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June 3, 2018
Trinity Season
Today in worship we sing the doxology. The word “doxology” derives from two Greek words doxa (“glory”) and logos (“word”). So etymologically, it means “word of glory.” A doxology then is simply a psalm or hymn sung in praise of God. Many doxologies are found throughout the Bible and were used in the synagogue and early Christian worship.

The last doxology in the Psalter is: “Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!” The Apostle Paul frequently bursts out in wonder and amazement at God’s manifold mercies in Christ. For example, in Romans 11, he declares, “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! … For from him and through him to and by him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.”

Today, the most common doxology sung in churches is: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow,” written by Thomas Ken (1637-1711), an Anglican bishop in England. This doxology praises the Trinity as being the source of all blessings, particularly the gift of salvation.

Let us ask the Lord to awaken our hearts to His grandeur and beauty so that our worship and our lives serve as a continual doxology to Him!

Exalt Our Majestic Lord

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Trumpet Tune in D” ......................... David N. Johnson
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “Andantino” from Concerto No. 3 ........ C. Saint-Saëns
Clay Hancock, violin

A WORD ON WORSHIP ................................. George W. Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: “Let Us Make a Joyful Noise” .................... Douglas E. Wagner
Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
Let us make a joyful noise.
Praise, O praise the Lord!
And make a joyful noise evermore!

The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Calvin Ellis, director

CALL TO WORSHIP ................................. Dan G. Burns

†HYMN OF PRAISE: “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” ...... MIT FREUDEN ZART

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation.
2. What God’s almighty power hath made his gracious mercy.
3. The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief disaster.
4. Thus all my toil some way along I sing a loud his praise.

a- tion, the God of pow’r, the God of love, the God of our keep- eth, by morn-ing or eve-ning shade his watch-ful eye
press-ing, an ev-er-present help and stay, our peace and joy
prais-es, that men may hear the grate-ful song my voice un-wea.
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MUSIC:

Wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and ways! … For from him and through him and to him are all things.

Praise, O praise the Lord!
Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

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Rest in the Comfort of the Suffering Servant

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
Who by the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
has given eternal life to all who believe in Him
and who has called us to live pure and joyful lives,
we confess that we have failed to live as we ought.
We have forgotten Your promises
and have ignored Your commandments.
We are profoundly sorry and earnestly repent.
Please forgive us and revive our hearts
that we might, with steadfast affection,
glorify You in thought, word, and deed,
for the glory of our resurrected Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON ................................. I Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
By his wounds you have been healed.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” .............................. Mack Wilberg

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,
Sounding in glad adoration!
Praise to the Lord! Over all things He gloriously reigneth,
Borne as on eagle wings, safely His saints He sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy way and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.
Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath breath, join with Abraham’s seed to adore Him!
Let the “amen” sum all our praises again,
Now as we worship before Him.
Now as we worship before Him!

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ........................................... L. Brett Wynne

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) ................................. Lynn Erickson

WALK BY THE SPIRIT OF THE TRUTH

†PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (please stand)

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 PREPARATION: “What Grace Is Mine” ................................. Kristyn Getty

What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night to find my distant soul,
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me,
That I might live and in His name be known.

So I will go wherever He is calling me.
I lose my life to find my life in Him.
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies;
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him.

What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me;
Beneath His wings my weary soul may soar;
All fear can flee, for death’s dark night is overcome;
My Savior lives and reigns forevermore.
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ........................................... Acts 13:1-3
(page 921 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON A Spirit-Directed Church George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: “Lift High the Name of Jesus” ................. Keith Getty

BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God” ............... J. S. Bach; arr. Fox

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