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Conversion of Saul
Hyatt Moore

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

“In These Holy Halls” from *The Magic Flute*
by W.A. Mozart

Welcome & Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you
All: **And also with you**

* **Call to Worship**

Leader: With joy and thanksgiving let us praise God!
People: Our God’s love knows no bounds.
Leader: When we are in need, God does not turn away;
People: We call to God for help and are healed.
Leader: When we stumble and fall,
People: God lifts us up and sets us on a right path.
Leader: With joy and thanksgiving let us praise God!
All: **Alleluia!**

* **Gathering Song**

Let us Build a House
Glory to God #301, v. 1-5

* **Invitation to Confession**

* **Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**God of justice and mercy,
you sent your Son to lead us into new life
and yet we have not followed in his path.**

**Jesus reached out to those in pain
and offered them his healing touch.
He befriended the outcast and the oppressed.
He did not turn from those in need.
Yet, we close our eyes and harden our hearts
as injustice abounds in our world.**

**We are wounded and in turn, wound others.
Out of fear and a sense of powerlessness, we shift our gaze,
hoping to protect ourselves from their suffering.**

**We are the body of Christ.
We are Christ's hands and feet.
Help us to live up to our calling.
Enable us to look with your eyes of compassion on those who suffer.
Grant us the courage to find ways to fight injustice rather than ignore it
and to extend our hand in friendship to all in need.
Amen**

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: The grace of Jesus Christ,
and the mercy of God,
are from everlasting,
to everlasting.
Believe the good news;
Through the waters of baptism,
we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*** Passing The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,
People: **And also with you**

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you

*** Song of Praise**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Glory to God #582, v. 1-2

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

Dedication of quarters for International Institute

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”
By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:
“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”
You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Anthem

**“Sleepers, Wake, a Voice Is Calling” from *Paulus*
by Felix Mendelssohn**

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 9.1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something

like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message "Transformed, always Transforming..."

Rev. Mel Smith

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: we lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks and praise the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

by Christian Hendricks

Piano

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, lord God of love and light, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The musical score is for a piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a steady accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Memorial Acclamation (Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen)

by Christian Hendricks

1. Christ has died, 2. Christ is ri - sen, 3. Christ will come a - gain. 4. A - - - men.

The musical score is for a vocal line. It is written on a single staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with four distinct phrases numbered 1 through 4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution

Come to the Table of Grace
Glory to God #507, v. 1-5

Prayer after communion

**Holy God,
You have fed us with bread and wine.
We long to stay in the shelter of this place,
and yet you invite us to go out –
to step back into our daily lives.
Remind us that we do not go alone,
but by the power of your Spirit,
we are part of your transforming work in the world;
loving our neighbors,
helping our family members,
caring for our community,
and tending creation,
until you come again,
and all things are made new.
Amen**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Offering

To Thee, O God
by Sergei Rachmaninoff

Invitation

*** Doxology #**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Glory to God #607, v. 1

Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, we trust that all good gifts come from and belong to you.
Receive these offerings of our time, energy, money and creativity –
may they be used to proclaim the good news of your loving presence in our church and in our
community – Amen.**

*** Song of Service**

Come! Live in the Light!
Glory to God #749, v. 1-3

*** Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

Improvisation on “In diesen heil’gen Hallen”

Please join us in the Chapel for Fellowship after the service

About the Music:

The focus of today’s service is the conversion of Saul, who then becomes known as Paul, and whom I find...difficult. He says and does some things which I agree with, but plenty which I do not. In some ways, I am reminded of the High Priest from The Magic Flute, Sarastro. When the Queen of the Night’s plans are known, her

daughter, Pamina, begs forgiveness for her from Sarastro. “In these holy halls,” he proclaims, vengeance and cruelty have no place. Yet, in a fit of patriarchy he had abducted Pamina to save her from women’s ways, and his temple has enslaved people. All the same, Pamina, her love interest Tamino, and the delightful Papageno pass through the temple trials towards enlightenment, literalized by the rising dawn at the end of the opera.

Looking towards a figurative dawn, Mendelssohn uses the famous chorale “Wachet auf” in his oratorio Paulus, which begins with the martyrdom of Sebastian and goes on through Paul’s conversion and beginning ministry. Normally sung at the beginning of Advent to prime the people for the birth of Christ, the chorale is used here to prime us for a rebirth through Christ, as Paul would eventually teach, as a voice calls out to him, and us, to awake.

Participants in Today's Worship

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Liturgist – Katie Klein

Pastor – Mel Smith

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

Ushers – Cathy Smith, Barry & Rose Rudert

The Trinity Choir:

Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)

Alto – Connie Torretta, Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)

Tenor – Brian Schroer, Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)

Bass – Nigel Holloway, Bob Wagoner

Contact Trinity’s staff and leadership by emailing admin@trinityucity.org or contacting the church office.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR May 1, 2022

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

Scholin-Weems Scholarship Fund

The Scholin-Weems Scholarship application is open. Please go to our website to fill out the application.

Deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday, May 1st. We will notify scholarship recipients near the end of May and recognize them in worship on June 5th.

Trinity Women Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 7 11:30-?

Please bring either a salad or dessert to share.

It will be so much fun to get together with one another again. Hope you can make it.

Questions, email Sandy Norkaitis, slnork@charter.net or call at 314-863-7699

The Food Pantry uses the local Schnucks store to purchase canned goods and other non-perishables for the pantry. We are taking part in the Schnucks reward program and receive award credits to use as credit against our food pantry purchases. If you shop at Schnucks, you too can add to this by using Trinity's phone number 725-3840 when checking out. The credit will go against future food pantry purchases. The small amounts add up!

Trinity is “broadcasting” our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page or you can watch the recording on YouTube later on. Those who participate in this way on home computers or mobile devices can even type messages to one another during the live service, such as doing a virtual passing of the peace. Also, Facebook has captions! While watching the service, find the gear icon at the bottom of the video and click on it. When you do, an option pops up to turn on closed captioning!

While we live in this challenging time, Trinity continues to be available to all those who need us. Members desiring pastoral care are encouraged to call the church office at 314-725-3840 or to reach out to Deacon Corie Merker, 314-434-8286. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Pastor the Reverend Mel Smith. You also can email her directly at melanie.smith@trinityucity.org

Supporting the church through your financial gifts continues to be encouraged! Please mail your contributions to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Att’n: Linde, 6800 Washington Ave., University City, MO 63130, or check out the online giving instructions below.

- 1) Text the code TPCDONATE \$[your gift] to 73256. You'll receive a text back with a link that lets you complete your online donation.
- 2) Log in to your Onrealm account (onrealm.org) and click on the "Giving" tab.

Session

Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Diane Hemphill, Jayne Howard, Jane Kaiser, Mary Klingensmith,
Sarah New Mayer (Clerk), Mary McKown, Bob Parks, Jan Schulte-Glad

Deacons

Anna Gardner-Andrews, DeAnne Brown, Stacey Carman, Cricket Gordon, Jennifer Higginbotham,
Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Joanne Roman, Christy Schindler