



# TRINITY CHURCH

KIRKWOOD

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO REIGNS OVER THE NATIONS

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**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 (<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

## His Forever

Original Words (v.1) by James G. Small. Music and New and New and Alternate Words by Pat Sczebel

D G D D A

1. Je - sus, friend of sin - ners, loved me ere\_\_ I knew\_\_  
2. Je - sus, friend of sin - ners, a crown of thorns You wore for

G D G D

Him. Drew me with\_\_ His cords of love,  
me. Bruised for my\_\_ trans - gres - sions,

Em7 A D D/F# G

tight - ly bound\_\_ me to\_\_ Him. 'Round my heart\_\_ still close - ly\_\_  
pierced for my\_\_ in - iq - ui - ties. The wrath of God\_\_ that I de -

A D/F# Bm A

— twined,\_\_ the ties that none can sev - er. For  
- served\_\_ was poured out on the In - no - cent. He

D A Bm Em7 A

I am His\_\_ and He\_\_ is\_\_ mine,\_\_ for - ev - er and\_\_ for - ev -  
took my place, my soul to\_\_ save.\_\_ Now I am His\_\_ for - ev -

1. D A G G/B D A G | 2. D

er. er.

**VERSE**

E A/E E E B/E A/E

3. Je - sus, friend of sin - ners, I love to tell\_ the sto - ry.\_\_\_\_ Re-

E A/E E F#m7 Bsus

deem - ing love\_ has been my\_ theme, and will be when\_ in glo -

E E/G# A Bsus

ry. Not death, nor life, nor an - y - thing, can

E/G# C#m Bsus E B

ev - er sep - ar - ate\_ me. O love that will\_ not let\_ me\_

C#m F#m7 Bsus | 1. E | 2. E

\_ go. Yes, I am His\_ for - ev - er. Not er.

## **\*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

1-10 C **VERSE** Em C Em

1. Who has held the o-ceans in His hands? Who has num bered ev-ery grain of sand?  
 2. Who has giv - en coun-sel to the Lord? Who can ques-tion an - y of His words?  
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful man?

5 C Em C

Kings and na - tions trem - ble at his voice. All cre - a - tion  
 Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om  
 God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

8 Em7 G **CHORUS** C G/B Am F

ris-es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat-ed on His throne. Come, let us a -  
 all His won-drous deeds? Be - hold our God, seat-ed on His throne. Come, let us a -  
 ris-en now to reign!

13 C G C G/B Am F C G C

dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth-ing can com - pare, come, let us a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ Him!

19 Em C Em 2. F2 Em F2 G 3. C **FINE**

Him!

Him!

**BRIDGE** C F/C C F/C Am7

Men: You will reign for - ev er.\_\_\_\_ You will reign for - ev er.\_\_\_\_ You will reign for -  
 Women: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.\_\_\_\_ Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.\_\_\_\_ Let Your

F Am7 F

ev - er.\_\_\_\_ You will reign for - ev - er.\_\_\_\_  
 glo - ry fill the earth.\_\_\_\_ Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.

C F Am7 F **DS**

You will reign for - ev - er.\_\_\_\_ You will reign for - ev - er.\_\_\_\_ Be  
 \_\_\_\_ Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.\_\_\_\_ Let Your glo - ry fill,

# All Glory Be to God

Dustin Kensrue. Arr. by Kings Kaleidoscope

D **A** D D<sup>(add9)</sup> B min G

Should noth-ing of our ef - forts stand no leg - a - cy sur - vive Un -  
(His) will be done His king - dom come on earth as is a - bove Who

D D<sup>(add9)</sup> G D

6 less the Lord does raise this house in vain its build - ers strive to  
is Him - self our dail - y bread praise Him the Lord of love Let

D D<sup>(add9)</sup> B min G

10 you who boast tom - or - row's gain tell me what is your life A  
liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price We'll

D D<sup>(add9)</sup> G D

14 mist that van - i - shes at dawn All glor - y be to Christ! All  
take this cup of kind - ness yet

D E min D/F# G

**B**

glor - y be to Christ our King! All glor - y be to Christ! His

D D<sup>(add9)</sup> G

1. D G D 2. D

22 rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glor - y be to Christ! His Christ!



**C** E E E<sup>(add9)</sup> C<sup>#</sup>min A

29

When on the day the great I AM the faith - ful and the true the

E E<sup>(add9)</sup> A E

33 Lamb who was for sin - ners slain is mak - ing all things new Be -

E E<sup>(add9)</sup> C<sup>#</sup>min A

37 hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light And

E E<sup>(add9)</sup> A E

41 we shall ere his peo - ple be All glor - y be to Christ! All

E F<sup>#</sup>min E/G<sup>#</sup> A

**D**

glor - y be to Christ our King! All glor - y be to Christ! His

E E<sup>(add9)</sup> A

49 rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glor - y be to Christ All Christ!

1. E 2.

## \*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

Stead, Kirkpatrick. Arr. by Page CXVI

**A** (2x add toms)  
C/G C/F C



11/39  
(1x solo) *p* 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at\_\_\_ his\_ word;  
+ 1 voice) *mp* O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans - ing\_ blood;



15/43  
just to rest up - on his prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."  
just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!



19/47  
(2x sing notes) (Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ Oh) \_\_\_\_\_

**B**



23/51  
*p* Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
*mf*



27/55  
Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!



31/59  
(1x no lead) *mp* And more, \_\_\_\_\_ and more \_\_\_\_\_  
(2x add cues) *mf*



35/63  
And more, \_\_\_\_\_ and more \_\_\_\_\_

**C** (building)  
C/G

Musical staff for measures 67-70. Chords: C/G, C/F, C. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes.

67 (add a voice) I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend.  
(prime unison)

Musical staff for measures 71-74. Chords: C/E, C/F, C. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes.

71 And I know that thou art with me, will be with me 'till the end.

Musical staff for measures 75-78. Chords: C/A, C/F, C. This staff features a bass line with sustained chords and moving bass notes.

75 (guys on bottom) 'Till the

Musical staff for measures 79-82. Chords: C/A, C/F, C. Continuation of the bass line from the previous staff.

79 end

**D** (big with drive)  
C/A

Musical staff for measures 83-91. Chords: C/A, C/G, C/F. The melody is more rhythmic and driving.

83/91 (all in) *f* Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er\_ and\_ o'er!

Musical staff for measures 87-95. Chords: C/A, C/F, C. Continuation of the driving melody.

87/95 Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

Musical staff for measures 99-102. Chords: C/A, C/F, C. Continuation of the driving melody.

99 (guys on bottom) And more, \_\_\_\_\_ and more.

Musical staff for measures 103-106. Chords: C/A, C/F. Continuation of the driving melody.

103 And more, \_\_\_\_\_ and more.

# 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](http://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, Generous Justice. 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](mailto: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](mailto:coachjph@msn.com)), **Children's Church:** Melissa Kocher ([medcalf.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:medcalf.melissa@gmail.com)), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp ([elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com](mailto:elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com)), **Nursery:** Sarah Oehlerking, Deborah Moen, Alyssa Hall, and Ruth Harlow ([nursery@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:nursery@trinitystlouis.org)), **Sunday coffee:** Amy Mitchell ([amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org](mailto: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.