



SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Trinity Sunday

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Time after time mankind is driven against the rocks of the horrid reality of a fallen creation. And time after time mankind must learn the hard lessons of history—the lessons that for some dangerous and awful reason we can't seem to keep in our collective memory. —Hilaire Belloc

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into His courts.

Gospel Invitation—Romans 5:8

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Introit—Holy God, We Praise Your Name, Vs. 1



Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow be - fore You!



All on Earth Your scep - ter claim. All in Heav'n a - bove a - dore You:



In - fi - nite_ Your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is_ Your reign.

Text: Based on *Te Deum*, 4th century, Attr. Ignace Franz, 1774;
Music: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

Call to Worship—Psalm 50:1-6

Pastor: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

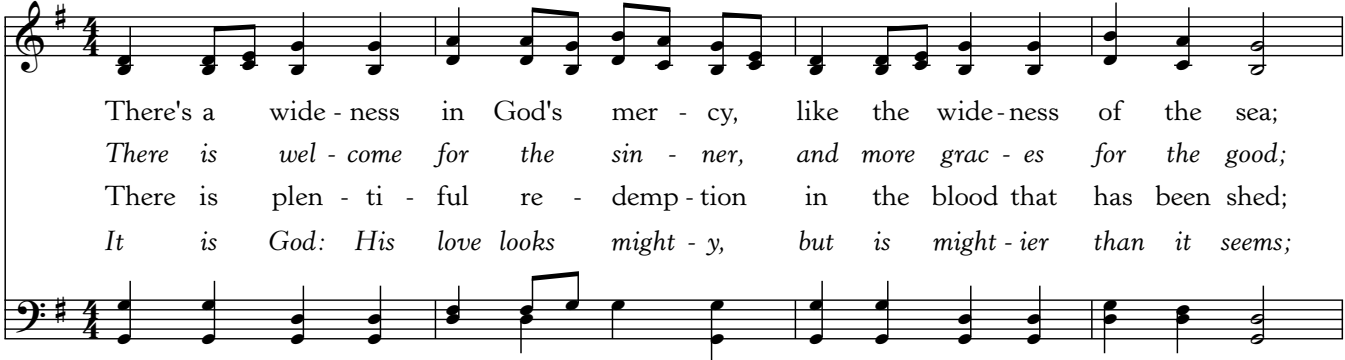
Reader 1: Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

Reader 2: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people: “Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”

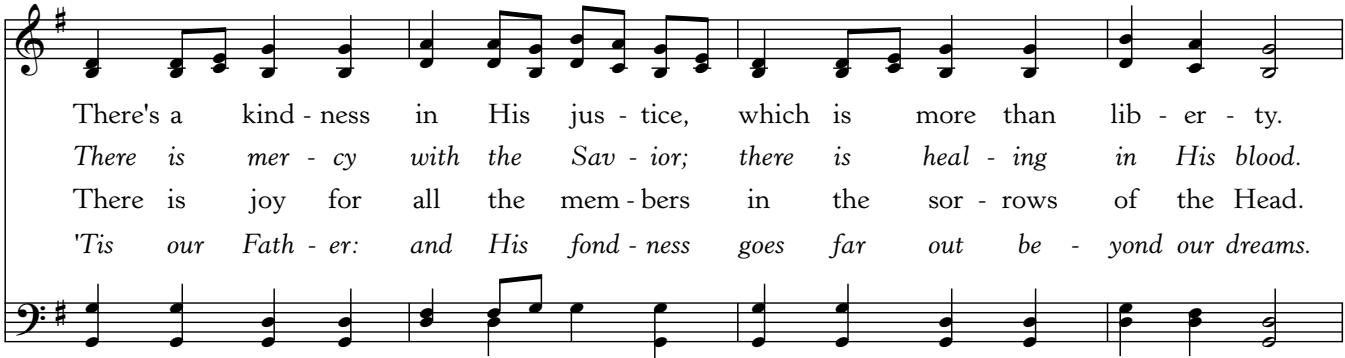
All: **The heavens declare His righteousness.**

Pastor: For God Himself is judge!

