

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

February 28, 2021 Second Sunday in Lent

WORSHIPING THE GOD OF THE NATIONS

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Carrie Johler

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Steve O'Neal

Quotes and Reflections

"[The Tower of Babel] is the first great imperial project for human unity, which ends, as all imperialisms, in confusion and alienation." — Lesslie Newbigin

"However triumphant our achievements may seem to us, to an all-competent observer we might appear entangled in a small dense web of our own weaving." — Marilynne Robinson

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

"My heart is like a country but half subdued, where all things are in an unsettled state, and mutinies and insurrections are daily happening. I hope I hate the rebels that disturb the King's peace. I am glad when I can point them out, lay hold of them, and bring them to him for justice. But they have many lurking holes, and sometimes they come disguised like friends, so that I do not know them, till their works discover them." — John Newton

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." — Matthew 28:18–20

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." — Acts 2:5-11

*Call to Worship—Psalm 67:1-4

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his

face to shine upon us,

People: that your way may be known on earth, your saving

power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples

praise you!

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge

the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon

the earth.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

*Songs of Adoration

May the Peoples Praise You

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townsend, David Zimmer, and Ed Cash





Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Words by Henry Van Dyke. Music by Ludwig van Beethoven and Edward Hodges



*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Mark 9:2-9

Jesus is transfigured before three disciples

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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—Mark 8:34-38

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His amazing

grace.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

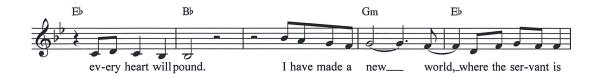
Song of Rejoicing

Justice Will Roll Down

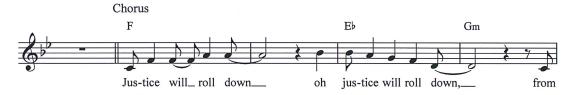
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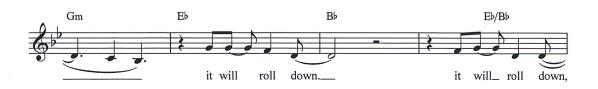














WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Children may be dismissed for Children's Church

Offertory Song (Please join in singing when directed)

Oh Lord, We Praise You

Hezekiah Walker

- O Lord we praise you! O Lord we praise you!
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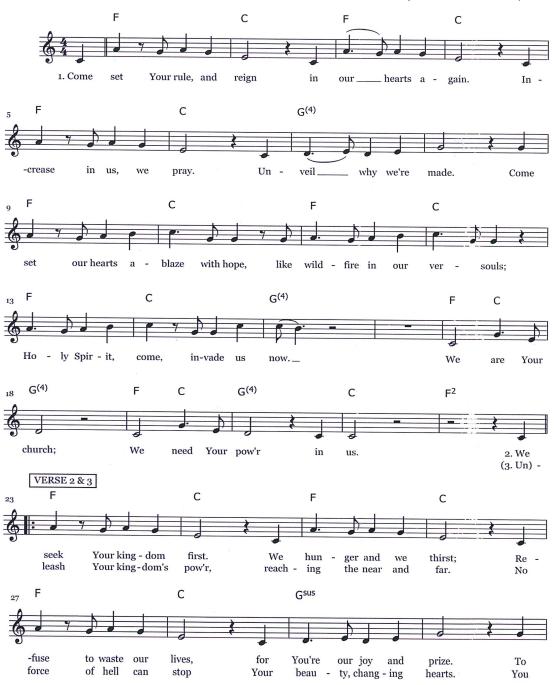
Sermon

"The Tower of Babel" Genesis 11:1-9 Rev. Nate Taylor

Song of Response

Build Your Kingdom Here

Words and Music by Rend Collective Experiment





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.

- Jr. High Small Groups meet at Trinity on Sundays from 5:30-7pm. Sr. High meets on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. See Ben Tharp if you have any questions.
- **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 Night this Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.
- The **Tuesday Evening Women's Study** will begin a look at the Book of James starting on Mar. 9th. More info to come.
- 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).
- 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.
- As we look forward to Holy Week, **please mark your calendar** with these dates: Good Friday self-guided devotion of the stations of the cross-Apr. 2nd from 11:30am-7:30pm (more details will be announced soon), Easter Sunrise Outdoor Service-Apr. 4th at 7:15am, Easter Morning Worship-9:30am.
- Now that we are back to one service on Sunday mornings, we ask that you **register each week** so that we can plan accordingly due to limit restrictions in the sanctuary and overflow rooms. We want to make room for everyone if possible! Use your Church Center app or call the church office.

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.