



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO COVERS OUR SINS

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Scripture Reader: Debbie Highmark and Beth Thorpe

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Duncan Highmark

Quotes and Reflections

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. — Psalm 51:3

“Sin is any want of conformity unto or transgression of the law of God.”
— Westminster Shorter Catechism #14

“Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.”
— New City Catechism, #16

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.
— Romans 3:12-25

My sin...oh the bliss of this wonderful thought,
My sin...not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Oh my soul!
— Horatio Spafford, *It is Well*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Today we will be exploring in more detail the nature of sin and the various ways that we encounter it. To that end, here is a brief summary of what sin is and what sin does, contained in a longer essay by Rev. Dr. Chris Morgan (<https://www.gospelcoalition.org/essay/the-nature-of-sin/>):

“Sin is the failure to keep God’s law and to uphold his righteousness, thus failing to glorify the Lord fully. While there are many different manifestations that sin can take, they are all rooted in the initial disobedience of Adam and Eve in the Garden. All those who have been born afterwards, other than Jesus Christ, have been born into sin and cannot escape the guilt and punishment that sin incurs apart from the freedom found in Christ. God did not create sin or the suffering which sin brings into the world, but God is sovereign over his world and provides a way to be reconciled to him, faith in his Messiah, Jesus.

- Sin is fundamentally against God and a failure to live as the image of God. (Rom. 1:23)
- Sin enters the human experience in Adam’s sin. (Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12)
- Sin is universal—no one escapes. (Rom. 3:9-18, 23)
- Sin produces universal human guilt and condemnation. (Rom 5:16-18)
- Sin begets universal human death. (Rom. 6:23)
- Sin brings universal corruption. (Rom 5:12-21)
- Sin results in the reality of human suffering. (Gen. 3:14-19)
- Sin creates shattered relationships at every level. (Gen. 4:1-16)

“Indeed, the biblical story sheds much light on sin. But clearly, sin is only the backdrop, never the point. It emerges in God’s good creation as a temporary intruder, causes much havoc, and holds many in its clutches. But it is no match for the work of God in Christ. Through his sinless life, sin-bearing death, sin-defeating resurrection, and sin-crushing second coming, sin and its offspring of suffering and death are given the death blow. Sin abounded, but grace super-abounds.”

Song of Preparation

Jesus Paid It All
Trinity Hymnal #308

***Call to Worship—Psalm 121 (selected)**

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: The Lord is our keeper; the Lord is our shade on our right hand.

Leader: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

All: Praise be to the Lord!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

How Great Thou Art
Trinity Hymnal #44 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

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.

5 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

11 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

17 Women: I am the Lord your God _____

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

21 God Em A Em A

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

G Cadd9 A D

24 Women: I am the Lord your

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

28 Cadd9 God Em A

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

31 Em A G Cadd9 A D D/C#
Women: Do not

Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior Men: I am the Lord

35 D/B D/A G D/F# Em A D D/C#
fear Do not fear Do not

I am the Lord I am the Lord

39 D/B D/A G D/F# Em A
fear Do not fear

I am the Lord

The image shows a musical score for a song in G major. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff starts at measure 28 with the chord Cadd9 and the lyrics 'God'. The second staff starts at measure 31 with chords Em, A, G, Cadd9, A and lyrics 'Is - ra - el Your Sa - vior'. It includes a 'Women: Do not' part and a 'Men: I am the Lord' part. The third staff starts at measure 35 with chords D/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A, D, D/C# and lyrics 'fear Do not fear Do not'. The fourth staff starts at measure 39 with chords D/B, D/A, G, D/F#, Em, A and lyrics 'fear Do not fear'. The lyrics 'I am the Lord' are repeated throughout the piece.