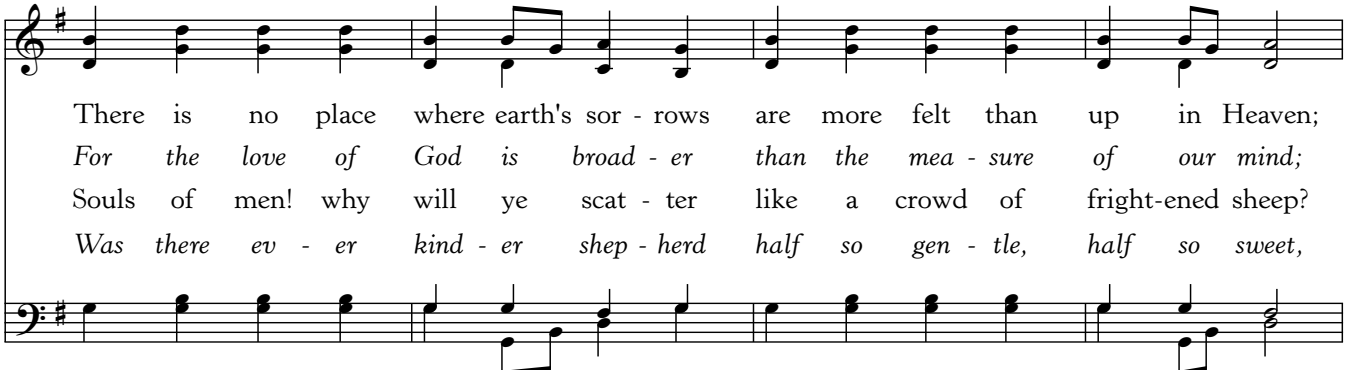
Hymn of Praise—There's A Wideness In God's Mercy



There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more grac - es for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
It is God: His love looks might - y, but is might - ier than it seems;



There's a kind - ness in His jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in His blood.
There is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
'Tis our Fath - er: and His fond - ness goes far out be - yond our dreams.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in Heaven;
For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of our mind;
Souls of men! why will ye scat - ter like a crowd of fright - ened sheep?
Was there ev - er kind - er shep - herd half so gen - tle, half so sweet,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
And the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
Fool - ish hearts! why will ye wan - der from a love so true and deep?
As the Sav - ior who would have us come and gath - er at His feet?

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854; Music: HOLY MANNA, William Moore, 1825.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

The Bible is the means by which God graciously reveals Himself to His people—so we listen, read, and study with expectant hearts. God particularly entreats us in His Word to sing psalms. And while all Scripture is appropriate for hymns and spiritual songs, there is a specific exhortation for us to make use of the Psalter as the church's songbook.

Psalm of Praise—Fret Not Yourself (Psalm 37)



Fret not your-self when e - vil seems to pros - per in the land, —
And though he thinks he's root - ed fast, un - yield - ing like a tree, —
Be still be - fore the Lord and wait; de - light in His com - mands.
I have not seen, in youth or age, the right - eous man de - crease.



Nor when the wick - ed_ plots and schemes a - gainst the right - eous man.
The wick - ed one will fade like grass, like smoke caught in a breeze.
And He shall keep your path - way straight, up - hold you with His hand.
The Lord pro - vides a her - i - tage, a fu - ture full_ of peace.



Dwell faith - ful - ly, and trust God will your heart's de - sires ful - fill.
His bow will break, his sword will fail; and just - ice will pre - vail.
A strong - hold sure in_ trou - bled days, the Lord His peo - ple saves.
He is a re - fuge ev - er - more, for all who trust the Lord.

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 37, Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020;
Music: GRAYMERE, Henry C. Haffner and Elizabeth Dowdell, 2020.

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 64:6-8

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon Your name, who rouses himself to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise—Speak, O Lord



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness,
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty.
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty.



That the light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail— let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the Earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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Baptism of Odin Dye, Son of Cody and Sarah Dye

Reading of the Word—Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3

¹⁶Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness. ¹⁷I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work. ¹⁸I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts. ¹⁹For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. ²⁰All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return. ²¹Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth? ²²So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?

^{4:1}Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them. ²And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive. ³But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sung Response—Abide With Me, Vs. 2

Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;

Change and de - cay in all a - round I see: O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the second verse of 'Abide With Me'. Each system consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of the verse, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1847; Music: EVENTIDE (MONK), William Henry Monk, 1861.

Sermon—*Harsh Realities*

—Pastor, George Grant

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Confession of Sin—from Psalm 51:1-2, 4

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy.

All: **Blot out our transgressions.**

Pastor: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin!

All: **Against You, and You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.**

Pastor: So You are justified in Your Words.

All: **And You are blameless in Your judgment.**

Assurance of Pardon—from Psalm 51:10, 12-13, 15; Acts 1:8

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a rightspirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Then we will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare Your praise.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

All: **This is the Word of the Lord.**

Pastor: For Christ Himself confirmed: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses."

