



TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

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November 21, 2021

WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO TURNS OUR PAIN INTO PROGRESS

Liturgist: Pablo Rosales

Scripture Reader: Ellie Perry

Pastoral Prayer: Fielding Poe, Ruling Elder

Quotes and Reflections

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

— James 1:2-4

"The joy of the Christian is a holy joy; the happiness of the Christian is a serious happiness." — D Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"Nothing gives believers more joy than to see God glorified." — R.C. Sproul

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

If God Is Your Co-Pilot, Switch Seats: BJ Gallagher

My dad was an Air Force pilot. He taught me the difference between a pilot and a co-pilot. The pilot calls the shots; the co-pilot is the number two guy (or gal). The pilot is in charge; the co-pilot assists him -- supporting, helping, and providing an extra pair of eyes, ears, and hands. The co-pilot's job is important, but he never forgets who's in charge.

Some years ago, I noticed that many cars were sporting bumper stickers that read: "God is my co-pilot." I understood what they were trying to say, but they missed the mark.

Then one day I saw a new bumper sticker that read: "If God is your co-pilot, switch seats." I laughed out loud and gave the driver a big thumbs-up as I passed him a couple miles later. At last, someone got it right!

This driver understood the error of asserting that "God is my co-pilot." In essence, people were saying: "I drive, and God is my helper. I call the shots and God does my bidding." I don't know about you, but my life doesn't work very well when I try to call the shots.

As with a lot of things my dad taught me, I've had to spend many years unlearning that whole "captain of my own destiny" thing. I can't count the number of times I've "captained" myself right into a big mess -- a mess that God rescued me from, only after I finally surrendered my willfulness.

Song of Preparation

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Trinity Hymnal #648 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

Call to Worship—Psalm 17

Leader: Praise the Lord, all nations!

People: Extol him, all peoples!

Leader: For great is his steadfast love toward us!

People: And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

All: Praise the Lord!

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)

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading—Revelation 1:4-8

Greetings to the Seven Churches

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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—John 18:33-37

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Col. 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for His redeeming mercies.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

***Song of Rejoicing**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Trinity Hymnal #457

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory Song (please join when directed)

All Must Be Well

Words by Mary Bowley-Peters. alt. by Matthew S. Smith. Music by Matthew S. Smith

E A E

1. Through the love of God our
2. Though we pass through trib - u -
3. We ex - spect a bright to -

6 A

Sav - ior, All will be well; Free and
la - tion, All will be well; Ours is
mor - row, All will be well; Faith can

9 E A

change - less is His fav - or, All is well;
such a full sal - va - tion, All is well;
sing through days of sor - row, All is well;

12 F#m B

Pre - cious is the blood that healed us, Per - fect
Hap - py still in God con - fid - ing, Fruit - ful
On our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus

15 C#m A F#m

is the grace that sealed us, Strong the hand stretched forth to
if in Christ that a - bid - ing, Stead - fast through the Spir - it's
ev - 'ry need sup - ply - ing, Yes in liv - ing and Je - sus in

18 B

shield us, All must be well. 2. Though we
guid - ing, All must be well. 3. We ex
dy - ing, All must be well.

Sermon

"The Ebenezer Limp"

Genesis 33:1-32

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

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



*Song of Response

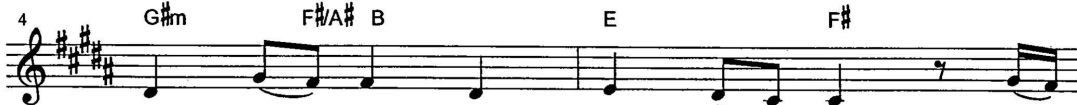
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Words by George Matheson. Music by Christopher Miner

Real Key



1. O Love that will not let me go, I
 2. O Light that fall - 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 my wear - y soul in thee; I
 yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; My
 can - not close my heart to thee; I
 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.
 brigh - ter, fair - er be.
 morn shall tear - less be.
 that shall end - less be.

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today at 11am. Children Pre-K-2nd grade meet in the Pre-K/K room. Grades 3rd-5th meet in the 3-5th classroom.

Men's Bible Study will resume on Jan. 12th and 14th.

Women's Bible Studies: We offer two options- Two Tues. a month a group meets at Melissa Jorgensen's home at 7pm to discuss the Sermon on the Mount (11/30). The Wednesday studies will resume on Jan. 12.

Ladies Connect THIS Mon. at 7:30pm at Mickie Schmidt's. All ladies (and friends) are welcome to a **Christmas Social on Wed., Dec. 1st** at 6:30pm at Kathy O'Neal's.

Volunteers are needed for the Christmas Craft Party! There are many ways you can help (you do NOT need to be crafty). Sign up sheets for volunteer opportunities are on the round table in the narthex. See Jason Van Deraa or Amy Mitchell with any questions.

Christmas Craft Party: Sat., Dec. 4th from 9am to 12:15pm. Children ages 4yrs thru 5th grade will make gifts, sing Christmas Carols, hear a story by Pastor Polski, and enjoy lunch. Registration is limited and will close once full. **Sign up will TODAY.** Scan the QR code to the right.

Join us for a **Service of Thanksgiving** THIS Wednesday, Nov. 24th at 5:30pm.

Feeling festive? Help us to **decorate for Advent and Christmas Sat., Nov. 27th** at 9am.

Save the Date: Trinity's annual **Christmas Concert** will be on Sunday, Dec. 19th at 6:30pm. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** Dec. 24 at 5pm.

Join a Small Group! Sign up on Church Center.

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 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.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning your phone camera over the QR code and then [following the link:](#)



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session wishes to invite the congregation to our annual meeting of the congregation/corporation on Sun., Dec. 12th during the Sunday school hour. At this meeting we will review the budget, elect officers, and review 2021.

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.



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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