

WORSHIP NOTES

The word “Trinity” never appears in the Bible, even though Scripture speaks of God in three ways: as “Father” or “Creator,” and “Jesus Christ,” who is named “Son” or “Word,”

and as the “Holy Spirit.” In the centuries after Jesus, the church came to the doctrine of the

Trinity as a way to be faithful to Scripture and to guard the full mystery of God. As such,

the doctrine of the Trinity would save us from the temptation to think of God in overly

simplistic ways: as “only the Creator,” as “simply equally Jesus,” or as “nothing but a Spirit.”

In the last several decades, the ancient doctrine of the Trinity has enjoyed a theological

renaissance as modern theologians have thought it through in fresh ways. This Sunday after

Pentecost is traditionally designated “Trinity Sunday.”

The processional hymn, *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*, is one of the most

well-known hymns to the Trinity in the Western World. The words were composed by

19th century clergyman-poet Reginald Heber who served as a parish pastor in his native

Shropshire before being appointed the Anglican Bishop of Calcutta. The tune, *Nicaea*, was

composed for this text by John Bacchus Dykes and named for the village of Nicaea near

Constantinople where the Trinitarian Nicene Creed was approved by a church council in

325 A.D.

Today’s middle hymn, *Come, Thou Almighty King*, is one of several hymns to the Trinity

in our *Presbyterian Hymnal*. The text is of unknown authorship, though it first appeared

in a mid-18th century tract that also included writings by Charles Wesley, a founder of the

Methodist movement, and by the great evangelist and preacher George Whitefield. The

melody, called *Italian Hymn*, was composed for the words by Felice de Gardini, an Italian

composer, violinist, and manager of opera companies in London and Moscow.

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SESSION

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Trinity Sunday

— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

WELCOME The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one’s mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one’s friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

VISITORS, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship.

IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP that follows, an asterisk invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29:1-11

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Carolyn Peirce Brown by Peter H. Brown.



NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be the Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton.

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THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
“Fantasia in G Major, *BWV 572*”
Eric Birk, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Isaiah 6, Romans 8, John 3*)

Leader: Jesus calls, inviting us in.
People: Holy, holy, holy God, we gather as Your children.
Leader: The Spirit calls, inviting us to listen.
People: Holy, holy, holy Christ, we sit at Your feet.
Leader: The Father calls, adopting us as family.
People: Holy, holy, holy Spirit, we come to worship.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 138

Nicaea
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate and merciful God, we confess that we sometimes ignore our responsibilities to You and to humanity. If ever we trample on the rights of others while asserting our own right: God, forgive. If ever we sit by on the sidelines, doing nothing, but criticizing those who do: God, forgive. If ever by our example and deed, we hurt little ones or cause them to do wrong: God, forgive. Grant, O God, that our lives might be flavored with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, as salt flavors food. Amen.

KYRIE 574

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Hymn 460, verse 4*) *Großer Gott, wir loben dich*

**Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name You,
While in essence only One; Undivided God we claim You,
And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.**

During the singing of the response, all children are invited to come forward and gather around the baptismal font for the blessing.

THE WORD

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for God’s children?
People: That God be with the children as they learn of Jesus and His love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deborah L. Kramm
Isaiah 6:1-8 (*Pew Bible, page 635 O.T.*)
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

* HYMN 139

Italian Hymn
“Come, Thou Almighty King”

SERMON

Rev. Adam. D. Gorman
“How long, O Lord?”

THE RESPONSE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
“Holy, Holy, Holy”
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, Which wert and art, and evermore shall be. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man 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, Hallelujah! Blessed Trinity!—*Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION AND GRADUAL HYMN

13th c. Benedictine plainsong
“Thee We Adore”
Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, Who at this blessed feast art pleased to be; both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail, Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
—*Thomas Aquinas (c.1225-1274)*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS 580

John Merbecke (c.1510–c.1585)
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory:
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High. Amen.**

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.

INSTITUTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front rows, receive bread, dip it in the chalice, partake, and return to your seat by the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available at the serving station farthest to the right as you come forward. All who would humbly put their trust in Christ, whatever their church or denominational affiliation, are invited to participate.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Johann Sebastian Bach
“King of Glory, King of Peace”
King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee; And that love may never cease, I will move Thee. Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me; Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee, And the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee. Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me; And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee; In my heart, though not in Heaven, I can raise Thee. Small it is in this poor sort To enroll Thee: E’en eternity’s too short To extol Thee.—*George Herbert (1593-1632)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 132

Abbot’s Leigh
“Come, Great God of All The Ages”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)
“Hymn Prelude on ‘O Trinity of Blessed Light’, *op. 100*”
Eric Birk, *organist*

We would like to thank Eric Birk for being our guest organist and choirmaster this morning.

If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.