All: **"In Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

Sung Response—God Be Merciful To Me (Psalm 51), Vs. 4

Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by Thy wrath and judg - ment just,

Let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear Thy voice;

From my sins O hide Thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines.

HEAVENLY GIFT—EUCCHARISTO

As God beckons His people to the bounty of His table, they make joyous profession of their fealty to Him.

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; the one holy church—both visible and invisible;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

WOMEN



MEN Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow'r and might, - Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est, Ho high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. A - men. san-na in the high - est, Ho san-na in the high - est. A - men.

Text: Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Mt 21:9; Music: FRANKLIN SANCTUS, Gregory Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S TABLE

This table is open to all baptized Christians who have made a profession of faith. You may come forward to receive the bread and wine or grape juice.

Hymn of Communion—Come, Ye Disconsolate



Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
Joy of the de - so - late, light of the stray - ing,
Here see the Bread of Life, see wa - ters flow - ing



Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound-ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
Here speaks the com - for - ter, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that Heav - en can - not cure."
Earth has no sor - row but Heav - en can re - move.

Text: Thomas More, 1816; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2007.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE, PETITIONS, TITHES & OFFERINGS

Our praying, serving, and giving are essential aspects of worship. It is here that our faith moves from our heads and hearts into our lives and callings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession—The Lord's Prayer

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 of Praise—How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
 Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed;
 When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
 The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;

What more can He say than to you He has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 The flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 And sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

Text: "K" in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787;
 Music: FOUNDATION, Traditional American Melody.

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—2 Timothy 2:1, 9

Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The Word of God is not bound! Amen.

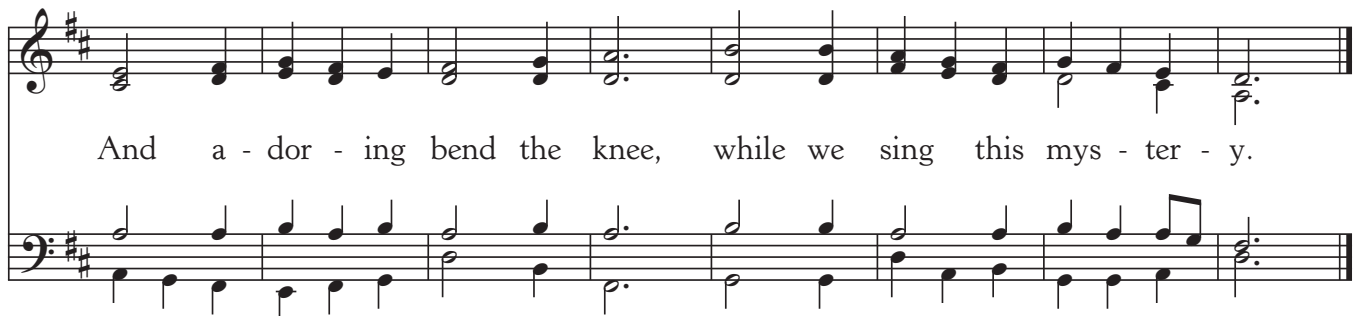
Sung Response—Holy God, We Praise Your Name, Vs. 4



Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, three we name You;



While in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim You;



And a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

Text: Based on *Te Deum*, 4th century, Attr. Ignace Franz, 1774;
Music: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774.

Announcements

Worship Notes:

In this week's sermon passage, Solomon wrestles with the unjust state of the world. Everywhere he looked, he found wickedness and oppression. We too have reason to lament when we see "evil [...] prosper in the land" (*Fret Not Yourself—Psalm 37*), when we encounter "change and decay" (*Abide With Me*), when we must confront the sin we find in our own hearts and acknowledge that "all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment" (Isaiah 64:6). It is tempting to conclude that "the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive" (Ecclesiastes 4:2). But we are not left alone in our despair. We hear from Psalm 50 that "Our God comes; He does not keep silence." We sing that "there's a wideness in God's mercy," and a "kindness in His justice" (*There's A Wideness*). We are assured that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). And so we can pray with David in Psalm 51 for God to "wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin" (Psalm 51:2), and know with certainty that He will. Is there still evil in this world? Do we still sin week after week? Yes. But we also serve a God who calls us here every week, who delivers all who take refuge in Him, whose "grace, all-sufficient, shall be [our] supply" (*How Firm A Foundation*). So "come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel," and know that "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal" (*Come Ye Disconsolate*). —Elizabeth Dowdell

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