

**Trinity Sunday
June 4, 2023 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Opening Song's of Praise

"God of Wonders"

Lord of all creation
Lord of water, earth and sky
The heavens are your Tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus:

And God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

So early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth
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"Refiner's Fire"

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold

Chorus:
Refiner's fire

My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for you Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for you my master
Ready to do your will

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

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“We Will Dance”

Sing a song of celebration.
Lift up a shout of praise
For the Bridegroom will come
The glorious One
And O we will look on his face.
We'll go to a much better place

So dance with all your might
Lift up your hands and clap for joy
For the time's drawing near,
When He will appear
And O we will stand by his side
A strong and pure spotless bride

Refrain:
O we will dance on the streets that are golden
The glorious bride and the great Son of Man
Let every tongue and tribe and nation
Rejoice in the song of the lamb

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*Welcome & Passing the Peace of Christ

Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[based on Romans 5: 1-5]

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

People: Not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us,

Leader: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

People: In the presence of God's peace, in the powerful name of Jesus, and with the hope of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.

*Hymn of Adoration

#1, "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning my 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 and 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

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Prayer of Confession

[time of silent personal confession]

All: Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be united together as your people, we confess that we often fail to live in unity with one another and with you. We break our communion through thoughtless words and unkind actions. Lord, we long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us today. We long for you to help us experience true communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word and table. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Romans 8:15-17]

Leader: Hear the Good News. We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption.

People: When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Leader: In Christ and by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune God.

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."

After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#2, "Come Thou Almighty King"

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,
Merciful, mighty Lord;
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 ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Acts 20: 17-24

17 From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. 18 When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. 19 I served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews. 20 You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. 21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

22 "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. 23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. 24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me — the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

Sermon

“Clinging to God’s Vision... Instead of Our Own”

Responding to God’s Word

*Hymn of Response

#819, “Be Still My Soul”

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend
thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice, who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanks

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 to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

(various prayers)

Word’s of Institution

Prayer for the Spirit
Partaking of the elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank you for this meal and all that it represents. You, Lord, are truly our creator and this meal reminds us of your great love for us

People: O Lord, give us grateful hearts and let us rejoice in the presence of our Creator.

Leader: O God of might and mercy, not only do you follow your people however far we wander from you, but you took up the cross to set us free.

People: O Lord, give us grateful hearts and let us rejoice in the presence of our Redeemer.

Leader: O God of consolation and comfort, through Christ's death and resurrection you bring us back to you. Through the Spirit, you bring the church together in one place, and empowering us to share the Good News of this meal with the world.

People: O Lord, give us grateful hearts and let us rejoice in the presence of our Sustainer.

Leader: Gracious God, you have revealed yourself to us in more ways than we can recall or recount.

People: O Lord, give us grateful hearts and let us rejoice in your love that will not let us go. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Anthem

"Trinity Song," St. Mary of Bethany Parish Nashville

*Response

#606, The Doxology, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2087, "We Will Glorify the King of Kings," vs. 1 & 3, Sing the Faith Hymnal

We will glorify the King of kings

We will glorify the Lamb

We will glorify the Lord of lords

Who is the great I AM

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth

He is Lord of all who live

He is Lord above the universe

All praise to Him we give

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able