



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship June 4, 2023 9:30am
Trinity Sunday

Gathering

PRELUDE "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" NEW BRITAIN
Linda Dover, organist arr. Martha Sherrill Kelsey

In worship following reflective music, we are requesting a response of quiet or a contemplative "amen." Any music that elicits a response of applause is to the glory of God.

WELCOME Rev. Mitch Trigger

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: How majestic is our God! How worthy of our worship and praise!

**ALL: When we stand in awe of our Creator, marveling at the heavens,
the moon and the stars, we ask, "What are we that you are mindful of us?
Who are we that you care for us?"**

ONE: How majestic is our God! How worthy of our worship and praise!

*HYMN 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA

THE TRIUNE GOD

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

The first system of the musical score is for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!'. It features a descant in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a long note on 'Ho' followed by a series of eighth notes. The piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) consists of chords and moving lines. The lyrics are provided for four parts: a four-part setting and four single parts.

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) has a long note on 'ho' followed by a series of eighth notes. The piano accompaniment (treble and bass clefs) continues with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are provided for a four-part setting and four single parts.

THE TRIUNE GOD

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.;

Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera

MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

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AWAKENING TO WORSHIP GRADUATION

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Isaac Summerhouse Frye, son of Andrew Frye and Michelle Gailliez

(Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time, is on summer hiatus. Our Nursery welcomes young children, and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing. Worship bags are available for children who stay in worship.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Spirit of the Living God, you call us to spread the good news, to live the gospel, to teach Jesus' way to future generations. But we skirt our responsibilities and fail to act on your Great Commission. Forgive our silence. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our lack of fire. Help us be bold in faith, loving the world as Christ loves and embodying our Savior's church. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

*HYMN 606

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 8:1–9 (CEB)

Cheryl Johnson

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!
You made your glory higher than heaven!
From the mouths of nursing babies you have laid a strong foundation
because of your foes, in order to stop vengeful enemies.
When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made —
the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place —
what are human beings that you think about them;
what are human beings that you pay attention to them?
You've made them only slightly less than divine,
crowning them with glory and grandeur.
You've let them rule over your handiwork,
putting everything under their feet —

all sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too,
the birds in the sky, the fish of the ocean,
everything that travels the pathways of the sea.
Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

ANTHEM “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” Music by Tom Fettke
Chancel & Exaltation! Singers and Words based on Psalm 8 by
GCPC Chamber Orchestra Linda Lee Johnson, alt.

*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what are we that you are mindful of us?
You have given us a crown of glory and honor and have made us a little lower than the angels.
You have put us in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But what are we, oh what are we that you are mindful of us?
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we.
Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON (video) Matthew 28:16–20 (NIV)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON “When in Doubt” Rev. Mitch Trigger

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC QUEBEC
“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” arr. Austin Lovelace
Linda Dover, organist

COMMISSIONING OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving, 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

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup – *partake of the bread first and then drink as instructed.*

Music During Communion "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Dale Wood

Prayer After Communion

Sending

*HYMN 10

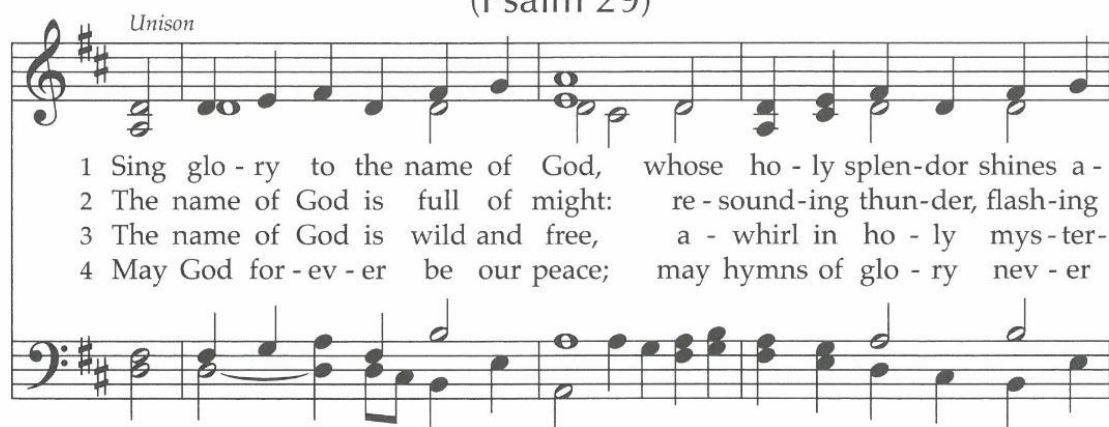
"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison



1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

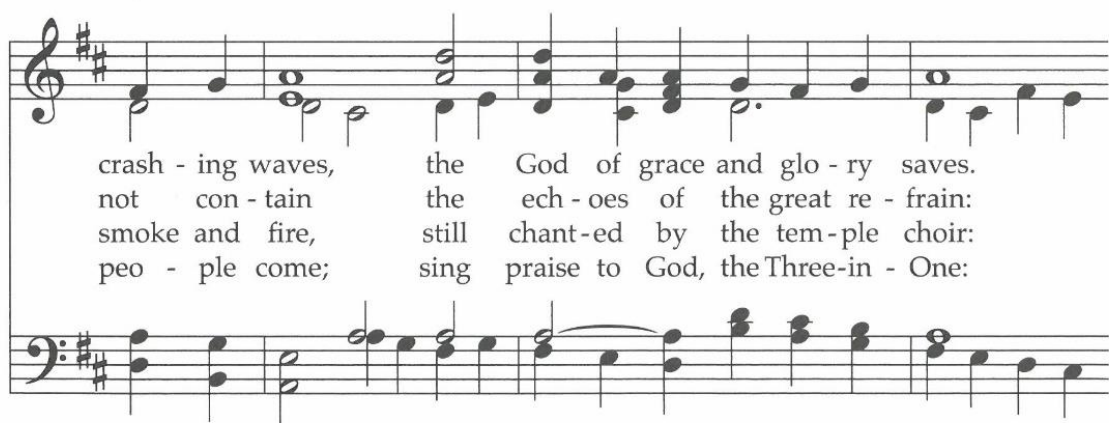
Harmony *Unison*



broad.
light.
y.
cease:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

En - throned a - bove the
The wil - der - ness can -
A se - cret wrapped in
Let all the faith - ful



crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

THE TRIUNE GOD

Harmony

Unison

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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LASST UNS ERFREUEN

LM with alleluias
(this tune in a higher key, 327)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness”
Linda Dover, organist

arr. Austin Lovelace

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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