



# TRINITY CHURCH

— KIRKWOOD —

*2 CORINTHIANS 4:5*

August 21, 2022

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO LONGS TO DWELL WITH HIS PEOPLE

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## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Quotes and Reflections**

“Just as man himself is recreated by Christ indeed, but is not annihilated and thereupon created again (2 Cor. 5:17), so too the world in its essence will be preserved, even though in its form it undergoes so great a change that it can be called a new heaven and new earth.” — Herman Bavinck, *The Wonderful Works of God*

“The OT and Judaism are the primary background against which to understand the images and ideas of the Apocalypse.” — G.K. Beale, *The Book of Revelation*

“Apocalypses have two principal functions: (1) they encourage and comfort believers during severe trials or following disaster, and (2) they challenge readers to adopt a new perspective on reality in the light of coming judgement and to live accordingly.” — Brian Tabb, *All Things New*

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

From Ligonier.com (September 21, 2020)

“Few could deny the significance of the book of Revelation in theological reflection. During the early church, many Christians questioned its divine inspiration. At the time of the Reformation, many people believed it was being fulfilled as the papacy persecuted the Protestants. In the nineteenth century, various theological sects were birthed by claiming to have unlocked the book of Revelation. Over the past few decades, works that attempt to show how the events of Revelation are unfolding in our day have routinely dominated the lists of best-selling Christian books.

Do the differences in how people have understood Revelation mean that our efforts are hopeless? By no means. The people of God have heard His voice in the pages of the book and their souls have been strengthened. We will grasp the book’s main message—Jesus will defeat all His and our enemies—and its chief applications if we come to the book with the right expectations in light of its genre.

John, the author of Revelation, identifies the genre of his book in its very first verse, telling us that it is a “revelation of Jesus Christ” (Rev. 1:1). The word “revelation” translates the Greek word *apokalypsis*, which comes directly into English as *apocalypse*. Among other things, Revelation is apocalyptic literature, which is an “unveiling” (*apokalypsis* can be translated as “unveiling”). Apocalyptic literature pulls back the curtain of what we see, unveiling the way things really are. It describes in vivid terms the truth of what is going on around us on the spiritual plane. Apocalyptic literature reminds us that all is not what it seems, that the Lord is not absent when His people suffer in this world. He remains the true Power in control and will certainly win in the end. His enemies and ours—the world, the flesh, and the devil—war against Him and us fiercely, but their defeat is sure.”

What have you been going through? Have you suffered recently? Are you suffering currently? Considering the devotional and today’s message, what encouragement do you have to stand firm in the truth of God’s Word? Pray that the Lord would give you the courage and strength to hold on to Him during trials.

# Song of Preparation

## He Will Hold Me Fast

Words and Music by Ada Habershon and Matthew Merker

### VERSE 1 & 2

5 G G/B C D G

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

9 G/B C D G

When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

13 Em D/F# G C B Em

I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

17 D/F# G/B C D G

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

### CHORUS

22 C D Em D/F# G

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

26 Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C D Gmaj<sup>7</sup> G/B

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

30 C<sup>2</sup> Gmaj<sup>7</sup> G/B C<sup>2</sup> Em<sup>9</sup> C

**VERSE 3**

3. For my life He bled and died,

35 C/E D/F# G Em<sup>9</sup> C

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

39 D G Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

43 B Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

47 D G C D Em

**CHORUS**

when He comes at last! He will hold me fast,

52 D/F# G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

56 D G D G

**ENDING**

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.

61 Am<sup>9</sup> G/B C G/B Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7sus</sup> G

## **\*Call to Worship—Psalm 103:8-13**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and  
forget not all his benefits,

**People: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your  
diseases,**

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you  
with steadfast love and mercy,

**People: Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is  
renewed like the eagle's.**

Leader: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who  
are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his  
acts to the people of Israel.

