



The Worship of God

5th Sunday after Pentecost • July 5, 2020

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision (Celtic Version)

arr. 4Him

Donnie & Grace Kauffman, vocal duet; Jasmine Braxton, acolyte

CALL TO WORSHIP

Linda & Wayne Tillman

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

The God of creation makes us one in body!

Let us give witness in faith, hope, and love!

The God of Christ makes us one in the Spirit!

Let us worship God in joyful praise!

HYMN

Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

*Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!*

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PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Eternal God, you are the power behind all things:

**behind the energy of the storm,
behind the heat of a million suns.**

Eternal God, you are the power behind all minds:

**behind the ability to think and reason,
behind all understanding of the truth.**

Eternal God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ:

**behind the weakness, the torture and the death,
behind unconquerable love.**

**O changeless God, under the conviction of your Spirit,
I learn that the more I do, the worse I am.**

The more I know, the less I know;

**the more holiness I have, the more sinful I am;
the more I love, the more there is to love.
My heart is full of affection, yet full of leaks.**

We are your Body, and yet we lose track of how we are knit together.
**Our memory is faulty; we easily forget the lessons learned
and so your truths seep away. Give us broken hearts that—
even still—carry home the waters of grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

What more could be done than what Christ has done? His death is our life, his resurrection our peace, his ascension our hope, his prayers our comfort. Friends, hear and believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

***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, amen.***

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text P.D. TUNE: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851 P.D.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:1-7

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Church Is... A Community of Witness”

Rev. Laura Viau

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Lynn Auman, violin; Chad Hammer, cello

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

[An excerpt from The Belhar Confession, paragraph 4.]

We believe that God has revealed himself

as the One who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among men;

that in a world full of injustice and enmity,

God is in a special way the God of the destitute,

the poor and the wronged

and that God calls the Church to follow,
**in that Jesus the Christ brings justice to the oppressed
and gives bread to the hungry;**
that he frees the prisoner
and restores sight to the blind;
that he supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,
helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
that for Christ, pure and undefiled religion
is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
that he wishes to teach all children of God
to do what is good and to seek the right;
that the Church must therefore stand by people
in any form of suffering and need,
which implies, among other things,
**that the Church must witness against and strive against
any form of injustice,**
so that justice may roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
that the Church as the possession of God must stand where Christ stands,
namely against injustice and with the wronged;
that in following Christ, the Church must witness
**against all the powerful and privileged
who selfishly seek their own interests
and thus control and harm others.**
With believers in every time and place, we give thanks and praise
to God the Creator, God the Reconciler, and God the Spirit, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND WORLD

(Verses sung to the tune used for, "The Church's One Foundation," AURELIA)

**1. Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

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draw all nations and peoples close to each other.

**2 Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

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and let everything we do overflow with blessings for your people.

3 *Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

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**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.**

BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING RESPONSE *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH

Gail Thomas, soprano; Laura Viau, alto; Wayne Tillman, tenor; Ken Curry, bass

Lord, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.

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