



Online Worship Resource (Sunday, June 12, 2022)

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Prelude: Basse et Dessus de Trompette by: Clérambault

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Janet Gayle Lumpkins, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

In the beginning, when God drew a circle on the face of the deep,

the Spirit was there rejoicing, breathing life into humankind.

In the beginning was the Word, with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

In every time and place, God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Blessed are you, Creator God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit!

Let us worship the Triune God.

Opening Hymn: "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, Who 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, blessed Trinity!

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

Creation displays the glory of God, but our brokenness keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ redeemed our brokenness on the cross, and the Spirit breathes new life into us so that we praise our Creator. Let us confess all that separates us from the love and grace God intends. Let us pray. . .

Prayer of Confession

Presence, Life, Breath, God who is Three in One, we confess that, though we are made in your image, we distort the triune life. Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good, we seek our own gain. Instead of living in equality, justice, and respect, we construct systems that are unjust. We speak words and devise ways to elevate ourselves over others. We allow differences to divide us. Holy Trinity, forgive us. Restore in us, and in our life together, the divine image you intend. Make us tender in mutuality. Make us generous in equality. Make us grateful in diversity. In the name of Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask it.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God's mercy has been poured into our hearts through Christ's work on the cross, and the Spirit comes to breathe new life into us as forgiven, redeemed children of God.

This is Good News, indeed! Hallelujah! Amen.

Response: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the Prayer for Illumination:

Living Word, you spoke creation into being and you still have many things to say to us. Open our ears, Spirit, that we may hear God's word of life. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-27 and John 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

John 1:1-5

Rev. Michelle Fincher

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Words Create Worlds

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Hymn after Sermon: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Holy God we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim; All in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

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.

Call to offering

(Liturgist)

Out of the abundance of God's own life, we have received the abundance of God's creation, God's word, God's breath and God's love. Why, then, should we live as though we are threatened with scarcity? Let us return to God a portion of all that we have been given, with joyous and glad adoration. Please pray with me our prayer of dedication:

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, you have poured out so much for us - the beauty of the world, the care of family and friends, meaningful work, and the gift of the church. We give you thanks for these and your many other gifts, especially for the gift of your Word made flesh, and your Spirit, breathing life and love into our hearts. Through our offerings, may your Word of life continue to spill over in glad abundance that brings relief, renewal, and hope to all who are in need. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People 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.

Closing Hymn: "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

God the Spirit, guide and guardian, windsped flame and hovering dove,
Breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love.
Give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;
Send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.

Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse,
Deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse.
Help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim,
That our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.

Benediction

Postlude:

Song in G

By: David Maley

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Judy Viccellio, guitar, David Maley, organ & piano,
Janet Gayle Lumpkins, liturgist, and
Gene Kendall, (maybe) technology team (checking with Whitney & Jon
regarding his availability)