



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

March 29, 2020
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

As we prepare for worship, meditate on this reflection on the cross from Robert Rayburn:

"The cross is a sacred and beloved symbol to Christians. The cross, standing for the death of the Son of God in our place, his paying the price of our deliverance from sin and guilt by bearing in our place the punishment our sins deserved, is the sacred emblem of the Christian faith. We have built our churches in the shape of crosses, We adorn our churches with crosses. We hang gold crosses around our necks or pin them to our lapels. And that we do so is in one sense utterly amazing because there was nothing originally attractive or beautiful about a cross. No one in Jesus' day would have worn a cross around his neck. No one would have written hymns or poems in celebration of a cross.

The cross was nothing less than *supreme* humiliation and the most exquisite torture known to that world at that time. Crucifixion was the most extreme form of the death penalty then in use in the Roman Empire. There were then three forms of execution: death by burning, by the beasts, and by crucifixion. Everyone acknowledged that crucifixion was by far the worst of those three.

...At the cross of Jesus two fundamentally opposite conceptions collide. In the one case, the offense of the cross – the idea that anything important, anything life-giving could come from such an execution. And in the other, the Christian proclamation that only through such a death on the part of the Son of God could men be put right with God. And this antithesis, these two different conceptions of the cross are always resolved in the same way. It is only when a person realizes that *he or she* deserves that death that Jesus died on the cross it suddenly makes sense. It is only when a person comes to feel that *he* deserves what Jesus suffered that the appalling nature of Christ's death becomes no longer an obstacle to faith but its tremendously powerful attraction...Let a person only see that in dying on that cross Christ was dying for him or for her, in his or her place, for his or her sins, was bearing the curse, suffering the penalty that he or she deserved, and in that moment a halo is cast around that ancient instrument of torture. That Christ went willingly *to that for me* is the reason why Christians speak so fondly of the cross and why Paul should say, 'May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.' Others may consider it an offense or foolishness, but to me it is the power of God and the wisdom of God."

WORSHIPPING THE GOD WHO HAS SECURED OUR SALVATION

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Words by Anne Steele. Music by Kevin Twit

1. Dear re - fuge of my wear - y soul, On
 Thou When gloo - my doubts pre - vail, I
 mer - cy bid me is o - pen still, And
 Here

5 Thee when sor - rows rise On Thee when waves of
 fear to I call Thee mine vain? The springs of the com - fort
 shall I seek Thee mine vain? And hum - ble ear hope of
 let my soul re - treat

8 trou - ble roll, My fain - ting hope re - lies To
 seem to fail, And all my hopes de - cline Yet
 sov - ereign grace, Be deaf when I com - plain? No
 tend Thy will, And wait be - neath Thy feet Thy

12 Thee I tell each ri - sing grief, For
 gra - cious God where shall I flee? Thou
 still the ear of is sov - ereign grace, At
 mer - cy seat of is o - pen still, Here

15 Thou a - lone canst hea - r I Thy Word can bring a
 art my on - ly tru - st And still my soul would
 tends the mour - ner's pray - er Oh may I ev - er
 let my soul re - trea - t With hum - ble hope at -

19 sweet re - lief, For eve - ry pain I feel 2. But
 cleave to Thee, Though pro - strate in the dust 3. Hast
 find ac - cess, To breathe my sor - rows there 4. Thy
 tend Thy will, And wait be - neath Thy feet

***Call to Worship—Psalm 130 (selected)**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits,**

Leader: He forgives all your iniquity, He heals all your diseases,

**People: He redeems our life from the pit, and crowns us
with steadfast love and mercy,**

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so
great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!**

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Trinity Hymnal #53

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
• fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
• dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
• might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend -
brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;
You're name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on signing:
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more

(Chorus)

Worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Lord makes the dead to live

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

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—Psalm 130:1-3

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Prayer for the Peace of the Church

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear the good news: “But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” (Psalm 130:4)

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us now take a moment to pray silently for the peace and sustenance of the church in the midst of this unprecedented season in the history of the world. You can do that by typing in prayer comments on the Facebook page right now or by simply praying on your own.

*Song of Rejoicing

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Words and Music by Matthew Papa and Matthew Boswell

♩ = 77

VERSE

B \flat B \flat /A Gm F/A

1. Christ the _ sure and stead - y an - chor in the fu - ry of the
 (2. Christ the) _ sure and stead - y an - chor while the temp - est rag - es
 (3. Christ the) _ sure and stead - y an - chor through the floods of un - be -
 (4. Christ the) _ sure and stead - y an - chor as we face the wave of

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B \flat F/A Gm F

storm, when the _ winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been
 on, when temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has
 - lief. Hope - less, _ some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va -
 death, when these _ trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal

CHORUS

F 7 B \flat /D E \flat^2 B \flat /D E \flat^2 F

torn. In the suf - fring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are
 won. Deep - er still, then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac -
 - ry. This my bal - last of as - sur - ance - see His love for - ev - er
 breath. We will cross that great hor - i - zon, clouds be - hind, and life se -

(D.S.) shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er

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Gm E \flat^2 F/A Gm E \flat maj 7 F $^{\text{sus}}$ B \flat

few, I will _ hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 - cused. I will _ hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 proved. All my _ hope is in the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 - cued. And the _ calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dured.
 true. We will _ hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

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B \flat /A Gm 7 E \flat^2 E \flat^2 B \flat /D D.S. E \flat^2 B \flat

2.3.4. Christ the _

Christ the

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Ensemble Song

Jesus Thank You

Words and Music by Pat Sczebel

Sermon

"It is Finished"

John 19:17-42

Rev. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

What Wondrous Love is This

Trinity Hymnal #261

Dm7 C6 Bbmaj7 A

1. What won - drous love is this, O my - soul, O my soul! What
 2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing — To
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on — And

Dm7 C6 Dm Gm Dm7 C6

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won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this, that —
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing down, be -
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb, who —
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll —

F Gm Bbmaj7 C6 Dm7

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caused the Lord - of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 neath God's right - eous frown, to Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul, for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 sing His love for me. And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing

C6 Bbmaj7 A Dm7 C6 Bbmaj7 A

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soul to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul!
 sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on. — And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing —

Dm7 C6 Bbmaj7 A Dm7 C6 Bbmaj7 A Dm7

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on! I'll sing on! I'll sing on! I'll sing on! I'll sing on!

*Benediction

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

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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.
- The **church office** is closed temporarily, but please don't hesitate to contact your elder or a staff member if you need anything.
- We will not meet this Friday for our prayer gathering, but please pass along any prayer requests to your elders or amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.
- **All Bible Studies** will move to an online format for the next few weeks. Your ministry leader will reach out to you with more information.
- 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.
- **Choral Ensemble** rehearsals have ALL been cancelled.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org.
- **Work Day on Apr. 4th is postponed.** However, the deacons will be reaching out with ways you can help in the coming weeks.
- **Sign up for the Diaconal Care group** by going to Church Center, click the tab that says "Groups" then scroll till you find "Service," click that tab and search for diaconal care group.

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.**