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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

June 4, 2023

Trinity Sunday

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Join the Dance of the Trinity Tune: Kingsfold
English Country Songs, 1893; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906;
Arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the Amen.)

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the Maker of all things seen and unseen,
the Savior of all both near and far: By your Spirit enable us so to worship your
divine majesty, that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious
name, saying: Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

God of grace, love, and communion,

we confess that we have failed to love you
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength;
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods.
Have mercy on us.

Forgive our sin and raise us to new life
that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 139 Come, Thou Almighty King Italian Hymn

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ, and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the baptismal font for a
Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Psalm 8 Unison

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

**Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Anthem Holy, Holy, Holy Mark Kellner

Old Testament Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Sermon The Wondrous Creation Mike Krech
“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good” Genesis 1:31

The congregation stands to sing
Hymn 268 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens Holy Manna
Apostles’ Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional
Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Holy, Holy, Holy Nicaea
Arr. Kevin McChesney

The congregation stands to sing the
Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 562 Eternal Father, Strong to Save Melita

Worshippers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.
Or, you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Postlude God of Our Fathers Tune: National Hymn
George William Warren, 1892; arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is Trinity Sunday, celebrating the revelation of one God in Three Persons, the historic terms being: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity took shape among the early church theologians and was much debated by them. Modern interpretations of their arguments depend on how to translate certain Greek words that they used, but the Trinity as the standard or orthodox view of God is evident by the time of the Nicene Creed in 325. The Apostles’ Creed, which was probably in use as a baptismal confession by the year 150, is also Trinitarian in form. The clearest New Testament expression of the Trinity as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is Matthew 28:19, in today’s Gospel reading, where it is the “baptismal formula” given by the risen Christ. In today’s Old Testament and Psalm we read of the majesty of creation, and in the Epistle Paul concludes his letters to the Corinthians with the Trinitarian blessing. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our 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; 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!

Text: Reginald Heber, as in *Hymns Written and Abridged*, 1827, alt;

Tune: NICAEA; John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

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, Gird on Thy mighty sword; 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 every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be, Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

Text: *Collection of Hymns for Social Worship*, 1757; alt.

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN; Felice de Giardini, 1769

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God, who stretched the spangled heavens, Infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance Through the silent fields of space:
We, Your children in Your likeness, Share inventive powers with You;
Great Creator, still creating, Show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of Since the childhood of our race;
Known the ecstasy of winging Through untraveled realms of space;
Probed the secrets of the atom, Yielding un-imagined power,
Facing us with life's destruction Or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, May it challenge us anew:
Children of creative purpose, Serving others, honoring You.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, Each endeavor well begun;
Great Creator, give us guidance Till our goals and Yours are one.

Text: Catherine Arnott Cameron, 1967; alt.;

Tune: HOLY MANNA; Attr. William Moore, 1825; Harm. Charles Anders, 1969

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word The wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, And calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease, And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, All travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1860; alt.

Tune: MELITA; John Bacchus Dykes, 1861