**All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love.**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

## \*Songs of Adoration

## *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Words by James Montgomery (alt. by Sandra McCracken). Music by Sandra McCracken

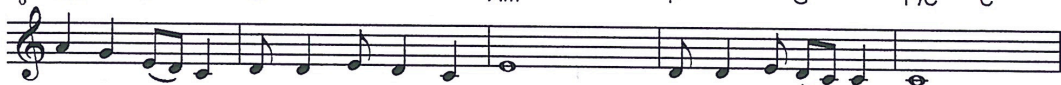
### Chorus

F/C C F/C C F/C C Am G F/C C



Hail to the Lord's a - nointed great Da - vid's great-er Son! Hail in the

6 F/C C G Am F G F/C C



time ap - pointed, His reign on earth be - gun! His reign on earth be - gun!


### Verses

11 F/C C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm



1. He comes to break op - pres-sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
2. He comes with com - fort speed-y to those who suf - fer wrong;  
3. To give them songs for sigh-ing, their dark - ness turned to light,  
4. He shall come down like show-ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
5. The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

16 F C/E F C/E G Am F G



to take a - way trans - gres-sion and rule in eq - ui - ty. (vss. 1, 3, 4, 5 to chorus)  
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong.  
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
love, joy, and hope, like flow-ers, spring in His path to birth.  
his name shall stand for - ev - er, that name to us is Love.

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*  
Trinity Hymnal #100

## \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 58:9-14

### *True and False Fasting*

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'  
If you take away the yoke from your midst,  
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,  
if you pour yourself out for the hungry  
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,  
then shall your light rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be as the noonday.  
And the Lord will guide you continually  
and satisfy your desire in scorched places  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters do not fail.  
And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to dwell in.

"If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,  
from doing your pleasure on my holy day,  
and call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;  
then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

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 13:10-14**

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day."

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Luke 13:15-17**

Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Leader: People of God, give thanks be to God for His mercy and 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

## On Jordan's Story Banks I Stand

Words by Samuel Stennett. Music by Christopher Miner

1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, And  
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines  
 3. No chill - ing winds nor that pois - onous breath, Can  
 4. When shall I reach reach nor that hap - py place, Can

cast a wish - ful eye To  
 one e that - ter - nal day There  
 reach be for - ev - er shore, blessed Where

Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, Where  
 God, the Son for - row, my pain - er and death, And  
 Sick - ness, sor see - my Fa - ther's face, Are  
 shall I see my

my scat - po - sses - ions lie - Chorus: I am  
 felt in and night a no  
 in his bos - om om 2. All way. more. rest.

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised Land I am

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised Land

3. No  
 4. When

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

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

# Sermon

## "The Dwelling God"

Revelation 21:1-8

Rev. Pablo Rosales

### \*Song of Response

### *I See the Lord*

Chris Falson

$\text{♩} = 80$

D A/C# Em D/F# G

I see the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ seat - ed on \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ throne \_\_\_\_\_ ex -

4 Asus A D A/C# Em D/F#

alt - ed, and the train of His robe \_\_\_\_\_ fills the tem - ple with

7 G E7/G# D/A Em7/A

glo - ry; And the whole earth \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ filled, \_\_\_\_\_ and the

11 D/A Em7/A Bm7 Gmaj7

whole earth \_\_\_\_\_ is filled, \_\_\_\_\_ and the whole earth \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ filled \_\_\_\_\_ with His

15 Em/G D D Em/D D

glo - ry. Ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_

20 Em7/D Bm7 D/F# G

1	Asus	A
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2	Asus	A	D
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ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly is the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_ of lords.

# 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. Bread is gluten and nut free)

## Communion Song (Ensemble)

*O Great Love, O Love Beyond All Measure*

Words and Music by Fernando Ortega and Bernard Chadwick

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Sending Song

*Mighty God We Thank and Praise You*

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;  
Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ.

In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son;  
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, one.

