sunday of lent we initiated the garden by each contributing a handful of dirt. This was a symbol of what we contribute to our salvation...nothing! Last Sunday, symbolized by the seed, we saw that God initiates the process of salvation in our lives by planting his love and mercy in our hearts.

As we continue through this third Sunday of Lent, we turn our attention to the work that God does in nurturing us through the symbol of the watering of the seeds.

In the gospel of John, the apostle conveyed Jesus' critical teaching about being the essential spiritual water to sustain us.

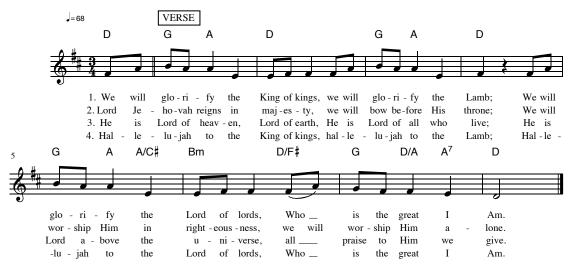
Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." — John 4:13

In times of darkness we forget that God is nurturing us. He has sown the seeds and He promises to strengthen and sustain them. Watering the seeds reminds us that the Lord takes care of the details in our lives. We are called to trust in Him because He is in control. Every seed will be tended and everything will bloom in His timing alone. As we wait in the midst of this process we are called to be patient and receptive to his mysterious work in our lives.

### Song of Preparation

We Will Glorify

Words and Music by Twila Paris



### \*Call to Worship—Psalm 95 (selected)

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

### People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

- Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- People: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
- Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

# All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

When we are called to worship by the sovereign king of the universe, we respond with joy!

### WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

\*Songs of Adoration

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! Trinity Hymnal #296

Agnus Dei



### \*Prayer of Adoration

## WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

### Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 55:1-9

The Lord is full of grace and compassion

"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: Amen!

## WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD Call to Confession—Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people guarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you guarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the guarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

### Silent Confession and Lament

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Rom. 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

### People: Thanks be to God!

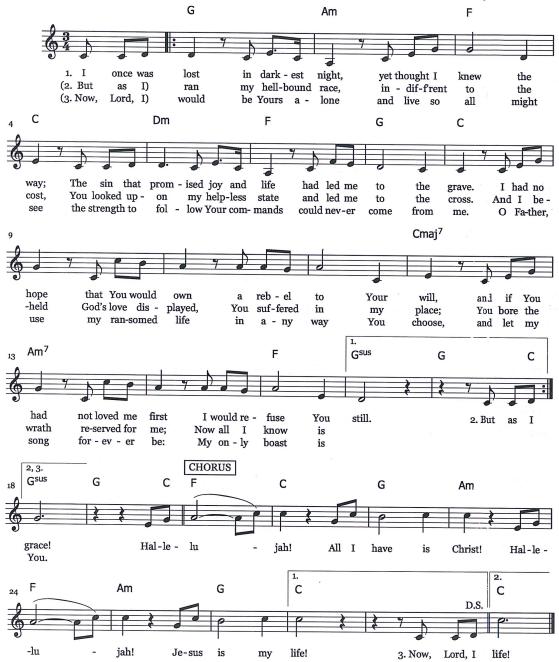
Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

### People: And also with you!

### \*Song of Rejoicing

### All I Have Is Christ

Words and Music by Jordan Kauflin



## 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 the1st/2nd grade classroom.)

### **Offertory Song** (Ensemble)

### What a Beautiful Name

Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ. What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus, Christ, my King. What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down. My sin was great, Your love was greater; what could separate us now? What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this. What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God, You reign. Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the name above all names.

What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against. What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

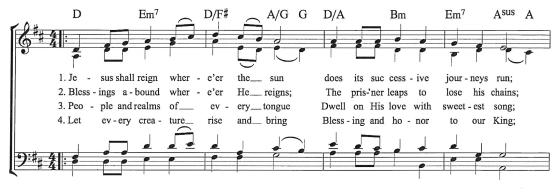
### Sermon

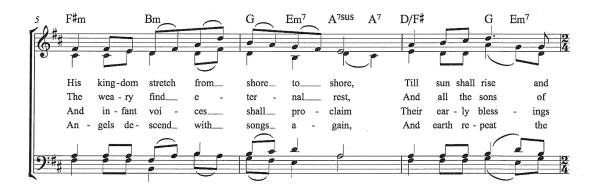
"Jesus Tries Pilate" John 18:28-40 Rev. Chris Polski

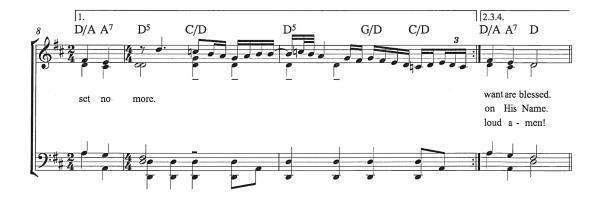
#### \*Song of Response

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Isaac Watts, John Hatton, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Ed Cash









### \*Benediction

The Lord sends us out into His world, with His blessing.

# 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

- Please look for communication mid-week about ongoing activities at church. We will let you know if there is a change to any of the activities below.
- All Sunday school classes are suspended until further notice.
- Volunteers next week: Ushers: A. Mitchell, Brumley, Boehne, Thomason, Hendricks. Welcome team: Sinclair, Freeman, Kling.
- Women's Bible Study: The Tues. study will continue their look at the Psalms Mar. 24th. at 7pm at Melissa Jorgensen's home. The Wed. group is on spring break this week.
- Men's Night this Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.
- Men's Bible Study this Fri. at 6:30am. The men are studying the Book of Judges on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the month.
- Prayer gathering this Friday at 7:45am.
- 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 for assistance.
- Scripture Readers needed for Sunday mornings March through May. Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway.
- Now that the construction is coming to an end, we would like to do some deep cleaning around the building. If you are available we could use your help on Wed., Mar. 18th from 9am to noon. We will not have childcare because our hope is to tackle the nursery as well as several other areas. Please let Amy Mitchell know if you are able to help.
- Have you **considered serving as an AV member** at Trinity? If you have any interest in learning about our new sound system and the ways in which you can serve through this ministry, please join us for a special training time led by Dan Bailey on Sat., Mar. 28th from 8am to noon.
- Open House! Join us on Sat., Mar. 28th from 6-8pm. Come take a look around the new addition to our church home while enjoying appetizers and refreshments. Then meet up in the sanctuary at 7pm for a special Hymn Sing.
- Choral Ensemble will be singing for BOTH Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Save the date for the rehearsals: Wednesdays, March 25th, and April 1st and 8th from 6-7pm.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.
- Calling all 4th-6th graders! It is time to sign up for Camp Strong. April 17-19th. Sign up here: tiny.cc/4nsjiz.

- All Church Work Day: we hope you can join us Sat., Apr. 4th from 9am to noon as we care for our church grounds and maintenance on the building. Look for task sign up sheets coming soon.
- Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday, Apr. 9th at 7pm, Good Friday, Apr. 10th at 7pm, Easter Sunday: 7am & 9:30am. This is a great time to invite someone to church. Cards with the times of these services can be found in the seat pockets. Feel free to take one and pass it along.
- VBS will take place this summer in the evenings of Jun 22-26th from 5:30-7:30pm. This free event is open to children ages 3yrs (potty trained) through children who have completed 4th grade. You may register on our website or through Church Center.
- Ladies, be sure to save this date: Fri., Apr.24th, we will have a special women's social. You won't want to miss out on this evening of fun with friends! More info coming soon.
- 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.

#### 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).

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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