

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

November 8, 2020

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO REIGNS OVER THE NATIONS

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski Scripture Reader: Josie Standerfer and Peg Nichols Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Michael Jorgensen

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. — Rom. 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 (hhttps://www.gospelcoalition.org/essay/the-nature-of-sin/)

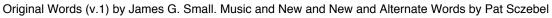
"Sin is the failure to keep God's law and to uphold his righteousness, thus failing to glorify the Lord fully. While there are many different manifestations that sin can take, they are all rooted in the initial disobedience of Adam and Eve in the Garden. All those who have been born afterwards, other 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

His Forever





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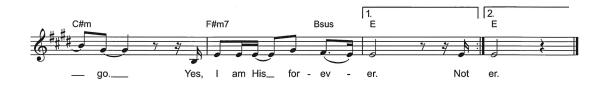












*Call to Worship—Psalm 47 (selected)

Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: God reigns over the nations;

People: God sits on his holy throne.

Leader: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God;

People: He is highly exalted!

Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

People: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

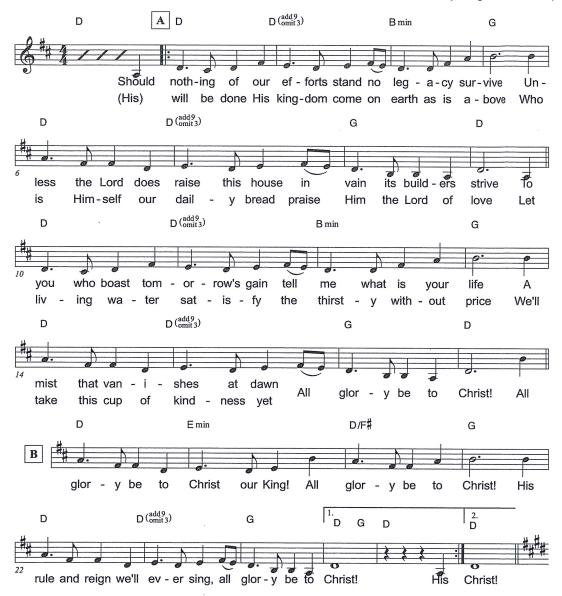
Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge. Arr. by Joe Brownlee



All Glory Be to God

Dustin Kensrue. Arr. by Kings Kaleidoscope





*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD New Testament Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The coming of the Lord

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- 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 20:6-8

Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Cor. 5:14-15

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

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 Pardon

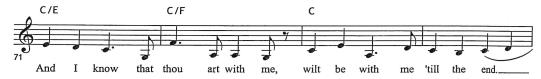
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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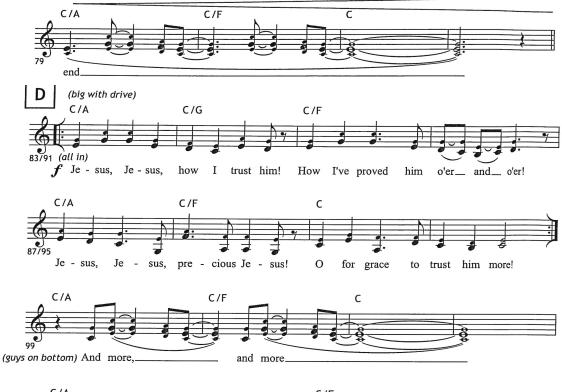


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WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Children May be Dismissed for Children's Church (8:45 service only)

Offertory Song

Hail the Day

Lyrics adapted from Charles Wesley's "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" New Lyrics and music by Steve & Vikki Cook

Chorus Hallelujah, hallelujah, the King of love is on His throne Hallelujah, hallelujah, His grace will lead us safely home

> **Sermon** "The God of Nations Reigns" 2 Chronicles 36 Rev. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Trinity Hymnal #92

*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: Oehlerking, Moen, Smith. Scripture Readers: Debbie Highmark and Beth Thorpe.
- **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, <u>Generous Justice</u>. You will have the option to meet at Trinity or via Zoom. Our next gathering is Nov. 10th.
- 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), 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. The ladies will be studying 1 & 2 Samuel this fall and spring.
- Trinity is blessed to partner with **Robinson Elementary** to serve in their **food pantry** (currently at Trinity). We are looking for 3 volunteers per month to serve. Please see your weekly email or the church office to sign up. The **next opportunity to serve is Mon., Nov. 23rd** from 5:50-7:30pm.
- 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)
- Make plans to join for our **annual Thanksgiving Service** on Wed., Nov. 25th at 5:30pm.

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.