

I am the
resurrection
& the life

Trinity Church • May 2, 2021
The Fifth Sunday in Easter

WELCOME

We are glad you could join us! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Trinity. Scan below with your phone camera to leave us your contact information.



WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

9:30am worship
Sunday School for all ages | 11am
Jr. High Small Group | 5:30pm
Outdoor Service | 5:45pm

WEDNESDAY

Women's Bible Study | 9am & 7pm
Sr. High Small Group | 7-8:30pm
Men's Night | 8pm

FRIDAY

NO Men's Bible Study

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WORSHIPING THE GOD OF COVENANT FAITHFULNESS

Liturgist: Rev. Nate Taylor

Scripture Reader: Lynn Moffitt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Steve O'Neal

Quotes and Reflections

"O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart." — I Kings 8:23

"God has two sheepdogs: Goodness and Mercy. He sends them to us from His throne of grace; sometimes to bark at us or to badger us; sometimes to woo us by persuading us that His will is good and perfect for our lives."

— Sinclair Ferguson

"What God is to one saint, He is to all the saints." — William S. Plummer

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

Preparation for Worship: "Covenants" by Michael Horton (Abridged from Ligonier)

Anyone who is employed or has a mortgage, credit card, or car is familiar with contracts — and the “blessings” and “curses” that they impose. Not all legal agreements are the same, of course. A contract differs significantly from a last will and testament, which can make you a beneficiary of someone else’s estate. You benefit not by a “work-for-hire” arrangement or a payment program but by a gift.

Similarly, there are different kinds of covenants in the Bible. Reformed theology has discerned in Scripture three overarching covenants. The covenant of redemption is the agreement of the Father, Son, and Spirit from all eternity to elect, redeem, and call a people, with the Son as the Mediator (John 6:39–44; 10; 17:1–5, 9–11; Rom. 8:28–31). Adam was made the federal head of the human race in the covenant of works, and Jesus Christ is the federal head of His new humanity in the covenant of grace, which includes believers and their children. In Adam, we inherit guilt and corruption, leading to death, and in Christ, we inherit justification and new birth, leading to everlasting life (Rom. 5:12–21).

Unlike the original covenant with Adam, in the covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15, God makes all the promises and, in a surprising vision, passes through pieces of several animals. As part of the secular treaties, the great king made the vassal pass through the pieces, accepting the stipulations and sanctions, but here God assumes full responsibility!

When Jesus inaugurated the Lord’s Supper in the upper room, He declared, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matt. 26:28). Instead of a covenant of law (“Do this and you shall live”), it is a covenant of free mercy. Unlike Moses, He did not dash the blood on the people, confirming their oath, but pledged His oath in His own blood. He alone passed between the pieces, bearing the judgment in our place. It’s a gift, just like a last will and testament. In fact, this is just how the book of Hebrews contrasts the old covenant with the new (Heb. 9:15–22). Hebrews speaks of the “unchangeable oath” that rests on God’s promise rather than on human activity (Heb. 6:17–20). Paul, too, contrasts the covenant of works and the covenant of grace by appealing to the Abrahamic covenant: work-reward versus faith-gift (Rom. 4:1–5). The later (Sinaitic) covenant could not annul the earlier (Abrahamic) promise (Gal. 3:7–29; 4:21–31).

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Song of Preparation

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Trinity Hymnal #32 (vv. 1, 3)

Call to Worship—Psalm 22 (selected)

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

People: My vows I will perform before those who fear him.

Leader: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;

People: Those who seek him shall praise the Lord!

Leader: May your hearts live forever!

All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

***Songs of Adoration**

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Trinity Hymnal #295

The Wonderful Cross

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, J.D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, and Lowell Mason



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. See from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and
 3. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an



Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I count but
 love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and sor - row
 of - fring far too small. Love so a - maz - ing, so di -



loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown? O the
 vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all. O the



won - der - ful cross, O the won - der - ful cross bids me come



and die and find that I may tru - ly live. O the



won - der - ful cross, O the won - der - ful cross; All who gath -



er here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

***Prayer of Adoration**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—John 15:1-8

Jesus is the Vine

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

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 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 4:13-15

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to the Father for abiding with us!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

"Grace, grace! God's grace! Grace that will pardon and cleanse within! Grace, grace! God's grace! Grace that is greater than all our sin!" — Brown & Marshall

