

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF JUSTICE & MERCY

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Quotes and Reflections

"No Christian avoids hell because we are different from others; we avoid hell because Christ is different from us. We avoid hell because God's sinless Son became like us in our sin (2 Cor. 5:21). Christ, and Christ alone, makes the difference." — David Hansen

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! — Romans 11:33

"We should shudder at churches that don't know what it means to shudder about hell. I don't know how you can take Jesus's message seriously and miss that glaring and frequent aspect of his teaching. Mock 'fire and brimstone preachers' all you want, but take care that in the process, you're not mocking Jesus himself." — Trevin Wax

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says . . . 'Thy will be done.'" — C.S. Lewis

"There seems to be a kind of conspiracy, especially among middle-aged writers of vaguely liberal tendency, to forget, or to conceal, where the doctrine of Hell comes from. One finds frequent references to the 'cruel and abominable medieval doctrine of Hell' or 'the childish and grotesque medieval imagery of physical fire and worms....But the case is quite otherwise; let us face the facts. The doctrine of Hell is not 'medieval': it is Christ's. It is not a device of 'medieval priestcraft' for frightening people into giving money to the church: it is Christ's deliberate judgment on sin. The imagery of the undying worm and the unquenchable fire derives, not from 'medieval superstition,' but originally from the Prophet Isaiah, and it was Christ who emphatically used it. . . . One cannot get rid of it without tearing the New Testament to tatters. We cannot repudiate Hell without altogether repudiating Christ." — Dorothy Sayers

"The New Testament doesn't put forward eternal punishment of the wicked as a doctrine to be defended because it casts suspicion on God's justice and love. To the contrary, the New Testament puts forward eternal punishment as right, even obviously right. It wouldn't be right of God not to punish the wicked, so that the doctrine supports rather than subverts his justice and love...In short, the doctrine of eternal punishment defends God's justice and love and supplies an answer to the problem of moral and religious evil rather than contributing to the problem." — Robert Gundry

Song of Preparation

Come to me, walk with me. Learn the rhythm of my grace Come to me, I have all you need; Learn to rest even while you are awake

> Are you tired? Are you worried? Worn out from the day? Have you been in a hurry? I will slow the pace

> > Come to me, come to me, come to me

*Call to Worship—Psalm 145:8-14

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

- Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you.
- People: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
- All: The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Trinity Hymnal #53 (vv. 1-3, 5)

Shout to the North

Words and Music by Martin Smith



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD Old Testament Reading—Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The bride adores her beloved

The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping over the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, there he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away, for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree ripens its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away."

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—Matthew 10:28-33

"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Matt. 11:28-30

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the rest he gives to weary souls!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Come Ye Sinners

Joseph Hart I Norton Hall Band



WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

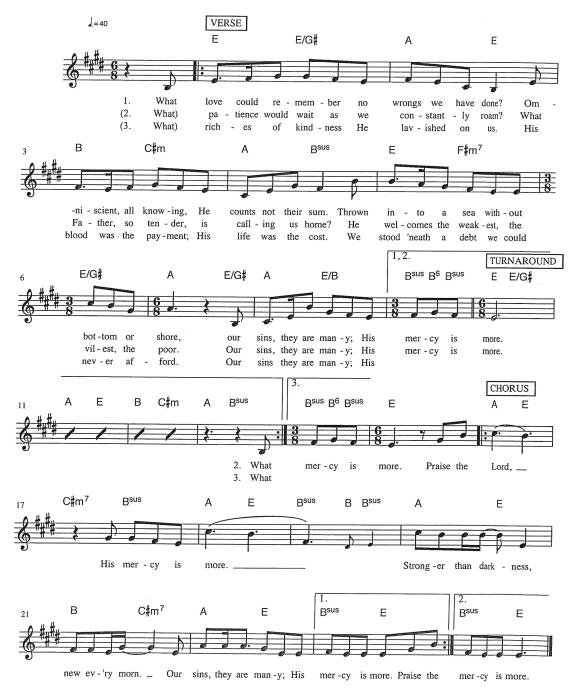
Sermon

How could a loving God send people to hell? The Seventh Sermon in the Series on "Honest Questions" Genesis 4:1-16 Rev. Nate Polski

*Song of Response

His Mercy Is More

Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



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)

Until He Come

Doxology

Trinity Hymnal #731

Words by George Rawson. Music and last verse by Gina Tuck

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

*Benediction

We will dismiss by rows following the benediction

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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.

- Sunday school classes are on Summer hiatus.
- 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.