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— KIRKWOOD -

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WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO RESTORES THE FORTUNES OF HIS CHILDREN

Liturgist: Jerome Merritt Scripture Reader: Kathy O'Neal Pastoral Prayer: Ruling Elder, Duncan Highmark

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Quotes and Reflections

For behold, days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the Lord, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall take possession of it. — Jer. 30:3

"Is it any injustice in God to put his gold into the furnace to purify it?" — Thomas Watson

"What fools we are, then, to frown upon our afflictions! These, how irritable so ever, are our best friends. They are not intended for our pleasure, they are for our profit." — Abraham Wright

WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

"In Kiev, where I found myself on a Sunday morning, on an impulse I turned into a church where a service was in progress. It was packed tight, but I managed to squeeze myself against a pillar whence I could survey the congregation and look up at the altar. Young and old, peasants and townsmen, parents and children, even a few in uniform - it was a variegated assembly. . . . Never before or since have I participated in such worship; the sense conveyed of turning to God in great affliction was overpowering. Though I could not, of course, follow the service, I knew from Klavdia Lvovna little bits of it; for instance, where the congregation say there is no help for them save from God. What intense feeling they put into these words! In their minds, I knew, as in mine, was a picture of those desolate abandoned villages, the hunger and the hopelessness, the cattle trucks being loaded with humans in the dawn light. Where were they to turn for help? Not to the Kremlin, nor to the forces of progress and democracy in the West. . . . Every possible human agency found wanting. So, only God remained, and to God they turned with a passion, a dedication, a humility, impossible to convey. They took me with them; I felt closer to God then than I ever had before, or am likely to again."

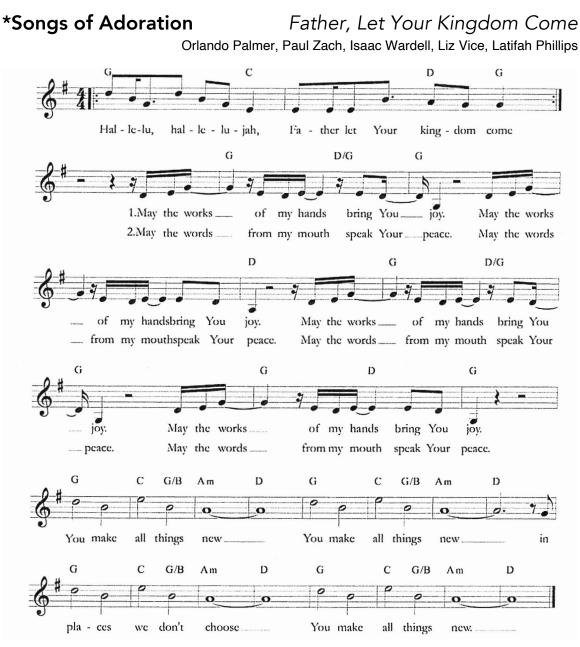
Malcolm Muggeridge, Chronicles of Wasted Time: The Green Stick (New York, 1982), p. 258-259.

Song of Preparation

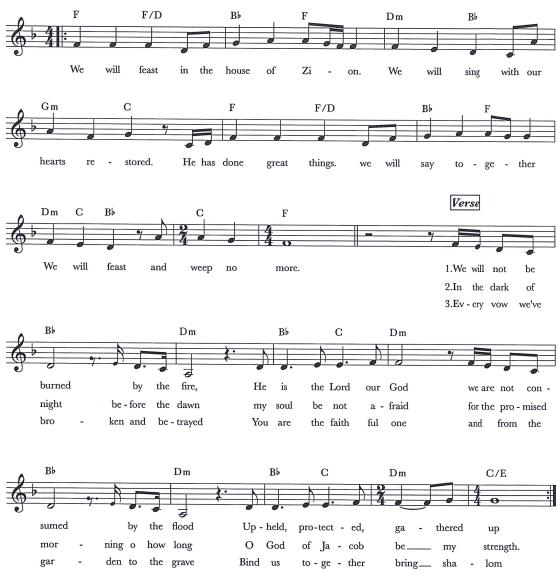
Call to Worship—Psalm 126 (selected)

- Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy;
- Leader: The Lord has done great things for us;
- People: We are glad.
- All: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD



We Will Feast in the House of Zion



Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

*Prayer of Adoration

WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD New Testament Reading—1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Christ has been raised!

