

WORSHIP NOTES

The text for *This is My Father's World* was written by Maltbie Davenport Babcock (born Syracuse, NY August 3, 1858; died Naples, Italy May 18, 1901). The Rev. Dr. Babcock was the pastor of The Brick Church from 1900 until his untimely death in 1901. The text for this hymn is taken from a longer poem, *My Father's World* that was in a collection, *Thoughts for Every-Day Living*, published by Babcock's wife Katherine in 1901, shortly after his death. This past September, Brick Church's archives committee met with Rudd Crawford, the great-nephew of Dr. Babcock. Mr. Crawford shared with the committee some personal family remembrances of Dr. Babcock in addition to showing us several manuscripts of Babcock's hymn and poetry. The tune for this hymn, *Terra beata*, was composed by Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930), a friend of Babcock's, and was published in 1915 in *Alleluia: A Hymnal for Use in Schools, in the Home, in Young People's Societies, in Devotional Meetings*. Both text and tune have remained in constant use in hymnals since their original publishing.

Sir Henry Walford Davies (born Oswestry, England September 6, 1869; died Wrington, England, March 11, 1941) was an English composer, organist, conductor and educator who held the title "Master of the King's Music" from 1934 until 1941. Although a performing musician and composer, he served with the Royal Air Force during the First World War when he composed the well known *Royal Air Force March Past*. Davies was musical adviser to the nascent British Broadcasting Corporation, and became known to a wide public for his explanatory talks on music between 1924 and 1941, which brought him great popularity with British radio audiences.

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (born Dublin, September 30, 1852; died London, March 29, 1924) was the only son of a prosperous Protestant lawyer. His genius for classical musical forms gained him admission to Cambridge University at the age of 18, where he quickly established a commanding reputation, and was appointed organist of Trinity College while still an undergraduate. Afterward, he went to Germany to study composition with Carl Reinecke in Leipzig, and later with Friedrich Kiel in Berlin. He went on to compose in almost every music form, including seven symphonies; ten operas; fifteen concertante works; chamber, piano, and organ pieces; and over thirty large-scale choral works. His voluminous sacred music continues to be the foundation of the Anglican choral tradition.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Kohzo Kakuta, beloved husband, father, and grandfather by the Kakuta Family.



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

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR — Sixth Sunday After Epiphany — 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
Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1:1-6
1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
“Allegretto”
Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT

Johann Rudolph Able (1625-1673)
“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Blessed Jesus, at Your word we are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, drawn from earth to love You solely.

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Jeremiah 17:5-10)*

Leader: We do not place our trust in mere mortals or our own strength, as those whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

People: Otherwise, we would be like a shrub in the desert, living in parched places.

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, who are like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

People: Such a tree shall not fear a drought; its leaves stay green, bearing fruit. The Lord tests the mind and searches the heart.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288

Ellacombe
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy upon us in Your loving-kindness. In great compassion, cleanse us from sin. Do not cast us away from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore us to the joy of Your salvation. Sustain us with Your bountiful goodness. In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE 574

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

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(Hymn 487, verse 3)*

**Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

Laudes Domini

ANTHEM

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)
“Blessed are the Pure in Heart”

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ’s abode. Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart, and for His cradle and His throne chooseth the pure in heart.—*John Keble (1792-1866)*

THE WORD

After the singing of the anthem, all children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the Children’s Message.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

* HYMN 293

Terra beata
“This Is My Father’s World”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Christopher L. Allen
Psalm 1 *(Pew Bible, page 489 O.T.)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Kimberly L. Clayton
“A Tree Is Not a Forest”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(from A Declaration of Faith 9.5)*

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world’s kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the power and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as He has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith and not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

* GLORIA PATRI 579

Henry W. Greathouse (1813-1858)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

America
**Not for this land alone,
But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;
And may the nations see that we must loving be,
And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.**

* INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
“O For a Closer Walk”

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.—*William Cowper (1731-1800)*

* DOXOLOGY 592

Old Hundredth
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 497

St. Clement
“With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Healey Willan (1880-1968)
“Finale Jubilante”
Meg Cutting, *organist*

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.