

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Trinity Sunday 12 June 2022 They shall not come with warships, They shall not waste with brands But books be all their eating And ink be on their hands...

They shall come mild as monkish clerks,
With many a scroll and pen,
And backwards shall ye turn and gaze,
Desiring one of Alfred's days,
When pagans still were men.
—G.K. Chesterton

## 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—1 Corinthians 1:30-31

And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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



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

## Call to Worship—Psalm 62:1-2, 8-9, 11

Pastor: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.

All: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

Reader 1: Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion.

Reader 2: In the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

All: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for

us

Pastor: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God.

# Hymn of Praise—Come, Thou Almighty King



Text: Anonymous, 1757; Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1769.

## 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—The Lord Has Spoken To My Lord (Psalm 110)



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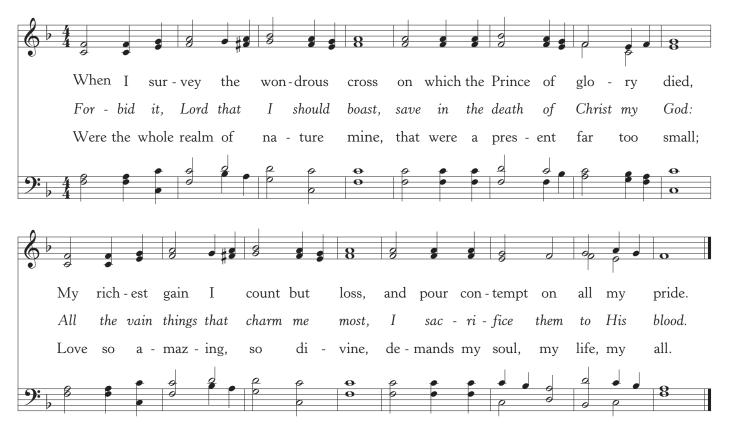
# Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of Praise—When I Survey The Wondrous Cross



Text: Isaac Watts, 1709; Music: HAMBURG, Gregorian Chant, arr. Lowell Mason, 1824.

## Reading of the Word—2 Corinthians 10:1-18

I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away! <sup>2</sup>I beg of you that when I am present I may not have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, <sup>6</sup> being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

<sup>7</sup>Look at what is before your eyes. If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ's, so also are we. <sup>8</sup> For even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I will not be ashamed. <sup>9</sup> I do not want to appear to be frightening you with my letters. <sup>10</sup> For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account." <sup>11</sup>Let such a person understand that what we say by letter when absent, we do when present. <sup>12</sup> Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

<sup>13</sup> But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you. <sup>14</sup> For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach you. For we were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ. <sup>15</sup> We do not boast beyond limit in the labors of others. But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged, <sup>16</sup> so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in another's area of influence. <sup>17</sup> "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." <sup>18</sup> For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

# Sung Response—How Deep The Father's Love For Us, Vs. 3



I will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no power, no wis - dom.



But I will boast in Je-sus Christ: His death and res-ur-rec-tion.



Why should I gain from His re-ward?

I can - not give an an - swer.



But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som

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# Sermon—The Weapons of God for the Glory of God

—Assistant Pastor, James Crampton

### 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—based on Jeremiah 17:5-6, 9-10, 13

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You, Lord, search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his

ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.

All: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns

away from the Lord."

All: He is like a shrub in the desert and shall not see any good come.

Pastor: He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

All: We have forsaken You, Lord, the fountain of living water.

#### Assurance of Pardon—Jeremiah 17:7-8; Acts 1:8

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Pastor: This is the promise of God.

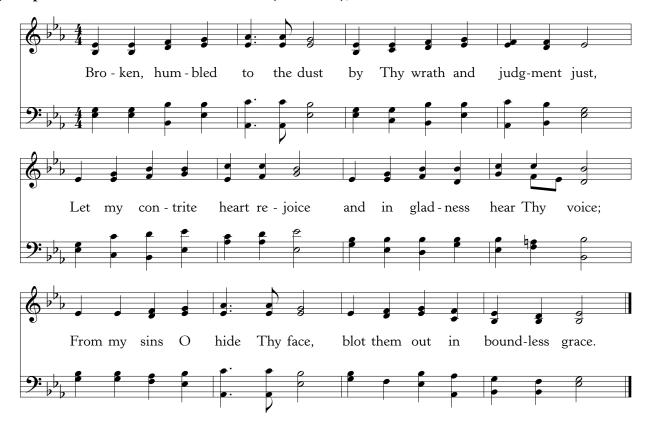
All: This is the Word of the Lord.

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



Text: Psalm 51:8-9, The Psalter, 1912; Music: REDHEAD, Richard Redhead, 1853.

#### HEAVENLY GIFT—EUCHARISTO

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.
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:

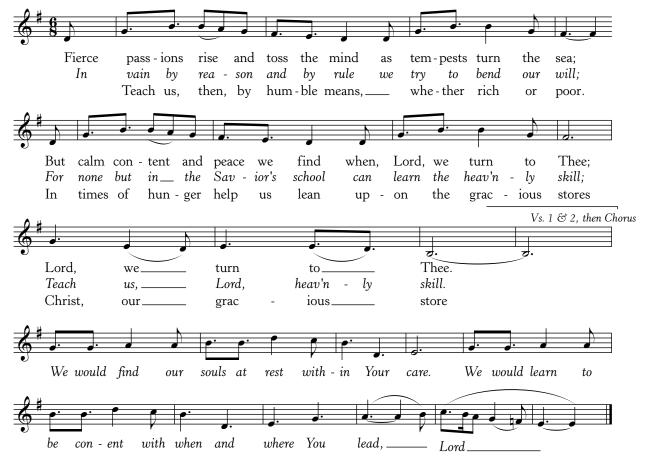
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## Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

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 Reflection—Calm Content



Text: John Newton, 1779, Refrain and Vs. 3 by Nathan George, 2012; Music: CONTENT, Nathan George, 2012.

#### Hymn of Praise—How Great Thou Art



## 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—Jesus, Lover Of My Soul



Text: Charles Wesley, 1740; Music: MARTYN, Simeon B. Marsh, 1834.

## 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 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen*.

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



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#### Announcements

### Worship Notes:

You've probably noticed, this being the month of June, that contemporary society has taken to aggressively promoting the sin of pride. Governments, mass media, and major corporations all line up to celebrate pride (only provided it is pride in one of the currently socially favored identities, ethnicities, or lifestyles). By contrast, Paul in 2 Corinthians gives us a portrait of humility, as do several of the hymns in this morning's service. Twice we pick up on Paul's admonition, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." In *How Deep The Father's Love For Us*, we declare that we "will not boast in anything," save the resurrection of Christ. When I Survey The Wondrous Cross goes even further, saying that in light of Jesus' death we must "pour contempt on all [our] pride." After confessing our pride in our own flesh and strength, we respond from Psalm 51 that we are "broken, humbled in the dust." In Calm Content, we ask the Lord to teach us "by humble means" to be content with His provision, and we declare in How Great Thou Art that we will bow in "humble adoration." Our humble position is driven home in the final hymn, Jesus, Lover Of My Soul, in which we confess that we are "false and full of sin," and that our "helpless soul" clings only to Christ. In a world consumed with pride, the Christian is called to humility. And as Paul puts it in another letter to the Corinthians, "God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are."

—Henry C. Haffner

Key Words: Keystone Verse: Flesh, Power, Walk, War, Captive, Obey, Boast, Commend For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)



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