



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO BRINGS ORDER AND MEANING TO LIFE

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Quotes and Reflections

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he! The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he! — Psalm 99:1-5

"If then we see the sovereignty of God displayed throughout all creation why should it be thought a strange thing if we behold it operating in the midst of the human family?" — A.W. Pink

"To know that nothing happens in God's world apart from God's will may frighten the godless, but it stabilizes the saints." — J.I. Packer

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

As we prepare to enter into a careful expositional consideration of the creation account in Genesis 1 and 2, let me commend to you the insights of Dr. Frederick Filby, a professor of Chemistry in England in the mid-twentieth century, as he is quoted by Dr. James Boice in his commentary on Genesis.

“What would it take for the account of creation to be written in scientific language? My opinion (Dr. Boice) is not worth much at this point, but I quote from Frederick A. Filby who has been Professor of Chemistry in England for many years. He has registered his convictions in *Creation Revealed*:

'The sciences which probe most deeply into the ultimate facts of matter and life are probably astro and nuclear physics and biochemistry. But these sciences are written, not so much in language as in symbols. It takes many pages of symbols to discuss the nature of a single atom of hydrogen. It has been estimated that to give a complete account of the position of the groups and bonds in a single virus or "molecular weight 300 million" would take a 200 page book. If the scientific description of a single hydrogen atom, or of a virus too small to be seen without a microscope, takes a book, what hope is there of ever giving a scientific account of the creation of man and the universe? Yet, Genesis 1 in its original form uses only 76 different root words. If Genesis 1 were written in absolute scientific language to give an account of creation, there is no man alive, nor ever has there been, who could understand it. If it were written in any kind of a scientific language, only the favored few could comprehend it. It would have to be rewritten every generation to conform to the new views and terms of science. It could not be written in our mid-twentieth century scientific language, for no earlier generation could have grasped its meaning, and to our children it would be out of date. The scientific description of the "how" of the universe is beyond the understanding of any human brain, but Genesis 1 was written for all readers, not for none...Genesis 1...is the most amazing composition in all the world's literature, using only 76 different word forms fundamental to all mankind, arranged in a wonderful poetical pattern yet free from any highly colored figures of speech. It provides the perfect opening to God's book and establishes all that men really need to know of the facts of creation.'

Song of Preparation

Isaiah 43

Composer Unknown

Bm **Bm/A** **G**
 1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you
 2. When you walk through the fire, You'll not be burned.

C **G** **Bm** **Bm/A** **G** **A** **G** **D**
 And the waves will not ov - er - come you. Do not fear. For
 And the flames will not con - sume you. Do not fear For

A **G** **C** **G** **Bm** **Bm/A** **G**
 I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine
 I have re - deemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.

A **D** **Cadd9**
Women: I am the Lord your God _____

Men: For I am the Lord your God _____ I am the Lord Your

God **Em** **A** **Em** **A**
Unison: God I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el Your

G **Cadd9** **A** **D** **Women:** I am the Lord your

Sa - vior. **Men:** For I am the Lord your God _____

Cadd9 **Em** **A**
God _____ **God**

I am the Lord Your **God** **Unison:** I am the Ho - ly One of

31 Em A G Cadd9 A D D/C#
 Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior **Women:** Do not

35 D/B D/A G D/F# Em A D D/C#
 fear I am the Lord I am the Lord

39 D/B D/A G D/F# Em A
 fear I am the Lord

***Call to Worship—Psalm 104:31-34**

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

People: May the Lord rejoice in his works, He who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

All: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
 Trinity Hymnal #77 (different tune)

Rejoice In All Your Works (please join when directed)

Words and Music by Wendell Kimbrough

D D^{sus} D D^{sus}

1. Ev - 'ry mouth that cries for food, ev - 'ry lung that yearns for
 (2. Ev - 'ry) tree that thirsts for rain, ev - 'ry bird that seeks its
 (3. May the) pon - d'rings of my heart and the song up - on my

4 D G D A D²/A A

breath, ev - 'ry eye that search - es through the dark for light, all cre -
 nest, ev - 'ry heart that waits in hope to be made glad, all cre -
 lips with the chor - us of cre - a - tion join in praise to the

9 D D^{sus} D D^{sus} D G

- a - tion looks to You for its breath and for its food; from the good - ness of Your
 - a - tion looks to You for its breath and for its food; from the good - ness of Your
 God who made all things, to the Spir - it who sus - tains, to the Son who o - ver

VERSE

14 D A D²/A A G D

hand we're sat - is - fied. Oh re - joice in all Your works, King of
 hand we're sat - is - fied.
 all cre - a - tion reigns.

