



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Trinity Sunday | May 30, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude in F-sharp Major, Op. 28, No. 13
Jessica Eaton, pianist (11:00AM)

Frederic Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Followers of Christ, together, **let us discover the joy of “we” over “me.”**
With glad and sincere hearts, **let us worship and praise God.**

HYMN

Word of Wisdom, Word of Wonder

REGENT SQUARE

***Word of Wisdom, Word of wonder, source of boundless time and space;
light creating, life unfolding till it formed our human race;
Word before all stars and planets, we, your people, sing your praise!***

***Word of promise, Word incarnate as the Son of God on earth;
living, dying, rising, reigning, sending your apostles forth;***

Word that sought the lost and lonely, praise for love that gives us worth!

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PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Gracious God, **we praise you,**
for the life that flows from love when we devote ourselves to you.
For the love that flows from the apostles' teaching when it is remembered—
in the preaching and the teaching of your Word;
when it is embraced—
**in the fellowship checking-in with each other
and giving to anyone who has need;**
when it is celebrated—
**in the breaking bread together, sharing our meals and stories
with a spirit of welcome and acceptance;**
when it is held—
**in the praying together our thanks, our concerns, and for courage
to do what is ours to do in the world.**
God of faith, God in community, **we praise you.**

Merciful God, make us aware, when we pull back our devotion from you and our neighbors, **forgive us**;
show us in our times together, when we let your Story sit on the shelf rather than sit with us, **forgive us**.

Hear our prayers of silent confession. (*Silent confession*)

Open our hearts, renew our hearts, **that we continue to meet: praising you and devoting our lives to you in places formed by your Word; bringing life from love, by the power of your Spirit, for the good of all. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

"Brothers and sisters", wrote the Apostle Paul, "I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved." Friends, baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. (1 Cor. 15)

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory

(Refrain only)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

***O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!***

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875 P.D. TUNE: William Howard Doane, 1875 P.D.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

ANTHEM

"Become God's Story"

Tom Long/Alan Pote

Vicki Chadwick, soprano; Wayne Tillman, tenor

SERMON

"Teach God's Children Well"

Rev. Laura Viau

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33)

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.**

His human life involves the church

in the common life of all people.

His service to men and women commits the church

to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive

to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ

in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church

**God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations,
and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.**

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,

the church sees the promise

of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern

in the form of its life and in the method of its action.

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

**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.**

HYMN

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REGENT SQUARE

***Word of mercy, Word of healing, where the people cry in pain
fill the church with Christ's compassion; with your strength her hands sustain.
To a world still broken, send us! Make creation whole again!***

***Word empowering, Word still burning in your church, a living flame:
shine through all our work and witness as we serve in Jesus' name.***

Keep us faithful till all people sing your praise in glad acclaim!

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BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING MUSIC

Prelude in E major, Op. 28, No. 9

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