



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

June 28, 2020

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO BRINGS PEACE TO THE NATIONS

Liturgist: Rev. Ben Tharp

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Chris Freeman

Scripture Reader: Ruling Elder, Bill Elzinga

Quotes and Reflections

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne. — Rev. 1:4

“The church is meant to be a working model of what God wants to do with the rest of society.” — Donald English

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.
— S.J. Stone

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

An Excerpt from *The Reason for God* by Tim Keller

As we take on the question regarding the church's role in impacting the world, reflect on these words from Tim Keller:

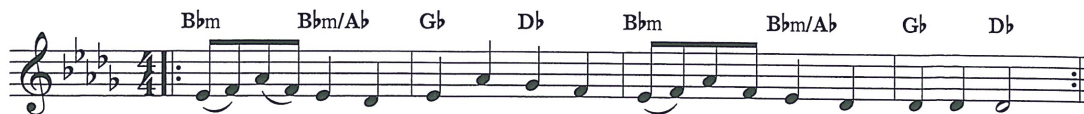
"When Martin Luther King Jr. confronted racism in the white church in the South, he did not call on Southern churches to become more secular. Read his sermons and "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and see how he argued. He invoked God's moral law and the Scripture. He called white Christians to be more true to their own beliefs and to realize what the Bible really teaches. He did not say, 'Truth is relative and everyone is free to determine what is right or wrong for them.' If everything is relative, there would have been no incentive for white people in the South to give up their power. Rather, Dr. King invoked the prophet Amos, who said, 'Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream' (Amos 5:24). The greatest champion of justice in our era knew the antidote to racism was not less Christianity, but a deeper and truer Christianity.

"Dr. King was right. When people have done injustice in the name of Christ they are not being true to the spirit of the one who himself died as a victim of injustice and who called for the forgiveness of his enemies. When people give their lives to liberate others as Jesus did, they are realizing the true Christianity that Martin Luther King Jr., and other Christian voices have called for."

Song of Preparation

Trinity Song

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken



Ho - ly — Fath - er, Son, and Spi - rit. Ho - ly Com - mu - nion, Thre - in - One.



Come with Your peace, with Your in - vi - ta - tion. Bind us to - ge - ther in ho - ly — love.

*Call to Worship—Psalm 67 (selected)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

"Worship that costs us nothing is worth precisely what it costs." — Leon Morris

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Words by William Kethe and Thomas Ken. Music by Louis Burgeois. Arr. by Dan Kreider

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2. For God is Lord of heav'n and earth; He gave us
3. O come in - to His gates with praise; ap - proach His
4. The Lord our God is al - ways good; His mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; serve Him with fear, tell
breath by His com - mand. We are the peo - ple
courts with thank - ful - ness; and praise and laud His
is for - ev - er sure. His truth from the be -

forth His praise; come kneel be - fore Him, and re - joice!
of His Word, the flock He feeds by His own hand.
ho - ly name, ex - alt - ed and for - ev - er blessed.
gin - ning stood, and shall from age to age en - dure!

Praise The Name of Jesus

Words and Music by Roy Hicks, Jr.

Praise the name of Je - sus, praise the name of Je - sus.

5 F C F C Dm/C C F C/E G⁷/D C

He's my Rock, He's my For - tress, He's my De - liv - er - er, in

8 D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C Cmaj⁷ F C/G G⁷ C

Him will I trust. Praise the name of Je - sus.

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—Genesis 22:1-14

The Lord provides a sacrifice

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So, they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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—Psalm 13:1-4

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

Silent Confession and Lament

"To get the world right, start with yourself." — Anon.

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Ps. 13:5-6

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for his steadfast 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

The Church's One Foundation

Words by Samuel Stone. Music by Brian Moss (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. Chords are indicated above the staff: E, E/G#, A, Bsus, B, E, E/G#, A, Bsus, B, F#m, E/G#, A, Bsus, B, E, E/G#, A, B, E.

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord, She
lect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; Her

is His new creation, by one Lord, one faith, one birth; From
char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; From

heaven He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride; With
ho - ly Name and she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, And

His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died, 2. E -
to one hope she press - es, with eve - ry grace en - dued

3. Though with a scornful wonder,
Men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping,
Shall be the morn of song

4. The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish,
Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail

5. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation,
Of peace for evermore
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

6. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy,
Lord gives us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

"God shapes the world by prayer." — E.M. Bounds

Tithes and Offerings

Sermon

Doesn't religion make the world worse?