***Prayer of Adoration**

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The day of the Lord

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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 51:1-3

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Song of Confession

Lord, Have Mercy

Words by Marc Willerton and Jordan Kauflin. Music by Marc Willerton

11 **VERSE** C Am G Am F

God, we come be - fore Your throne, and in our
 blood You shed has on paid our debts; Je - sus, You've
 fix our eyes on You, our prize, Je - sus, the

16 Am G C C Am

weak - ness we con - fess: we go a - stray and
 washed our sins a - way. We trust Your grace, be -
 Au - thor of our faith. Till You re - turn or

21 G Am F Am G

sin each day. We cast our - selves up - on Your
 lieve by faith in You we have all righ - teous
 bring us home You streng - then us to run the

25 C Am G Am

— grace. O Lord, have mer - cy
 — ness. O Lord, You've shown us
 — race. O Lord, for - ev - er

29 F C Am G C/E

on us, sin - ners in need of
 mer - cy; sin - ners are washed as
 faith - ful, all glo - ry to Your

33 F Am G Am F

— grace. For - give us our trans - gres -
 — saints. You've shown Your lov - ing kind -
 — Name! We have no oth - er Sa -

37 C Dm C/E F

sions and lead us in Your righ - teous ways.
 ness, sons of dis - grace are righ - teous made.
 vior, our great Re - deem - er, God and King,

41 1.2. C Am G

God, lead us in Your righ - teous ways.
 Sons of dis - grace are righ - teous made.
 Je - sus, Re - deem - er, God and

46 Am F Am G C

2. The
 3. We

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD
Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Eph. 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Leader: Church of Christ, give thanks to God for giving us life!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

His Mercy Is More

Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

♩ = 40

VERSE

E E/G# A E

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
 (2. What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
 (3. What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

3 B C#m A B^{sus} E F#m⁷

-ni - sient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the
 blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could

6 E/G# A E/G# A E/B

1, 2. **TURNAROUND**
 B^{sus} B⁶ B^{sus} E E/G#

bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
 nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

11 A E B C#m A B^{sus}

3. **CHORUS**
 B^{sus} B⁶ B^{sus} E A E

2. What mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, —
 3. What

17 C#m⁷ B^{sus} A E B^{sus} B B^{sus} A E

His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,

21 B C#m⁷ A E

1. B^{sus} E
 2. B^{sus} E

new ev - 'ry morn. — Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the mer - cy is more.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Children may be dismissed for Children's Church (8:45 service only)

Sermon

"The Fall of Man"

Genesis 3:14-24

Rev. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

Musical staff with notes and chords: F, F/D, Bb, F, Dm, Bb

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

Musical staff with notes and chords: Gm, C, F, F/D, Bb, F

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

Musical staff with notes and chords: Dm, C, Bb, C, F, Verse

We will feast and weep no more.

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

Musical staff with notes and chords: Bb, Dm, Bb, C, Dm

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

Musical staff with notes and chords: Bb, Dm, Bb, C, Dm, C/E

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 • 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.

- Pastor Polski is sharing a **Sunday school series** on the Apostle's Creed on our Trinity Church Kirkwood Facebook page.
- **Volunteers next Sunday: Ushers:** Schaffer, Schlitt, Kwong. **Scripture Readers:** Lori Nichols and Tom Schmidt.
- **Help us stock up the food pantry for the Robinson Pantry night** on Nov. 23rd. Please bring a **store bought, pre-made side dish NEXT Sunday**. This month the families will be picking up items for their Thanksgiving meals among other things.
- **Make plans to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Service on Wed., Nov. 25th at 5:30pm.**
- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- **Ladies, our Tues. evening study meets two Tuesdays a month 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. Our **next gathering is Nov. 24th.**
- **Men's Night this Wed. at 8pm** at Chris Freeman's.
- **Men's Bible Study this Friday at 6:30am.** Pastor Polski is leading the men through the Book of Judges. The study takes place on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Friday of each month.
- The **Wednesday Women's Bible study** meets weekly using a hybrid format in the morning (9am). We will also offer a Zoom only study at 7:30pm. The ladies will be studying 1 & 2 Samuel this fall and spring.
- 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.
- Save the Date: For a **special evening of Christmas music and poetry-Sat., Dec. 12th at 7pm.** RSVP will be required (opening at the beginning of Dec.).
- There are **several easy ways to serve at Trinity**. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators if you would like to get involved: **Ushers:** Josh Hendricks (coachjph@msn.com), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher (medcalf.melissa@gmail.com), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp (elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow (nursery@trinitystlouis.org), **Sunday coffee:** Amy Mitchell (amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org)
- Feeling festive? **Come help us decorate** the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on **Sat., Nov. 28th at 9am.** Please see Amy Mitchell if you are interested.

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.