

Trinity Church • April II, 2021 The Second 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 Jr. High Small Group | 5:30pm

**TUESDAY** 

Women's Bible Study | 6:30pm

**FRIDAY** 

Men's Bible Study | 6:30am

WEDNESDAY

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

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# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO IS TRUSTWORTHY

Liturgist: Rev. Chris Polski

Scripture Reader: Jerome Merritt

Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Duncan Highmark

#### **Quotes and Reflections**

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. — Psalm 121

## **Prelude**

#### Welcome and Announcements

# WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

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

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed. (ESV)

— Proverbs 3:13, 17-18

The moment you have a self at all, there is a possibility of putting yourself first—wanting to be the center—wanting to be God, in fact. That was the sin of Satan: and that was the sin he taught the human race. Some people think the fall of man had something to do with sex, but that is a mistake....What Satan put into the heads of our remote ancestors was the idea that they could 'be like gods'—could set up on their own as if they had created themselves—be their own masters—invent some sort of happiness for themselves outside God, apart from God. And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy. — C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

— Corrie Ten Boom

"The word 'virtue' doesn't refer simply to doing the right thing and avoiding the wrong one. It's about your character, the type of person you're becoming through habit and choice. Virtue is the result of making wise choices, while its opposite — vice — is the result of making foolish choices."

— Jeremy Treat, A Theology of Decision Making

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

# **Song of Preparation**

Glory Be/Agnus Dei Music by Dave Phelps and Hope College Worship Team

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world Have mercy on us, alleluia. Have mercy on us, alleluia Have mercy on us

> Glory be to the Father, Amen Glory be to the Son, Amen Glory be to the Spirit, Amen, amen

Son of God, set me free from all that I own Son of God, capture me and make me Your own Have mercy on us, alleluia. Have mercy on us, alleluia Have mercy on us

## Call to Worship—Psalm 133

Leader: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

All: For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

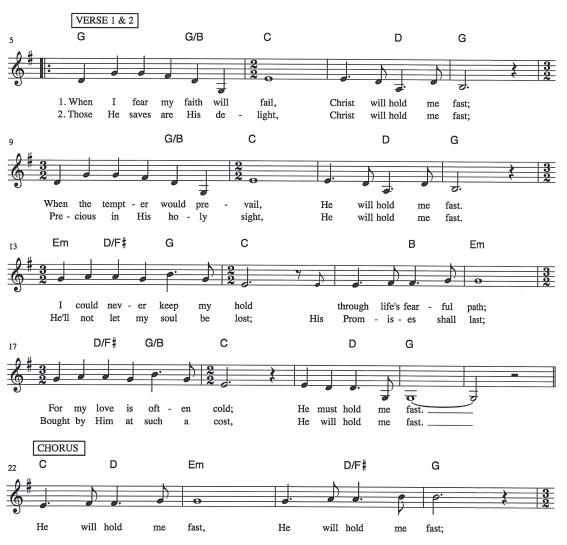
# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

# \*Songs of Adoration

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Trinity Hymnal #164 (vv. 1-4, 6)

#### He Will Hold Me Fast

Words and Music by Ada Habershon and Matthew Merker





\*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

# New Testament Reading—Acts 4:32-35

The Early Church Practices Radical Generosity

Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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 1:5-6

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

#### Silent Confession and Lament

#### WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

# Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—1 John 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for the forgiveness

of sins through Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

# \*Song of Rejoicing

#### There Is a Fountain

Words by William Cowper. Music Early American Melody as performed by Norton Hall Band



# WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

# **Pastoral Prayer**

# **Tithes and Offerings**

(Children ages 4yr to 2nd grade may be excused for Children's Church in the 1st/2nd grade classroom.)

Offertory Song (Ensemble)

My Help My God
Sandra McCracken

#### Sermon

"Lift Up Your Eyes" Genesis 13:1-18 Rev. Nate Taylor

# \*Song of Response

#### Cornerstone

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, Edward Mote, and William Batchelder Bradbury















## \*Benediction

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday school classes** for all ages meet today.

The **Tuesday Evening Women's Study** will meet Apr. 13th 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 new study, Women of the Word-how to study the Bible with both our hearts and minds. If you are new to studying the Bible or have been at it for decades, everyone will take something away from this study and be better equipped to approach God's Word. Beginning Apr. 7th we will 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 Bible Study this Fri. at 6:30am either in-person or via Zoom (see weekly email for Zoom link). The men are studying the Book of Acts.

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.

# MENTORING MINISTRY

Interested in joining Trinity's mentoring ministry as a mentor? Sign up to take the next step using the following form and we will be back in touch with more details.



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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