

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

MAY 30, 2021

TRINITY SUNDAY

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Petit Prelude and Fughetta

Eugene Butler

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, who flung the stars into the night sky, rejoices over all creation, especially us!

Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden our hearts with your goodness and grace.

Christ, the Word of joy and life, fills all creation with hope, especially us!

Come to us, Brother and Savior, and reclaim our hearts as your own.

The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness, gives all creation the gift of peace, especially us!

Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us with the dew of delight.

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

1. 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!
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.

In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, siblings of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOYFUL RESPONSE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise.
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost be praise forever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ashley Elder

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 29

MUSICAL OFFERING

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory 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.

PRAISE GOD

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Was Gott, tut, das ist wohlgetan
Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Johann Gottfried Walther



Notes on Today's Music

The **Opening Voluntary** was composed by Dr. Eugene Butler (born 1935), an American a composer, conductor, educator and church musician, has established a solid and respected position in the music world. This piece was composed in 2016.

A fughetto is a short fugue (i.e.: imitative counterpoint) with an exposition plus only a few restatements of the subject.

First Hymn Much of the imagery in this hymn, created by Reginald Heber (1783-1826), comes from Revelation 4:2- 11 which the author, an Anglican bishop and hymnodist, knew as the appointed reading for Trinity Sunday.

The tune was composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) specifically for this text. Dykes was an English clergyman and one of the main composers for new hymn texts. He composed 300 hymn tunes, five of which are in *Glory to God*.

Offertory Response The music was composed by Hal Hopson (b. 1933), a full-time composer, church musician, conductor, and clinician. He has over 3000 published works, which comprise almost every musical form in church music. With a special interest in congregational song, he continues to make a significant contribution to the new repertoire of hymn tunes and responsorial psalm settings.

The text for ***Immortal, Invisible. God Only Wise*** was written by William Chalmers Smith (1824-1908) and published in his book *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life* (London, 1867). He was a hymnist, author, poet, and minister of the Free Church of Scotland.

The Free Church of Scotland was a Scottish denomination which was formed in 1843 by a large withdrawal from the established Church of Scotland in a schism or division known as the Disruption of 1843. In 1900 the vast majority of the Free Church of Scotland joined with the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

The music is a traditional Welsh folk melody which first appeared in *Caniadau y Cyssegr* (Songs of the Sanctuary) edited by John Roberts (Denbigh, Wales. 1839).

The **Benediction in Music** was composed by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684 – 1748), a German music theorist, organist, composer, and lexicographer of the Baroque era. Not only was his life almost exactly contemporaneous to that of Johann Sebastian Bach, he was the famous composer's cousin. He is considered among the most distinguished musical scholars of his time. His *Musicalisches Lexicon* was the first important comprehensive German music dictionary.

"Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan" (literal translation: What God does, that is well done) is a Lutheran hymn written by the pietist German poet and schoolmaster Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708). The melody has been attributed to Severus Gastorius (1646-1682), a cantor in the town of Jena, Thuringia, a state in Germany.