Humbly now we ask you, Father, in your grace, to make us strong,  
That, with all the saints before us, in good works we may press on!  
Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, pow'r and glory to your name!  
Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

## \*Benediction

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**No adult Sunday school today.** Join us **next week during SS** as we walk thru how to use **Church Center** to access the directory, giving, calendar, sign ups, and more!

**Children's Sunday school classes will kickoff on Aug. 28th.** We will have 3 classes: Preschool through Kindergarten (must be 3 years old by July 31st and potty trained), 1st through 3rd grade, and 4th through 5th grade. **Register today in the Narthex.**

**Volunteer Night: TONIGHT** from 4:30-6pm. Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy free food and hear more information about the many opportunities to serve.

Ladies, this is **the event you won't want to miss!** Join us on WED. at 6:30pm for appetizers and desserts that are dip worthy (and win a prize for the most delicious). Visit with friends, take a look at the amazing goods and services from our own Trinity sisters at the craft/gift fair, and hear about some exciting events coming soon. **Sign up TODAY at the table in the narthex.**

**Men's Bible study** will begin on Aug. 31 at 6pm or Sept. 2 at 6:30am, continuing a look at the Book of Acts. **Women**, we meet weekly beginning Aug. 31 at 9am or 6pm to study 1, 2, 3 John, or on Tuesdays at 7pm twice a month we will meet to discuss Ecclesiastes at Melissa Jorgensen's home (9/14)

Both **Children and Adult Choirs** will be starting up in the next few weeks. The children will meet on Wed. nights during ACTION and the adult choir will meet during Sunday school starting Sept. 11. See Katie Polski if you are interested.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).

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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](mailto:PaulSchaffer1012@gmail.com)), **Greeters:** Elisa Tharp ([elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com](mailto:elisa.f.tharp@gmail.com)), **Nursery:** Alyce Bava ([jimnalyce@yahoo.com](mailto:jimnalyce@yahoo.com)). **Children's SS:** Michelle Goldstein or Melissa Kocker ([medcalf.melissa@gmail.com](mailto:medcalf.melissa@gmail.com))

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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.

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



### A C T I O N

**All Church Things In One Night** will begin on Wed. Aug. 31st. There will be something for all ages: children's choir, games, lessons (ages 4yr-5th gr.), jr. high, men's and women's bible studies, and nursery (*please let the church office know if you have a child 3 and under*). We will start with dinner at 5:30 (order thru the weekly email or bring your own), followed by the above ministries from 6-7:15pm. This is a great opportunity for your whole family to grow and enjoy church fellowship!

# MISSION UPDATE


## **Crates For Ukraine**

This week, we are sending out Pastor Chris Polski to courier the last six footlockers from Missouri into Krakow, Poland. These crates will then be transported into Ukraine and distributed to the most needed areas. We are praying for him this morning, but please continue to pray throughout the week as he embarks on this journey on behalf of Trinity Church. His flight leaves on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On the way back, he will also stop by Scotland to visit with our former Associate Pastor, Nate Taylor, who has been a missionary there with MTW (Mission to the World) since 2021. We look forward to hearing all that Chris sees during this trip.

## **Praying for MO Missionaries – September 17, 2022**

The Concert of Prayer will be hosted by the MTW Committee of the Missouri Presbytery and the MTW Midwest Hub. We will be highlighting some of our missionaries that will be sent out from the MO Presbytery. This will be a time of praying for the regions the missionaries will be serving in, for unreached people, and for our cross-cultural workers. This is a free family friendly event that we hope many families from your churches will consider attending. This event will be held at The Commons (Chesterfield PCA's East campus) at 5:00 PM on September 17, 2022. Registration for this event closes on September 12th. We hope to see you all there. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Pastor Pablo.

Register here: 

## **Mark Your Calendar and Invite Your Neighbors**

Party of the Lawn, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm

- Bouncy House
- Dunk Tank (Dunk a Pastor(s) / Yankee Fan)
- Petting Zoo (Donkey, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, Piggy)
- Pony Rides (I know what you're thinking...No, grown-ups...not for you!)
- More information to come...

# 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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