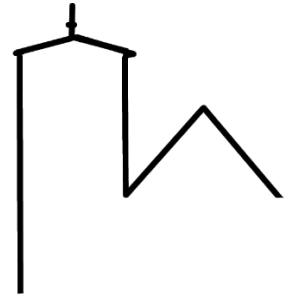


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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

4 June 2023

Ten O'clock

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

from the Book of Common Prayer, Church of England, 1662

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

PREPARATION

Prelude on Malabar

Leo Sowerby

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

Rev. Clark-Jones

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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.**

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see.
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! 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, 1783-1826-
-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

Tom Clark-Jones

Lord have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(music appears on the back page of this leaflet)*

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷ So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

² Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God.

***THE PSALTER**
(*Hymnal pg. 162*)

Psalm 8

Winchester Old

1. O Lord our God, how excellent
How glorious is your name:
Your majesty surrounds the earth
And children sing your fame.

2. The heavens shout your handiwork
We stand beneath in awe,
To think the One who made all things
Should care for us at all.

3. Yet you have made us less than gods,
Surpassing all but you
With heart and mind, with strength and will
To search for what is true.

4. Into our hands you've placed all things:
The earth and sea; each place
We're called to probe for secret gifts,
And venture in to space.

5. O Lord, our God, now excellent,
How glorious is your name.
Majestic in your holiness
We sing and praise your name.

Text: Fred R. Anderson, 1986
Music: *Este's Psalter*, 1592

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: II Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Denise 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 in full 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 guild 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 embodied in your 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, maker of heaven and earth, 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 worshiped 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

Let the people praise thee, O God

William Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us and all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us and bless us, and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful to us. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving help among all nations. Let the people praise thee O God, yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad, and be glad. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen!

... Psalm 67

SEALING THE WORD

At the time of the Distribution of the EUCHARIST, worshipers are invited to come forward to receive communion by intinction OR to use the bread and wine given out as you entered church this morning. Those worshiping at home via the world wide web may 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

Tom Clark-Jones

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts: Hea-ven and earth are—
full, full of thy glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

COMMUNION PRAYER

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS

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

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

(... *In your mercy ... Lord hear our prayer*)

CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *[we pray 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

These are holy things to keep us holy. Gifts of God for the people of God ...

Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

COMMUNION MUSIC

Strengthen for Service

Leo Nestor

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands That holy things have taken; Let ears that now have heard thy songs To clamor never waken. Lord, may the tongues which "Holy" sang Keep free from all deceiving; The eyes which saw thy love be bright, thy blessed hope perceiving. Feet that have trod thy holy courts from light do thou not banish; The bodies by thy body fed With thy new life replenish. Strengthen for service, Lord, hands that holy things have taken.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

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 Child Is Born in Bethlehem**
(Commissioned for Christmas 2022)

Craig Phillips

A Child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia, Alleluia! Therefore rejoice Jerusalem, Alleluia, Alleluia! Come join the angel throng in songs of joy, in one accord adoring Christ the Lord. The babe within the manger poor (Alleluia, Alleluia!) will rule the world forevermore. Come join the angel throng in songs of joy, in one accord adoring Christ the Lord. Upon this joyful holy night, (Alleluia) we bless your name, O Lord of Light. Alleluia, Alleluia! We praise you Holy Trinity, Alleluia, Alleluia! Adoring you eternally, Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, join the angel throng in songs of joy, in one accord adoring Christ the Lord!

***POSTLUDE**

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Denise M. Clark-Jones, *Pastor*
The Choir of Westminster Church
Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*
Larry Hicks, *Video Producer*

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF PEORIA and this celebration of the Feast of the Holy Trinity.. We greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and pray this service will be a blessing to all who participate. We are also live-streamed on the world wide web at www.westminsterpeoria.org. The webcast is covered by permissions granted by One License A 726060 for the use of musical portions of the service as well as to broadcast all music in the service with permission of the various publishers.

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THE ANTHEM is from the pen of Welsh composer, William Mathias (1934-1992) and commissioned for the marriage of Prince Charles, Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer. Much has happened since then in the British Royal Family, but this anthem stands as one of the finest examples of a late twentieth century English cathedral anthem. Its lively rhythms and joyful text set the mood for any festive occasion. THE MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION is a setting of the hymn text, "Strengthen for Service" set by American composer, Leo Nestor (1948-2019). Dr. Nestor was the choirmaster of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC and taught at Catholic University. BENEDICTION music was commissioned at Christmas, 2022, in honor of Pastor Clark-Jones. The choirmaster would like to perform it one more time in the place for which it was written, so here it is. It does mention the Trinity in the later part of the text even though this is most definitely a Christmas text. Hope you will pardon this indulgence!

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Cantor Congregation Tom Clark-Jones

Glo - ry be to God on High. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther; we wor - ship You, we
give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther;
re - ceive our prayer. For you are the Ho - ly One,
You a - lone art the Lord, You a - lone art the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.
A - - - - - men.



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