





Welcome to worship at Christ Church!

Our aim is to enjoy the goodness of our triune God in fellowship within the community he has formed, lifting our hearts as an offering to the Lord using the varied and unique gifts of this local congregation. We await his transformative word in our lives.

We are glad that you have joined us.

Young children are an important part of our community as well. We are very happy to be part of this very significant stage in their lives — learning to worship together in the community of believers. You are welcome to keep your children with you throughout the service, or you may choose to use one of our nurseries for children ages 3 years and younger and Christ Kids Worship at the 8:30 service for 4- to 6-year olds during the sermon. Activity bags for children during the 11:15 service are available in the bulletin table in the foyer. If you have a baby and would like a quiet space, you are welcome to use the nursery or the library.

Assistive hearing devices are available in the sound booth, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are experiencing sensory sensitivity, an usher can direct you to a quiet space.

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

Come to the place where every breath is praise,
And God is breathing through each passing breeze.
Be planted by the waterside and raise
Your arms with Christ beneath these rooted trees,
Who lift their breathing leaves up to the skies.

–Malcolm Guite, excerpt from Psalm 1 : *Beatus vir qui non abiit;*
David's Crown: Sounding the Psalms

The godless are lifeless:
withered stalks,
bent by the wind;
such are those who shun your mercy.
They forfeit seats at your table,
refusing your wedding garments;
choosing nakedness instead of grace.

–Ryan Whitaker Smith and Dan Wilt, excerpt from “Psalm 1,”
Sheltering Mercy: Prayers inspired by the psalms.

May all who reign and rule seek wisdom;
the proud be humbled;
the powerful bend their knees before your throne.
May they know their own poverty,
that they might lay hold of the riches of your grace.

–Ryan Whitaker Smith and Dan Wilt, excerpt from “Psalm 2,”
Sheltering Mercy: Prayers inspired by the psalms.

Spirit of fire,
who came as a rushing wind breathing life and hope
into dead bones and cold hearts,
we praise you for the comfort and guidance
you have given the church throughout the ages:
for your presence in creation,
for changing hearts and guiding decisions,
for your work through the church universal,
for your presence in our worship,
for your sanctifying work in our lives.
We pray in the name of the Father and the Son,
who live and reign together with you,
one God forever and ever.

–excerpt from “Pentecost: Prayers of the People,” *The Worship Source-*
book

* Please rise in body and/or in spirit.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship Acts 2:1-21

Elder Jerry Stutzman

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Individuals or groups are invited to say “Praise the Lord” in any language—those below or any others. Please go to a microphone or ask someone to bring one to you.

主を讃美しましょう! *Preiset den Herrn! Puji Gusti! ¡Alabado sea el Señor! Prijs de Heer!* 주님을 찬양! *Bwana asifiwe! 赞美主! Louez le Seigneur! Слава Бору! Slava Bohu! Pris Herren!* فيرعت يك برا!

Elder: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord!

Elder:

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams;
even on my male servants and female servants
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
And I will show wonders in the heavens above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
the sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*** Awesome Power**

John G. Elliott



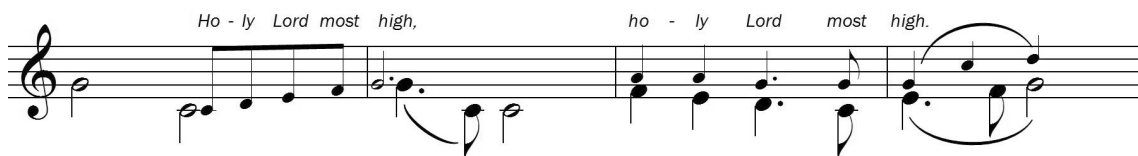
Awe - some pow - er, bound - less grace; none can



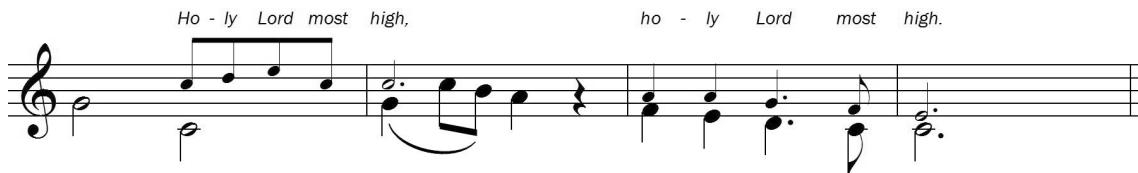
fath - om all Your ways. Truth and love are found in Your



heart a lone; right-eous - ness sur - rounds Your throne.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord most high;

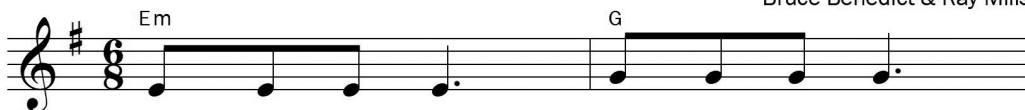


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord most high.