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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—Luke 6:20-22

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

Silent Confession and Lament

WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Luke 6:23

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

Leader: Christian, rejoice and leap for joy in God's great reward!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

*Song of Rejoicing

Hear the Call of the Kingdom



Margaret Evelyn Wyse

Baptismal Song

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know Trinity Hymnal #189

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 (Ensemble)

Psalm 126

Words and Music by Isaac Wardell. Based on the recording by Bifrost Arts

Sermon

"Dream On" Genesis 40:1-41:36 Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Song of Response

To God Be the Glory Trinity Hymnal #55

*Benediction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday school classes for all ages meet today.

Men's Bible Study: this Wed. at 6pm or Fri. at 6:30am. Pastor Polski will be leading a study of the Book of Acts.

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 (next gathering: Feb. 22nd). The Wednesday studies meet weekly (9am and 6pm) with a look at the Book of Daniel.

ACTION bible studies and children's ministries meet this Wed. If you would like to register for the Chipotle dinner, you must do so on Church Center by Tues. at 10am or email Amy Mitchell.

Men's Night this Wed. at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

Mom's of toddlers and babies, come out for taco night on Monday, Feb. 21 at 6:30pm at Carly Waldron's home. Food provided. RSVP or questions, see Alyce Bava.

Trinity's youth are hosting a **Trivia Night** on **Friday, Feb. 25th**. Proceeds will help cover summer trips. Sign up for a table of 8 or individually on Chuch Center (QR code to the right)

Join a Small Group! Sign up on Church Center.

Camp Strong, for students in 4-6th grade will take place April 22-24. Registration will open on Mar. 1st.

If you are participating in the **Thrive baby bottle collection**, please return your donation bottles by the end of February to the welcome table.

Coffee on Glenwood: In an effort to meet those in our community, we are offering free pour-over coffee and croissants on the third Friday of the month. We could use a few volunteers. If you are interested, please see Pablo Rosales.

Volunteers next week: Nursery: Poe, Wyse, Garner, Schmidt SS: Nichols, Younger. **Ushers**: Schaffer, Schlitt, T. Thompson. **Scripture Reader**: Moffitt. 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 <u>following the link</u>:



CONCERT

Save the Date: Sun., March 13th at 6:30pm, Trinity will host Poor Bishop Hooper in concert. They wrote the song, *Christ* performed at the Christmas Concert. The concert will be free, but donations are gratefully accepted to help support their prison ministry. See today's insert for more information. Invite your family and friends!

Adult Sunday School

The Gospel of Matthew

Ruling Elders Jim Talent and Fielding Poe Classroom One

This eleven-week class (which may continue into the Spring Semester) seeks to provide an in-depth study of the book of Matthew by addressing the text and various key doctrines that emerge from its study toward the goal of helping church members develop a deeper and firmer understanding of the fundamentals of the faith while also providing encouragement and instruction for those who may be interested in leading their own bible studies in the future. The ultimate goal is that all who take part will come away with a renewed appreciation for the King of Kings!

The Heart of Evangelism

Pablo Rosales, Director of Outreach Classroom Two

Every believer is called and sent. We are called by the grace of God to turn from our sin and live through Christ into eternity. That is the good news; that is the Gospel. Then we are sent to proclaim that very simple message. But how do we do that? A lot of us feel unequipped, and if we're honest, timid, about such a task. Join us as we consider not only the heart of the Sender, but our own hearts as those who are sent. We will explore the Great Commission, the Great Message, the Great Sender, reluctance and barriers to communicating, and making the Gospel known.

Called to Worship-Exploring Worship at Trinity Church

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski and Katie Polski, Director of Music Ministries Fireplace Room

Have you ever wondered about why we worship the way we do or how worship gets planned or how we sort out which songs to sing and when? Join us for an eight-week exploration of worship. We will review the biblical parameters of worship, delve deeply into the way that worship is formed, and walk through some of the controversial issues surrounding worship. We may even spend some time singing. 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.