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Trinity Sunday



"Trinity in Dark Tones" - Alek Rapoport

I was beside him as a master of crafts. I was having fun, smiling before him all the time, frolicking with his inhabited earth and delighting in the human race.
Proverbs 8:30-31 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here!

PRELUDE:

JASON MCKINNEY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

What is God like?

God is caring and tender

What is God like?

God is slow to anger

What is God like?

God is rich in kindness

Maker, Jesus and Holy Spirit

God welcomes us with love

"OPENING AND CLOSING RESPONSES FOR TRINITY SUNDAY RUTH BURGESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

"A PRAYER FOR TRINITY SUNDAY," JOHN HARVEY

In the mystery of the beginning of things, Creator God, you made this planet, rock upon layer of rock, to be weathered and planted, to become a place for living.

In the mystery of human life, Parent God, you made us, flesh and blood and spirit and bone, image of yourself, woman, man, and child, for loving.

In the mystery of your unconditional love, Redeemer God, you came in Jesus, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, to buy us back from our captivity, back to our true belonging, together, daughters and sons of heaven, living and loving, here on Earth.

So here, in this sacred place, place of celebration, of struggle, and of safety, we rest, content or cautious, to know your presence, hear your Word, sense your Spirit, welcoming us, and waiting, once again.

And if, in the quiet, there comes to mind the broken or wounded bits of our lives, and of our world, help us to name some of them now; and as you have shared our deepest sufferings, so may the glue of your transforming grace be for us, and for our world, a mending once again.

And if, in this place, and at this table, it will come to pass again, or perhaps for the very first time, that your Spirit will touch ours – then in your mercy, turn us to face you, in ourselves, our world, our neighbor, and send us out from here, your companions on the way.

We pray in Jesus name, who taught us to pray in the language most familiar to us, saying:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.*

*OPENING HYMN #138: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

REGINALD HEBER

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!

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.

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.

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!

LITANY FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Our litany will include with a sung congregational response:

HYMN 7 "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" (Glory to God) (Verse 1)

Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

Glory to you forever!

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

Glory to you forever!

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

Glory to you forever!

Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb:

Glory to you forever!

Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:

Glory to you forever!

Giver, Gift, and Giving:

Glory to you forever!

Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

Glory to you forever!

Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

Glory to you forever!

Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm:

Glory to you forever!

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:

Glory to you forever!

God who was, God who is, God who is to come:

Glory to you forever!

HYMN 7 (Verse 2)

Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of new life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith, to acknowledge and worship your triune name in the majesty of your unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forver. ***Amen.***

HYMN 7 (Verse 3)

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flow'r, until I know.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy, Holy, Holy One,
Guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord ***Amen.***

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

Does not wisdom call, and understanding raise her voice? Hear the word of the Lord.

JOHN 16:12-15

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1315

PROVERBS 8:1-4; 22-31

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 788-789

The wisdom of God for all people; the call of God to all who live.

Thanks be to God.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves:

"TRANSFORMATION," PAT BENNETT

**I need your touch
O my creator!**

**The Father's touch of healing:
pain released
brokenness remade
the marred image restored.**

**The Son's touch of love:
frozenness melted
loneliness assuaged
tears turned to laughter.**

**The Spirit's touch of liberation:
freedom from the past
power for the present
courage for the future.**

**Touch me
O my Creator
that I may be transformed!**

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

"WITHOUT YOU," THOM M. SHUMAN

Without you, Weaver of willows, Spinner of sunrises, I would have no place to put my foot:
stumbling face first into the mud puddles of my mistakes.

Without you, Retriever of the fallen, Mediator of the sin-splattered, I would have no place to put my soul:
adrift on the stormy sea of seduction, at the mercy of bedlam's blows.

Without you, Whisperer of wisdom, Gift-bearing dove, I would have no place to put my heart:
watching it shrivel in despair's bitter grasp.

In you
I find my place,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed Trinity,
in you. Amen.

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

BLESSING OUR GIFTS

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY #592:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***HYMN OF THE DAY #322:** *Spirit of the Living God*

DANIEL IVERSON

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC

JASON MCKINNEY

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Wisdom of the Multitude"*

REV. PHILLIPS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he descended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN #139:** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

FELICE DE GIARDINI

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father, all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

***SENDING**

"Opening and Closing Responses for Trinity Sunday," Ruth Burgess

Be strong and happy, help one another
We will walk together in joy
Work with each other, live in peace and justice
We will walk together in hope
Try to grow perfect, bless one another
We will walk together in love

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

POSTLUDE

JASON MCKINNEY

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Hymn Story

Holy, Holy, Holy!

(Lord God Almighty)

“Holy, Holy, Holy” was written by Reginald Heber, an Anglican clergyman, nearly two centuries ago. He wrote hymns in an attempt to improve the singing in his little congregation at Hodnet, near Birmingham, England.

Most congregations in those days sang the Psalter— but most sang it badly. To inject a bit of spirit in the hymn-singing, Heber introduced his congregation to some of the modern church music of his day, to include John Newton’s “Amazing Grace.” He also wrote dozens of hymns, the best-known being “Holy, Holy, Holy.” He wrote it for Trinity Sunday, as evidenced by the words, “God in three persons, blessed Trinity,” in the first and last verses.

The hymn tune was written by John Dykes. He called it Nicaea (also spelled Nicea) after the church council that established the doctrine of the Trinity.

When Rev. Heber was 40 years old, he reluctantly left his beloved England to begin service as Bishop of Calcutta, India. The scope of the job combined with the hot climate and primitive conditions, proved too much for Bishop Heber. He died at the age of 43 after serving only three years in India.

His music was Rev. Heber’s true legacy. After his death, a hymnal was published that included all of his hymns. Even today, most hymnals include two or three of his hymns.

But it is this hymn, “Holy, Holy, Holy,” that has blessed people all over the world. Translated into many languages and sung in many tongues, it was Rev. Heber’s most enduring gift to the church.

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Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Helen Brown and Karen Maxwell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041.

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"I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called 'not-my-people', I will say 'you are my people' and they will answer, 'you are our God.'" (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ's Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

A Note About the Offering: As we have returned to worship as the pandemic has been becoming less and less a threat, we have continued the practice of not passing the offering plates at the time of the offering during our service, thus decreasing the threat of spreading germs. Instead, you are invited to make your contribution in one of four ways: drop it in the offering plate that is located at the narthex door (before worship) and in the narthex (following worship); mail it in to the church; drop it off at the church in person; or, use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

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Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

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TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tracey Troxler and Shelby Smith)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

Sunday, June 12th – Trinity Sunday

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, June 15th

- 6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, June 19th – Second Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

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