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* Come, Holy Ghost

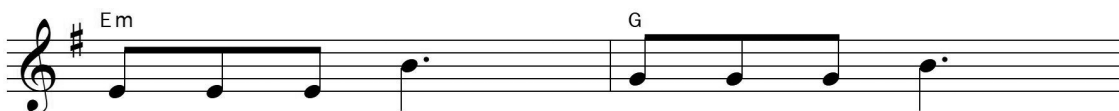
Bruce Benedict & Ray Mills



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest,
 2. O Com - for - ter, to thee we cry,
 3. O Ho - ly Ghost, through thee a - lone,
 4. Praise we the Lord, Fa - ther and Son,



and in our hearts ____ take up ____ thy rest;
 thou heav'n - ly gift ____ of God ____ most high;
 know we the Fa - ther and ____ the Son;
 and Ho - ly Spir - it with ____ them one;



come with thy grace and heav'n - ly aid
 thou fount of life, and fire of love,
 be this our firm un - chang - ing creed,
 and may the Son on us be - stow



to fill our hearts ____ which thou ____ hast made,
 and sweet a - noin - ting from ____ a - bove,
 that thou dost from ____ them both ____ pro - ceed,
 all gifts that from ____ the Spir - it flow,



to fill our hearts ____ which thou ____ has made. *to Vs 2*
 and sweet a - noint - ing from ____ a - bove. *to Chorus*
 that thou dost from ____ them both ____ pro - ceed. *to Vs 4*
 all gifts that from ____ the Spir - it flow. *to Chorus*

Be not a - fraid, (Ah ____) where you go there I am

with you. Be not a - fraid, (Ah ____) where you go there I am with you. ____

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* Invocation

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession I Corinthians 1:18-21

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Romans 1:16–17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

9:00 service: On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:00 service: Church bags for 4- to 6-year-olds are available in the foyer.

*** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*** Trinity Hymnal 457

G O D ' S W O R D G I V E N T O U S

*** Scripture reading** Psalm 1-2

^{1:1} Blessed is the man
 who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
 nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
² but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree
 planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
 and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish.

^{2:1} Why do the nations rage
 and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth set themselves,
 and the rulers take counsel together,
 against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

³ "Let us burst their bonds apart
 and cast away their cords from us."

- ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
- ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- ⁶ “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”
- ⁷ I will tell of the decree:
The Lord said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
- ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
- ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”
- ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- ¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
- ¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Prayer**

Sermon The Psalter's Double Doors

Pastor Andrew Vander Maas

Two Ends

Two Ways

Two Kings

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Trinity Hymnal 103

Living out our faith announcements about the life of the church

Prayers of the People

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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Offertory: *The Lord's Prayer*

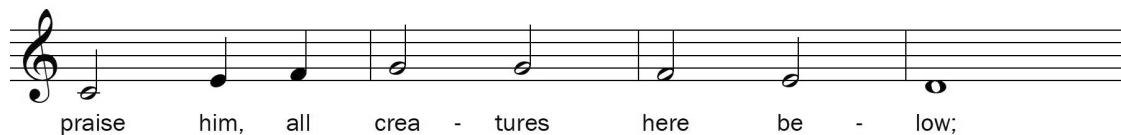
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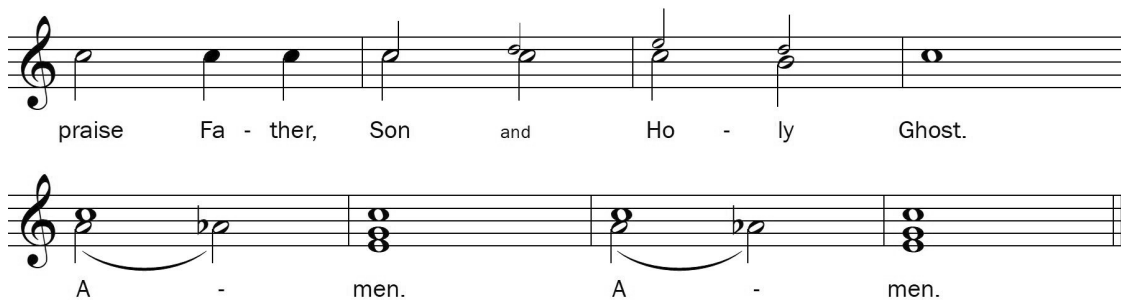
Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.

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.

* *New Doxology*





* Benediction

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward
and wave the flags as we sing our closing Amen song.

* *And All the People Said Amen!*

And all the people said "Amen!"
Oh, and all the people said "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends.
And all the people said "Amen!"

* Postlude

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