19 G Bm G D A D²/A

heav - en, King of earth! Ev - 'ry crea - ture You have made de - clares Your praise.

24 A G D G Bm

We re - joice in all You've made, God of all - sus - tain - ing grace; with the

29 Em D/F# G A D G/D 1, 2. D 3. D

moun - tain, sky, and sea we sing Your praise. 2. Ev - 'ry
 3. May the

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus instructs his disciples on the nature of true forgiveness

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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—Romans 14:1-4, 10

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand... Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;

*Song of Confession

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

Words by Martin Luther. Music by Christopher Miner

Bm A G G A#Bm A G

guitar

8 G A A# Bm A G

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lam - en - ta -
 2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - veil -

12 G Bm A G

tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear to me And hear my sup - pli - ca -
 eth; Our works, a - las! Are all in vain; In much the best life fail -

16 G G A Bm

tion; If thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis -
 eth; No man can glo - ry in thy sight, All must a - like con - fess

20 G Bm A Women: G A

Men:

deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore thee? O who
 thy might, And live a - lone by mer - cy And live
 O who shall stand be - fore
 And live a - lone by mer -

25 Bm A G A Bm

shall stand be - fore thee?
 a - lone by mer - cy
 thee?
 cy Who shall stand be - fore thee?
 Live a - lone by mer - cy

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 130:3-5

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for
the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for giving us the
riches of His grace!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*"Christ has crossed out the black lines of our sin with the red lines of his own blood."
— Thomas Brooks*

*Song of Rejoicing

Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

Words by Martin Luther. Music by Christopher Miner

30 Bm Bm Bm A D A
There - fore my trust is in the Lord, And not

35 Bm G D A
in mine own mer - it; On Him my soul shall rest, His word up - holds

39 Bm G G A
my faint - ing spir - it; His prom - ised mer - cy is my fort, My com -

43 Bm G D A G
fort and my sweet sup - port; I wait for it with pa - tience.
Wait for

48 A D A G A
it with pa - tience. it with pa - tience. Wait for it with pa -

53 D D D D
tience.

4. What though I wait
the live-long night,
And till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth. (echo)
And wait till God appeareth (echo)

5. Though great our sins
and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

"The best prayers have often more groans than words." — John Bunyan

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

Beautiful Savior

Traditional folk song. Arr. by Rob Gardner

Sermon

"The Context for Creation"

A Sermon Series on the Book of Genesis

Genesis 1:1-2

Rev. Chris Polski

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.

- Pastor Polski is sharing a **Sunday school series** on the Apostle's Creed on our Trinity Church Kirkwood Facebook page.
- Join us for an **Outdoor Worship Service on Sun., Sept. 20th** at 6pm. There will be no congregational singing for this service. Bring your lawn chairs and spread out under the trees. **Please plan to wear masks to enable the attendance of those who are immuno-compromised.** We will reschedule the service if rain is expected or if the heat is too excessive to gather safely.
- **Volunteers next Sunday: Ushers:** Harrison, A. Mitchell, Brumley, Boehne, Thomason, Hendricks. **Scripture Readers:** Lori Nichols (8:45), Beth Thorpe (10:45).
- **Men's Night** this Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.
- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- Our **Online Learning Assistance Ministry is still in need of volunteers and paid learning assistants.** Please email olam@trinitystlouis.org if you are interested.
- **Ladies, our Tues. evening study will begin THIS Tues. at 7pm.** This semester we will be going through Tim Keller's book, Generous Justice. You will have the option to meet at Trinity or via Zoom.
- **Men's Bible Study this Friday.** The study takes place on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Friday of each month **at 6:30am**, using a hybrid format. The men will continue to work through the Book of Judges.
- The **Wednesday Women's Bible study** meets weekly using a hybrid format in the morning (9am), allowing those who would like to attend in person to do so, with the option of a live Zoom stream. We will also offer a Zoom study at 7:30pm. **Please sign up on the Church Center app** under "groups" or email Amy Mitchell. The ladies will be studying 1 & 2 Samuel this fall and spring.
- The next **Ladies Connect will be on Mon., Sept. 28th.** Time and location will be announced soon!
- 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.

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.