

WORSHIP NOTES

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Is a majestic hymn associated with Trinity Sunday.

Written by Reginald Heber (1783-1826), it is based on Revelation 4:2-11, which itself reflects

Isaiah 6:1-5. Heber, an Anglican priest and later a bishop, once wrote that this hymn (and

some other hymns he wrote) were “designed to be sung between the Nicene Creed and

the Sermon.” In our current denominational hymnal, Glory to God, this is the very first

hymn, setting the tone for the entire hymnal: “It is . . .entirely appropriate that this hymnal

opens with one of the best-known hymns of adoration, an opportunity for human beings

to join in the unending heavenly song.” Although other tunes had been composed for

this demanding text, only the tune *Nicea*, composed by John Bacchus Dykes, has become

universally associated with it. The tune name reinforces the Trinitarian character of the

text. The ancient city of Nicea (now Iznik, Turkey) was the site of the ecumenical council

that in 325 met to form what would eventually become the Nicene Creed.

The identity of the author of the hymn text, *How Firm a Foundation*, identified only

as “K” is one of the unsolved mysteries of 18th century English hymnody. A number of

candidates have been proposed, but the most likely possibility seems to be Richard Keen,

the precentor (song leader) of the Baptist congregation in London where the editor of

the publication in which this hymn text first appeared was the pastor. The hymn tune is

pentatonic, one of the most popular of the shape-note repertory.

Now Thank We All Our God was written by Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) and is one of

the best-known German hymns. In our country, it is often associated with Thanksgiving

Day, but the author intended it for a table prayer, an annotation on the original manuscript

(now lost) said that it was written on June 24, 1630, for his children to sing.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Antonia and Edgar Hurst by Sara Hurst Jenoure.



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

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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
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8:1-9
Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
“Berceuse” (24 Pièces en style libre, op. 31)
Keith S. Tóth, organist

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christopher L. Allen
“Men’s Council”

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Proverbs 8)

Leader: Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

**People: On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand.**

Leader: The Lord created me at the beginning of His work,
the first of His acts long ago, before the beginning of the earth.

**People: When God marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside God, like a master worker;
rejoicing in the inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 138

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love You with all our heart, soul, and mind; 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. In Christ’s name, we ask it. 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.**

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

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

* HYMN 555

Nun danket alle Gott
“Now Thank We All Our God”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Thomas D. Robinson
Romans 5:1-5 (Pew Bible, page 155 N.T.)
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Kimberly L. Clayton
“Grace, Endurance, Hope”

THE RESPONSE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

James Leith MacBeth Bain (1860-1925)
“Brother James’ Air” (Psalm 23)
The text can be found at Hymn 170

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

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

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

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)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 361

Foundation
“How Firm a Foundation”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

André Campra (1660-1744)
“Rigaudon” (*Idoménée*)
Keith S. Tóth, organist

*Members of the Chancel Committee assisting with Communion today are
Linda R. Arnold, Nancy T. Blair and Catherine W. Skobe.*

The Chancel Choir is on summer break. The choir will return on Sunday, Sept. 8.

*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.*