

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

February 14, 2021

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

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Scripture Reader: Mickie Schmidt and Katie Polski

Quotes and Reflections

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. — Psalm 27:6

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. — Psalm 30:3

"I will not glory because I am righteous, but because I am redeemed; not because I am clear of sin, but because my sins are forgiven!" — Ambrose

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

From the Worship Handbook:

"The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the heart of the Christian gospel, and Good Friday and Easter are two of the most significant celebrations of the Christian year. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

"The practice of observing a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years of Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and continue through the Holy Week, not counting Sunday's (which are reserved for celebratory worship). In practice, many congregations choose to focus Sunday worship on the themes of repentance and renewal and therefore during Lent many believers make an intentional effort to deepen their sense of repentance, piety and devotion in order to ready themselves to both mourn the death of Christ at Good Friday and celebrate the resurrection of Christ at Faster."

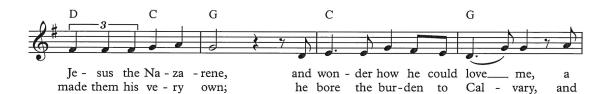
Here at Trinity we mark the beginning of Lent with a special participatory ceremony in which we have the opportunity to engage our own sin. If you would like to participate please come forward upon direction, but please do not feel pressure to participate if you would rather not do so.

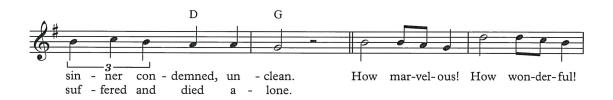
Song of Preparation

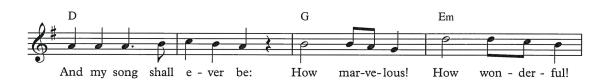
I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)

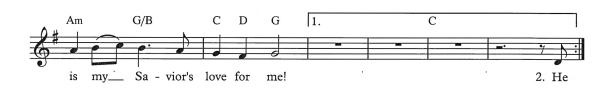
Charles H. Gabriel. Arr. by Norton Hall Band











*Call to Worship—Psalm 30:4-5, 11-12

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give

thanks to his holy name.

People: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is

for a lifetime.

Leader: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with

the morning.

All: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to

you forever!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! Trinity Hymnal #296 (vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)

Oh Give Thanks! (Psalm 107)



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading—2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, the great general of Syria, is healed of leprosy by the Word of the prophet

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

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—1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Silent Confession and Lament (Ensemble)

Lord Have Mercy (For What We Have Done)

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Aaron Keyes, and James Tealy. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs & Grant Wall

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

For what we have done and left undone, we fall on Your countless mercies.

For sins that are known and those unknown, we call on Your name so holy.

For envy and pride, for closing our eyes, for scorning our very neighbor.

In thought, word, and deed we've failed You, our King; how deeply we need a Savior.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

For what You have done, Your life of love, You perfectly lived, we praise You.

Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes, You finished the work God gave You.

And there on the tree, a King among thieves, You bled for a world's betrayal.

You loved to the end, our merciful friend: how pure and forever faithful

(Upon instruction, if you are willing, please come forward via the middle aisle and place your rock in the baskets at the front of the sanctuary.

Then, return to your seat via the side aisles)

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—2 Cor. 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the new life he

gives.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

Song of Rejoicing

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Words and Music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin, and Louie Giglio















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 Covenant with Noah" Genesis 8:20-9:17 Rev. Nate Taylor

Song of Response

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Words and Music by Matthew Papa and Matthew Boswell



*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.

- **Small Groups** are a great way to get connected. For more information pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center.
- The Wed. Women's Bible studies meet weekly. We are studying 2 Samuel this semester. We will meet in a hybrid format at 9am or via Zoom only at 7pm.
- **Men's Bible Study** this Fri. at 6:30am either in person or via Zoom. This semester the men are studying the Book of Acts.
- Men's Night this Wednesday at 8pm at Chris Freeman's home.
- 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.
- 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: Paul Schaffer (PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.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).
- We are moving our on-line directory to the Church Center app. Each member or regular attender needs to log in to Church Center and go to the directory link and click "share now" to chose what contact information you would like to be included.

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.