

I am the  
resurrection  
& the life

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# WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

An excerpt from: *What if Jesus Wasn't Really Raised from the Dead*- Trevin Wax  
The Gospel Coalition

We see in I Corinthians 15 Paul's rapid-fire list of terrible implications that would be true if Jesus wasn't really raised from the dead. But what if we turn the passage around, to see what is true since the resurrection really happened?

- Since there is a resurrection of the dead, then Jesus Christ has truly been raised.
- And if Jesus Christ has been raised, then our proclamation is powerful, and so is your faith.
- We are found to be true witnesses about God, because we have testified truthfully about God that he raised up Christ—whom he truly raised up, because the dead are raised.
- And if the dead are raised, then Christ has truly been raised. And if Christ has been raised, your faith is full of worth and power.
- Your sins are forgiven forever.
- Those who have fallen asleep in Christ are safe in his arms.
- If we have put our hope in Christ for this life and the next, we have reasons to celebrate forever!

If the heart of Christianity is true, everything has changed. Stephen Um puts it this way:

"The resurrection narrative tells a story with a beautiful, happy ending. The end of redemptive history is: God wins, and those who are in union with Christ will win along with him. He will renew the entire world to make it the way it is supposed to be and will undo all of the disintegration. . . . Death will not ultimately have the victory because of what Jesus Christ has done. It's not possible that we could ever fail or consider ourselves as losers. Because Jesus Christ lost everything for us, we can't ultimately lose anything."

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS OUR GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment

Song of Preparation

*Our Great God*

Fernando Ortega

8 A Em Em7  
1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - rious and un - frail and un -  
2. Lord we are weak and frail help - less in the

12 A A Em Em7  
known. storm.. Your Sur - round - less love with un - fail - ing, in grace and mer - cy Your  
Sur - round us with Your an - gels, hold us in Your

16 A F#m D2  
shown. arms. Bright Our ser - vice and phim ruth - in less end - less flight a -  
shown. arms. Our ser - vice and ruth - in less end - less flight his

19 F#m D2 A Em  
round - Your glo - rious throne, harm. They raise their voic - es day and night in  
pleas - ure is our God. Rise up, oh Lord and will flee be -

23 Em7 A A Em  
Chorus  
praise to You a - lone. Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry -  
fore our Sov - reign God.

27 D A A  
be to our great - God. Ha - le - lu -

30 Em 1. D  
jah! glo - ry be to our great

37 A Em A Em A Em

God \_.

**Verse 3**

43 A A A Em Em7

3. Let ev - ry crea - ture in - the sea, and ev - ry fly - ing \_.

48 A A Em Em7

bird, let ev - ry moun - tain, ev - ry \_ field, and val - ley of the \_.

52 A F#m D2

earth, let all \_ the moons \_ and all the stars in.

55 F#m D2 A

all \_ the u - ni - verse sing prais - es to the.

**Chorus 2**

58 Em Em7 A A

liv - ing God, who rules them by His \_ Word. Ha - le \_ lu -.

62 Em D 1. A 2. A

jah! glo - ry be to \_ our great God! Ha - le \_ God \_.

## **\*Call to Worship—Psalm 16 (selected)**

Leader: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

**People: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**People: My flesh also dwells secure.**

Leader: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

**People: You make known to me the path of life;**

Leader: In your presence there is fullness of joy;

**All: At your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Trinity Hymnal #457

## *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Words by John Newton. Music by Laura Taylor



1. Let us love and sing Lord and won - der,  
2. Let us love sing the Lord who bought us,  
3. Let us sing through fierce temp - ta - tion



Let us praise the Sa - vior's name,  
Pit - ied us when to bear e - mies down  
Threat - en hard to



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,  
Called us by his grace and taught us  
For the Lord our strong sal - va - tion



He gave quenched Mount Si - nai's flame, He has  
Gave us in ears view and the gave us us eyes He has  
Holds in view the conq - ueror's crown He who



washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He has  
washed us with His blood, He who

11 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood He has  
 washed us with His blood He who

13 Gm Eb

washed us with His blood, He has  
 washed us with His blood He has  
 washed us with His blood He who

15 F Bb

brought us nigh to God  
 sents our souls to God  
 bring us home to God

17 F Gm Eb

4. Let us wonder grace and justice  
 Join and point to mercy's store  
 When through grace in Christ our trust is  
 Justice smiles and asks no more  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 He who washed us with His blood  
 Has secured our way to God

5. Let us praise and join the chorus  
 Of the saints enthroned on high  
 Here they trusted Him before us  
 Now their praises fill the sky  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou art worthy Lamb of God

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## **New Testament Reading—1 Peter 1:3-9**

*Our imperishable resurrection inheritance*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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—Acts 2:22-23, 36-38**

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men... Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

### **Silent Confession and Lament**

## WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

### **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Eph. 2:4-5**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Leader: People of God, rejoice and give thanks to God for his great grace and love!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you!**

## **\*Song of Rejoicing**

*Blessed Assurance*

Trinity Hymnal #693

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Special Music**

*Christ Is the Life*

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken

In Christ we offer all that He has offered. The perfect offering.

*Christ is the life of the world. Christ is the life of the world.*

*Let us lift up, lift our hearts. Let us lift up, lift up our hearts.*

*It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord.*

So we remember all that He remembered. The whole of love returned.

Sent forth in beauty, reconciling all things. Radiant in holiness.

## **Sermon**

"When We Stoop to Look In"

John 20:10-18

Rev. Chris Polski

# \*Song of Response

## We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther



We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - cry vow we've



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -  
night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised  
bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the



sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up  
mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be — my strength.  
gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring — sha - lom

# \*Benediction

**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](http://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.**

- **New Adult Sunday school class:** Spiritual Formation in an Anxious Age — 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.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).
- If you would like one of our **pastors stop by for a front porch visit** or to give you a phone call, please email [info@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:info@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.

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.