The Sixth Sermon in the Series on "Honest Questions"

James 4:1-3

Rev. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

Let The Nations Be Glad

Words and Music by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Aaron Boswell

5 2. VERSE 1 & 2
B \flat ⁵

1. Let the glo - ry of the Lord for - ev - er be our
(2. Through the) ag - es gone be - fore, through the tri - al and the

9 F^{sus} E \flat ²

joy. May re - demp - tion be the theme of our song. For by
sword, man - y saints and mar - tyrs con - quered, though they died. Still we,

14 B \flat ⁵

grace we have been saved, and by grace we shall pro - claim to the corn - ers of the
hold - ing out the cross, cross - ing o - ceans, suf - fring loss, shall en - dure all things to

19 F^{sus} F E \flat F^{sus} E \flat B \flat E \flat F

CHORUS

earth that Christ is come. Let the na - tions be glad, let the peo - ple re -
win the crown of life.

25 G m E \flat B \flat F^{sus} F

-joice, for sal - va - tion be - longs to our God. Let the

30 E \flat B \flat /D E \flat F G m E \flat

whole earth be filled with the prais - es of the Lord, for sal - va - tion be -

35 B \flat F^{sus} 1. TURNAROUND 1
E \flat F B \flat ⁵

-longs to our God. Let the na - tions be glad.

44 B \flat /D E \flat ² 1. 2.

3. As Your

VERSE 3

48 B \flat ⁵

ho - ly church goes forth in the Ho - ly Spir - it's pow'r with the glo - ries of the

53 F^{sus} E \flat ² Gm⁷

gos - pel — to ex - claim, now we pray Your king - dom come, and we

58 F/A F B \flat E \flat maj⁷ F^{sus} Gm⁷

pray Your will be done for the hon - or and the glo - ry of Your name.

CHORUS

63 F^{sus}/A E \flat B \flat E \flat F Gm

Let the na - tions be glad, let the peo - ple re - joice, for sal -

68 E \flat B \flat F^{sus} F E \flat B \flat /D

-va - tion be - longs to our — God. — Let the whole earth be filled with the

74 E \flat F Gm E \flat B \flat 1. F^{sus}

prais - es of the Lord, for sal - va - tion be - longs to our — God. —

OUTRO

79 F 2. F^{sus} E \flat F B \flat ⁵

Let the — God. Let the na - tions be — glad. —

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

The Apostle's Creed was not written by the original apostles of Christ but is an ancient and faithful representation of the essential truths of the faith passed on through them.

Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

** Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle, keeping six feet between you and the those in front of you. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.*

(Please note: Grape juice is in all the cups today)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Graham Kendrick, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty. Arr. by Jeff Moore

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Words by Wendell Kimbrough, based on the *Book of Common Prayer*. Music by Ludwig van Beethoven.



1. Migh-ty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
2. Hum-bly now we ask you, Fa - ther, In your grace, to make us strong,



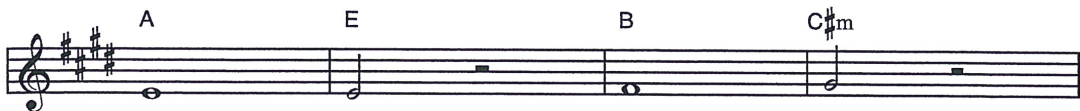
Pre - cious blood and bo - dy, bro - ken, From your Son our Sav - ior, Christ.
That, with all the saints be - fore us, In good works we may press on!



In these myst-'ries you as - sure us we are mem - bers of your Son;
Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise!



Heirs of your e - ter - nal King - dom, with all faith - ful peo - ple, One.
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Pow'r and glo - ry to your name!



A - - - men, A - - - men,



A - men, a - - men, a - - men.

*Benediction

We will dismiss by rows following the 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.

- **Sunday school** classes are on Summer hiatus.
- **Ladies Connect is back!** Join us **TONIGHT at 6pm** in Jessica Doiron's backyard. Bring your own lawn chair, food, and beverage.
- Each Sunday evening from 5:30-7pm **students grades 6th-12th** are invited to join us for our **Sunday Summer Study**. We will have a time of fellowship and games, as well as discussion on the Sermon on the Mount. **Students bring your own dinner**, and we will provide bottled water. Email Pastor Ben for more information @ ben.e.tharp@gmail.com.
- Each Wednesday evening from 7-8:30pm at the church, unless otherwise stated, **students grades 6th-12th** are invited to join us for our **Wednesday Fun Day**. This is a time of fellowship and fun where we get to build friendships and community. Email Pastor Ben @ ben.e.tharp@gmail.com to be added to our communication list, so you are up to date with when and where these events will occur.
- **Men's and Women's bible studies** are on a short break for the summer. Stay tuned for information on coming studies.
- 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.
- 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
- **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.
- Now more than ever, it is important we stay in touch. **Please help us to keep our online directory up to date.** Pass along your contact info and picture to Amy Mitchell.

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.