

# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

June 7, 2020

Trinity Sunday

## CHURCH SESSION

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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

**Prelude** Holy, Holy, Holy! Tune: Nicaea, John Bacchus Dykes, 1861  
Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 138** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Nicaea

## Opening Sentences

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Prayer for the Day** (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Father, we praise you; through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things.  
You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word  
made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit, you give us a share in your life and love.  
Fill us with the vision of your glory that we may always serve and praise you,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

**Prayer of Confession**

Unison

God of grace, love, and communion,

we confess that we have failed to love you  
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength;  
and to love our neighbor 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.

**Silent Prayers of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 140** Holy, Holy Holy, Holy

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament** Genesis 1:1-2:4a

**Psalm 8** Unison

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark**

because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;**

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

**Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

all sheep and oxen and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

**Gospel** Matthew 28:16-20

**Epistle** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**Sermon** Unity Mike Krech

“Put things in order; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”  
2 Cor. 13:11

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 139** Come, Thou Almighty King Italian Hymn

**Apostles’ Creed** Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

**Gloria Patri 579** Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

**Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory** O Day of Peace Tune: Jerusalem; C.H.H. Parry, 1916

I’ve Got Peace Like a River African American Spiritual

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592** Old Hundredth

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn 562** Eternal Father, Strong to Save Melita

**Postlude** God of Grace and God of Glory Tune: Cwm Rhondda  
Arr. Anna Laura Page

**Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.**

Today is Trinity Sunday, celebrating the revelation of one God in Three Persons, the historic terms being: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity took shape among the early church theologians and was much debated by them. Modern interpretations of their arguments depend on how to translate certain Greek words that they used, but the Trinity as the standard or orthodox view of God is evident by the time of the Nicene Creed in 325. The Apostles’ Creed, which was probably in use as a baptismal confession by the year 150, is also Trinitarian in form. The clearest New Testament expression of the Trinity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is Matthew 28:19, in today’s Gospel reading, where it is the “baptismal formula” given by the risen Christ. In today’s Old Testament and Psalm we read of the majesty of creation and in the Epistle Paul concludes his letters to the Corinthians with the Trinitarian blessing. (JMK)

## Hymn Texts for Online Worship

### **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

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! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

(Text: Reginald Heber, as in *Hymns Written and Abridged*, 1827, alt;

Tune: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861)

### **Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;

And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love, Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Gracious Father, gracious Father, We're so blest to be Your children, gracious Father;

And we lift our heads before You as a token of our love,

Gracious Father, gracious Father.

Precious Jesus, precious Jesus, We're so glad that You've redeemed us, precious Jesus;

And we lift our hands before You as a token of our love,

Precious Jesus, precious Jesus.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit.

And we lift our voice before You as a token of our love, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

(Text: Jimmy Owens, 1972;

Tune: Holy, Holy; Jimmy Owens, 1972)

### **Come, Thou Almighty King**

Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend:  
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour:  
Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be, Hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

(Text: *Collection of Hymns for Social Worship*, 1757; alt.

Tune: Italian Hymn; Felice de Giardini, 1769)

### **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word The wind and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep, And calm amid its rage did sleep:

O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood Upon the chaos wild and rude,  
And bade its angry tumult cease, And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:

O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, All travelers guard in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

(Text: William Whiting, 1860; alt.

Tune: Melita; John Bacchus Dykes, 1861)