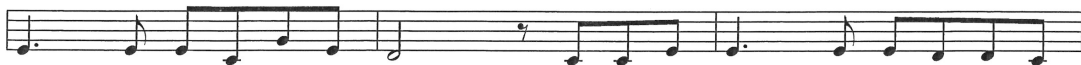
*Song of Rejoicing

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren



What gift of grace is Je sus my Re - deem - er There is no
The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en. for by my
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy. my right - eous - ness and
side the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -



free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
joic - ing, for in my need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I
par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
hold: my Shep - herd will de - fe - nd me, Through the deep - est val - ly he will
hold: my sin has been de - feat - ted. Je - sus now, and ev - er, is my
hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



his. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not
lead. Oh the night has been won and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
him. When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
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WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

"I judge that my prayer is more than the devil himself; if it were not, I would have fared differently long before this!" — Martin Luther

Tithes and Offerings

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church)

Sermon

"God's Covenant with Abraham Part Two"

Genesis 15-17

Rev. Chris Polski

For today's sermon outline scan here with your phone camera:



*Song of Response

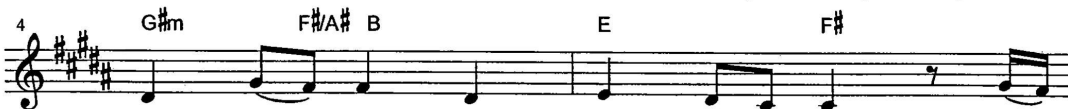
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words by George Matheson. Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key



1. O Love that will not let me go, I
 2. O Light that' foll - ow'st all my way, I
 3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
 4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I



rest yield my wear - y soul in thee; I
 can - not close my heart to thee; My
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I



give thee back the li - fe I owe, That
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, And
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in thine o - cean depths its flow May
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day May
 feel the prom - ise is not vain, That
 from the ground there bless - oms red Life



ri - cher, full - er be.
 bright - ter, fair - er be.
 morn shall tear - less be.
 that shall end - less be.

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Sursum Corda**

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

***Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He
shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen**

Words of Institution—Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer of Consecration

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

** Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle, keeping six feet between you and the those in front of you. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.*

(Please note: Grape juice is in all the cups today)

Communion Song (Ensemble)

Almighty God

Words and Music by Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, and David Leonard

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Words by Wendell Kimbrough, based on the Book of Common Prayer. Music by Ludwig van Beethoven



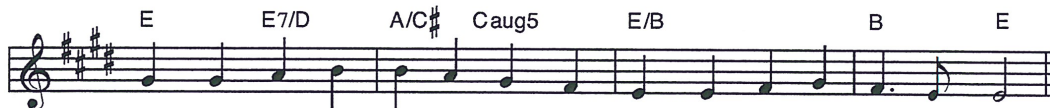
1. Migh-ty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
2. Hum-bly now we ask you, Fa - ther, In your grace, to make us strong,



Pre - cious blood and bo - dy, bro-ken, From your Son our Sav - ior, Christ.
That, with all the saints be-fore us, In good works we may press on!



In these myst-'ries you as - sure us we are mem-bers of your Son;
Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise!



Heirs of your e - ter - nal King - dom, with all faith - ful peo - ple, One.
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Pow'r and glo - ry to your name!



A - - - men, A - - - men,



A - - men, a - - - men, a - - - men.

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Tuesday Evening Women's Study** will meet May 11 at 6:30pm for fellowship and coloring (bring your own dinner), followed by a study of the Book of James at 7pm (also available via Zoom).

Ladies, join us for a study, Women of the Word-how to study the Bible with both our hearts and minds. We meet Wednesdays, either at 9am at Trinity or 7pm via Zoom (see weekly email for Zoom link). Pick up a schedule on the Welcome Table.

Men's Night this Wed. at 8pm at Chris Freeman's.

NO Men's Bible Study this week.

1000 plus pastors and elders will be coming to St. Louis for **General Assembly** Jun. 28-Jul. 2. If you would like to **volunteer** to help serve, scan the QR code with your phone camera.



Sunday school for all ages meets today. **Adults** will gather in the sanctuary, the **5th-12th gr.** will meet in the lower level youth rooms, and the elementary students will split up to allow room for social distancing. After the service, the **2nd-4th grade** will head out to the playground, and the **prek-1st grade** will head to the 3rd-5th grade classroom.

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).

Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

VBS

The King is Coming! Our prayer is that through VBS this year, children who are believers can be encouraged to learn that Christ is returning to gather his saints from this fallen world, and that those who don't know him will receive him because his return is imminent. **Children pre-k through 5th grade are invited to join the fun July 19-23 from 5:30-7:30pm.** There will be skits, Bible lessons, crafts, games, and more! Sign up today by scanning the QR code.



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.

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