

Living Out God's Call to Joy and to Justice

First Presbyterian Church, McAllen
June 4, 2023 – Trinity Sunday
A Communion Worship Service



Georgia O'Keefe
A Force of Nature

Opening Sentences

- Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the earth is full of the glory of God.
- Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mighty wind, who danced over the deep
and surveyed the shapeless void,

dance over us now

and ready us for your creative purpose.

Divine Word, who commanded unruly chaos
and called forth light and life,

call to us now

and open us to new expressions of grace.

Eternal Artist, who formed us in your likeness
and claimed us as kin,

re-form and refine us

to be bearers of your blessing.

Holy Trinity – Creator, Christ, and Spirit –
who gathered the primeval waters,

gather us in, then send us out,

our voices echoing creation's song:

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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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,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness 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!

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Prayer of the Day

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know
the maker of all things seen and unseen,
the Savior of all both near and far:
By your Spirit enable us to worship your divine majesty,
so that with all the company of heaven
we may magnify your glorious name,
saying: Holy, holy, holy.
Glory to you, O Lord most high. Amen.

Call to Confession

We are created in God's image,
and we are called good,
but too often our actions distort that image
and fail to reflect goodness in this world.
Let us return to who we were made to be
as we offer our Prayer of Confession.

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 neighbors 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.**

A moment of silent prayer.

Declaration of Forgiveness

We are indeed created in God's image,
and God, in great mercy, acts to restore us
to ourselves, to each other, to community.
Friends, hear and trust in the good news of the Gospel:
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.
Thanks be to God!**



Jan Richardson
Drenched in the Mystery

Act of Praise

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord be with you all. / **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sing into our ears, O Spirit, the holy word of life.
Tell us who we are and to whom we belong
so that we may live with gratitude
for all that you have done. Amen.

Responsive Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 8

O God, our God,
how glorious is your name over all the earth!
Your glory is praised in the heavens.
Out of the mouths of children and babes
you have fashioned praise because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the rebellious.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you created –
who are we that you should be mindful of us,
that you should care for us?
You have made us little less than the gods
and crowned us with glory and honor.
You have given us rule over the works of your hands,
putting all things under our feet:
all sheep and oxen,
yes, and the beasts of the field;
the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea,
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.
God, our God,
how glorious is your name over all the earth!

Anthem

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives.**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn

In Christ Called to Baptize

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In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,
a haven of welcome, a circle of care.
Although we are many, we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
for you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow

Time with the Younger Church

Invitation to the Offering

God has given to us every good thing,
entrusting us to be stewards of all we have received.
Made in the image of the triune God,
let us share God's grace and love and fellowship
through the offering of our gifts.

Offertory

Act of Dedication

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, v. 5

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To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

Offertory Prayer

For all that you have given us,
we thank you, gracious God.
For day and night, evening and morning,
for land and sea, for fish and birds,
plants and animals, for humankind,
and for your Son, who came among us
with the gift of life abundant.
Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst
and work through our gifts,
that all people may have joy and peace,
in Jesus' name. Amen.



The Sacrament of Communion -- Invitation to the Table

By the mysterious wonder of our triune God,
we are gathered in this time to celebrate a feast for all time.

In the beginning,
God caused grains to spring forth from the earth
and grapes to grow on the vine –
wheat and wine bringing nourishment and delight.

In the fullness of time,
Christ Jesus gave himself to suffering and death –
body and blood bringing newness of life.

In the end of the age,
the Spirit unites all creation in peace and praise –
light and life bringing eternal communion.

By the mysterious wonder of our triune God,
there is a place for everyone at this table.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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

Holy, holy, holy God, blessed Three-in-One:
You created the cosmos and called it good.
Your Word became flesh and gave us new life.

You made us a church by the power of your Spirit
and you sustain us still.

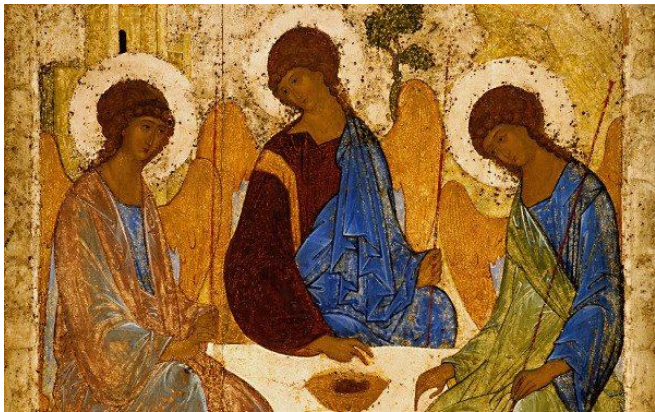
You call us to righteousness,
challenge us with your justice,
and overwhelm us with your love.

Bless now these gifts of bread and cup,
fruits of your good earth,
body and blood of Christ,
our communion with you and one another.

Conform our wills to your will;
open our minds and enlarge our hearts;
renew our hope and strengthen us in faith
until we feast together at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
forever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray as Christ has taught us, saying:
Our Father, who art in heaven ...



The Feast

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Let us eat.
The cup of the new covenant
sealed for us in Christ.
Let us drink.

Andrei Rublev
Trinity

The Sacrament is Carried Beyond the Sanctuary

We send you out with this bread and cup
to share the feast of the risen Lord.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.**

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we give you thanks
that you have claimed us as your own
and nourished us in this meal
as members of Christ's body.
By the work of your Spirit within us
give us the grace to glorify you
as one living body in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

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*Refrain: Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.*

Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread.
I am wine, I am bread:
give to all who thirst and hunger.

Refrain

Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.

Refrain



Lance McNeel
The Trinity

The Life of the Church – will be shared during Lunch

Charge and Benediction / Dismissal to Retirement Reception for Michael Pullen

Congregational Response Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises, *refrain*

*Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness*

Postlude

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