

April 5, 2020 Trinity Church

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

"We were promised sufferings. They were part of the program. We were even told, 'Blessed are they that mourn,' and I accept it. I've got nothing that I hadn't bargained for. Of course it is different when the thing happens to oneself, not to others, and in reality, not imagination." — C.S. Lewis

"The best praying man is the man who is most believingly familiar with the promises of God. After all, prayer is nothing but taking God's promises to him, and saying to him, 'Do as thou hast said.' Prayer is the promise utilized. A prayer which is not based on a promise has no true foundation." — Charles Spurgeon

"The foundation of moral life is God's truthfulness." — John Piper

"If you aren't constantly astonished at God's grace in your solitude, there's no way it can happen in public." — Tim Keller

"I love reading this passage ("he was numbered with the transgressors," Isa. 53:12; Lk 22:37) and hearing Jesus grab that pronoun 'he' and velcro it to his chest. He is the Suffering Servant, the son of David, the one who would 'justify the many' as he is 'pierced for our transgressions.' I read this passage and I find myself more impressed with my Savior who loves the Word of God, the will of God, the elect of God, all to the glory of God. Jesus Christ indeed has it all together as he goes to die for folks who can't get it right. I love him because he is so different than me, so perfect and so full of a holy zeal that terminates on the glory of God. I love him because he is different than me and is everything that I want to be. Simply, I love him because he is Jesus, the one and only." — Erik Raymond

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO FULFILLS HIS PROMISES

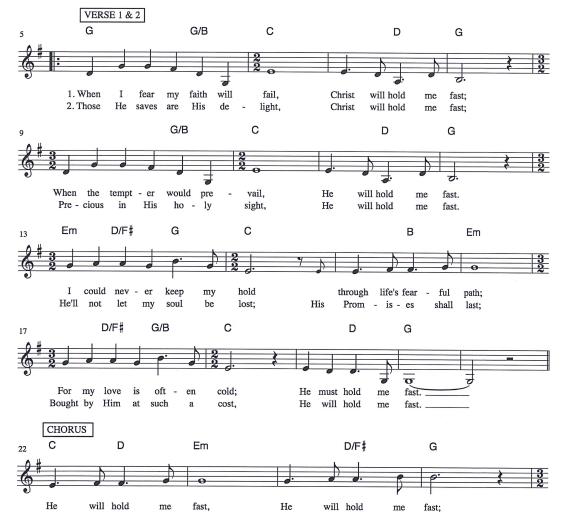
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation

He Will Hold Me Fast

Intro by Jean Sibelius. Words by Ada Havershon and Matt Merker. Music by Matt Merker





*Call to Worship—Psalm 18 (selected)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

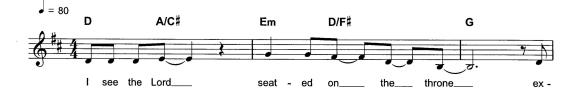
- Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

I See the Lord

Words and Music by Chris Falson

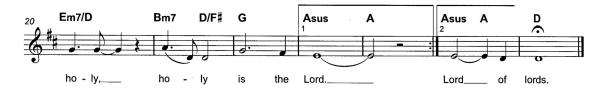




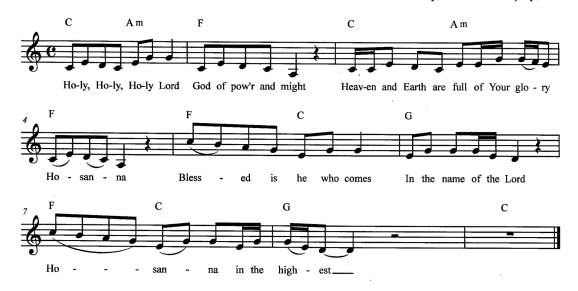








Sanctus Music by Brian T. Murphy, 2009



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Psalm 39:1-16

The Psalmist expresses trust in the Lord in the midst of distress

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!

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

People: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

Call to Confession—John 12:23-26

And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—John 12:44-46

And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for his light that overwhelms the darkness!

People: Thanks be to God!

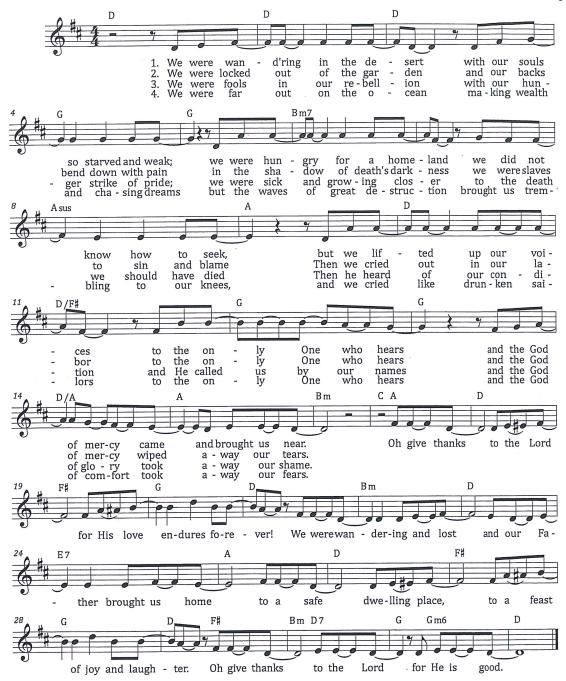
Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Oh Give Thanks! (Psalm 107)

Wendell Kimbrough



WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

Ancient of Days

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves

Sermon "To Fulfill the Scripture" John 19:23-24 Rev. Nate Taylor

*Song of Response

Crown Him with Many Crowns Trinity Hymnal #295

*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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- 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.
- New Adult Sunday school class: <u>Spiritual Formation in an Anxious Age</u> With the presence of a pandemic, grim economic news, stir-crazy isolation, and the quest for new routines, it can be easy to simply try to get by. The temptation is to press pause on our spirituality as many other aspects of life stand still. What if, instead, we took some time to ask ourselves, "Who am I becoming?" We're all scrambling to find practices that will sustain us through tough times, but what if we thought this way about all of life? Join Pastor Nate for a new Adult Ed class starting April 19th. We'll be asking what it means to cultivate the habits of love and disciplines of grace as we seek to be conformed to the image of Christ, even in the midst of a very anxious time. Pastor Nate will be recording the lessons and distributing them via email and social media.
- The **church office** is closed temporarily, but please don't hesitate to contact your elder or a staff member if you need anything.
- 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.
- 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.
- Holy Week Services: Join us for our Good Friday Service on our Facebook page, Friday, Apr. 10th at 7pm. Easter Morning Worship will be at 9:30am on our Facebook page. We will not have a Maundy Thursday or Easter Sunrise service this year as originally planned.

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.