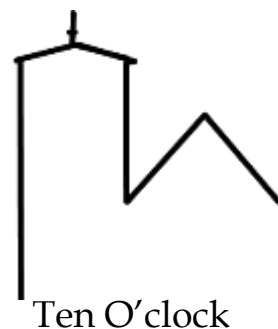


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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TRINITY SUNDAY

30 May 2021

ALMIGHTY GOD, we praise you; through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things, You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

from The Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church, USA

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Allein Gott in der höh' sei ehr

Georg Böhm

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Clark-Jones

One: *God, the Creator, made the heavens and earth.*

All: **We are children of God, in awe of all creation.**

One: *Christ the Son, our Redeemer and Savior lived and died for us all.*

All: **Our Lord has risen again and has prepared the way for us.**

One: *The Holy Spirit, our Sustainer moves in us and among us*

All: **We come today to worship, to listen for divine wisdom and feel God's presence.**

One: *Triune God, help us to know You more fully.*

All: **Guide us in this time of worship. Amen.**

***THE HYMN 138**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

**1. Holy Holy, Holy,
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to thee,
Holy, Holy, Holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity!
3. Holy, Holy, Holy!**

**2. Holy, Holy, Holy!
All the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Bowing down before thee,
Who wert, and art,
And evermore shall be.
4. Holy, Holy, Holy!**

Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eyes of sinfulness
Thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy,
There is none beside thee,
Perfect in power,
In love and purity.

Lord God, Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
In earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
Blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1836)
Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(praying together)*

TRINE GOD, by speaking you create all that is and give order and goodness to the universe. You place it all in our hands and thus we think it belongs to us. Your order is that the world would sustain us, our plan is to own it and disorder it for today's personal gain, ignoring future generations' needs. Your Son came and showed us the grace of your love, he commissions us to baptize and teach all nations, but we do not even reach out to our neighbors. Every day we are wrapped in your grace and love, yet in the arrogance of our lives, we wrestle free of your embrace. Forgive us. By your grace and love make us new creations who are good and pleasing in your sight.

*TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

*KYRIE *(Sung by the Choir)*

George Oldroyd in D

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(Sung by the Choir)*

George Oldroyd in D

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

*THE PSALTER

Psalm 29

Glory

1. The God of heaven thunders,
Whose voice in cadent echoes
Resounds above the waters,
And all the world sings,
Glory, Glory, Glory!

2. The desert writhes in tempest
Wind whips the trees to fury.
The lightning splits the forest
And flame diffuses
Glory, Glory, Glory!

3. The mighty God eternal
Is to the throne ascended,
And we who are God's people
Within these walls cry,
Glory, Glory, Glory!

Text: Michael A. Perry, 1973
Music: Norman L. Warren, 1973

EPISTLE: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 132

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Abbot's Leigh

1. Come, great God of all the ages,
Make your earthly mission known,
Speak through every deed and person,
Let your way and will be shown,
Guide the church to true commitment
Give direction now, we ask,
Fit us for the work of building,
Dedicate us to the task.

2. Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,
Sure foundation, cornerstone.
Help us form the church eternal,
May your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower,
Lead all people to your way,
Urge us to strong faith and action
As we build the church today.

3. Come, great Spirit, in and with us,
Tune our ears to hear your call;
Through the moving of your presence,
Let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication,
Love embedded in our deeds;
Challenge us to do your bidding,
See your purpose, fill all needs.

4. Come, O come, in celebration
Household of the one true God.
In commitment and rejoicing
Let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence,
Let us, Lord, the future see;
Place us in the church triumphant,
Now and for eternity.

Text: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1987
Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Affirming together*)

The Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father, the Almighty, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and

apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Jubilate Deo, Omnis Terra

Flor Peeters

Jubilate Deo omnis terra: servite Domino in laetitia! Introite in conspectus ejus, in exultatione. Scitote quoniam Dominus ipse est Deus; Ipse fecit nos et non ipsi nos. Populus ejus, et oves pascuae ejus. Introite portas ejus. Introite atria ejus in hymnis confitemini illi in hymnis! Laudate nomen ejus quoniam suavis est Dominus. In aeternam misericordia ejus, et usque in generationem, et generationem veritas ejus. Laudate nomen ejus! Jubilate Deo omnis terra servite Domino in laetitia. Jubilate Deo omnis terra!

(Vulgate Bible, Psalm 99)

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

(Translation of Latin as in Anglican Book of Common Prayer)

SEALING THE WORD

*At the time of the **Distribution of the EUCHARIST**, please partake of the elements handed out as you entered the church this morning. Worshipers at home are encouraged to use whatever bread and wine are at hand as the food of the Supper. Jesus himself used the left over bread and wine from the Passover Feast to institute the first Eucharist. So we, too, may use those things closest at hand for this celebration. Christians of any age or church affiliation are welcome at Christ's table, where Christ himself is the host.*

INVITATION

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

One: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS *(Sung by the Choir)*

COMMUNION PRAYER *(continues)*

George Oldroyd in D

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Dy-ing you de - stroyed our— death, Ris-ing you re - stored our life,
Lord Je - sus come a - gain— in— glo - ry!

INTERSESSIONS AND PRAYERS

THE CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER [*praying together*]

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 the glory, forever. Amen.

*These are holy things, to keep us holy. Gifts of God for the people of God.
Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

Holy, Holy, Holy

Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky

(the text of this anthem is the text of the first hymn printed above)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 136**

Sovereign Lord of All Creation

Geneva

**1. Sovereign Lord of all creation,
Ground of being, life and love,
Height and depth beyond description
Only life in you can prove;
You are mortal life's dependence
Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
Yours is every hour's existence,
Sovereign Lord of time and space.**

**2. Jesus Christ, the one for others
We, your people make our prayer;
Help us love as sisters, brothers,
All whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together,
You, Lord Christ, will surely be;
Where no selfishness can sever,
There your love the world may see.**

**3. Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
Wind and flame of Pentecost,
Fire our hearts afresh with yearning
To regain what we have lost.**

May your love unite our action,
Nevermore to speak alone,
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

Text: Stewart Cross, (1928-1989)
Music: George Henry Day, 1940

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor*
Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*
The Quartet of Westminster Church
Melissa Blain, soprano; Kate Kortemeier, alto
J. Douglas McQueen, tenor; David Kortemeier, baritone
Elder Larry Hicks, *Video producer*

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A REMINDER. Because of Covid precautions, we are not currently passing the Offering Plate during the service. A plate for your tithes and offerings is available in the Narthex as you depart the service. In addition to leaving your offering in the plate, you may send a check to the church finance office, or give on line. Thank you for your faithfulness.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM is from a setting of the Communion Liturgy of the Russian Orthodox Church. Most of the important Russian composers set music for the sacred service, and that includes Tchaikovsky. This setting of the "Sanctus" (originally in Russian) uses the words of the hymn text by Reginald Heber which, with a few changes, fits perfectly into the original music. It is an unusual pairing, but most helpful for English speaking choirs who find Russian to be a bit of a challenge! The other anthem is a setting of Psalm 100 (Psalm 99 in the Vulgate (Latin) Bible) by Belgian 20th century composer, Flor Peeters. Both Latin and English texts are included.

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS



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