



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

May 27, 2018
Trinity Sunday



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

Today is Trinity Sunday, the day when we reflect upon and celebrate the beauty, power, and work of our triune God. Think for a moment about your own salvation. The Father purposed your salvation before the worlds were made. The Son secured your salvation on His cross and by His resurrection. The Spirit applied salvation to your life by opening your heart to believe in Christ.

How would you answer the question: What is a Christian? The question can be answered in many ways, but possibly the richest answer is: A Christian is one who has God for his Father, Jesus for his Savior, and the Holy Spirit for his constant companion. Therefore, God is never more glorious than in His triune enterprise to enthrone Jesus Christ in our hearts.

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE:

Fanfare on "Doxology" Fred Bock
"The Peace May Be Exchanged" from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair
Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "Holy Is the Lord" Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy is the Father; holy is the Son.
Holy is the Spirit; blessed Three in One.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP L. Brett Wynne

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 100 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" NICAEA

♣INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♣PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8 Grace Knight (8:15) Blanche Tosh (11:00)

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne,
high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

**Above him stood the seraphim.
Each had six wings: with two he covered his face,
and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.**

And one called to another and said:
"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

**And the foundations of the thresholds shook
at the voice of him who called,
and the house was filled with smoke.**

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips,
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

**Then one of the seraphim flew to me,
having in his hand a burning coal
that he had taken with tongs from the altar.**

And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips;
your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

**And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."**

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15 a.m.

*Audrey-Ray Frances Bennett, born January 16, 2018, daughter of Rachel and Clay Bennett
Frances Grace Crowley, born December 4, 2017, daughter of Hannah and AJ Crowley
Gabriel Hughes Morgan, born December 11, 2017, son of Courtney and Tim Morgan
Hollis Joye Edwards, born February 25, 2018, daughter of Mary Taylor and Michael Edwards*

11:00 a.m.

*Jude Tyler Hoog, born September 7, 2017, son of Morgan and Tyler Hoog
Elizabeth Roberts Novikoff, born August 5, 2015, daughter of Katie and Chris Novikoff
Hobson Michael Novikoff, born November 29, 2017, son of Katie and Chris Novikoff
Price Carlyle Flinn, born October 18, 2017, son of Katherine and Phillip Flinn*

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

THE GRACE OF THE TRIUNE GOD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and holy God,
we praise You as the triune God of love and life
who lives in perfect unity.
Though Jesus prayed that we would be one,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the false values, priorities,
and commitments of this world.
We repent of our narcissistic preoccupation
that has ruptured our relationship with You and others.
May Your Spirit convict and heal us
by showing us again the cross of Jesus
which is mighty to subdue, comfort, and save us.
For we pray in Jesus' name and by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON Colossians 1:13-14

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "A Debtor to Mercy Alone" John Hudson

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, my person and off'ring to bring.
The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.
The work which His goodness began, the arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is Yea and Amen, and never forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now, nor all things below or above,
Can make Him His purpose forgo, or sever my soul from His love.
My name from the palms of His hands eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is giv'n;
A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing, I sing.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING..... Timothy L. Russell

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

THE FREEDOM OF THE TRIUNE GOD

✦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: No. 107 "Praise Ye the Father!" FLEMMING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON..... Acts 12:1-25
(page 920 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 *Earnest and Expectant Prayers, Part 1* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "By Faith" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

1. By faith we see the hand of God
2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
3. By faith the prophets saw a day
4. By faith the church was called to go
5. By faith the mountain shall be moved
in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
with the pow'r of His pro - mise in their hearts,
when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear
in the pow'r of the Spi - rit to the lost
and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail,



in the lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
 of a ho - ly ci - ty built by God's own hand,
 with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 to de - li - ver cap - tives and to preach good news
 for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and not by sight.
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *(to chorus)*
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave.
 in ev' - ry cor - ner of the earth. *(to chorus)*
 for all who call up - on His name. *(to chorus)*

Chorus (after vs. 2, 4, & 5)



We will stand as chil-dren of the pro-mise; we will fix our eyes on



him our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fi-nished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight

✦BENEDICTION *(please raise hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata" from *Symphony No. 5* Charles-Marie Widor

✦Indicates congregation standing

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I. Earnestly *(Acts 12:1-7)*

- A. God creates needs
- B. God moves us to earnestness
- C. God answers with Himself

II. Expectantly *(Acts 12:8-25)*

- A. We are too easily contented (8-12)
- B. We are doubtful (13-25)
- C. We may keep record of God's answers