



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

I Was Glad

C. Hubert H. Parry

Marsha Williams Roberts, organ; The Octet

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Stanzas 1 and 2

Hymn can be found on page 7 & 8 of bulletin

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!
The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your servants of little faith. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the praise of your holy name.

(Time for silent prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more!
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jordan

Akin

FIRST READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

SECOND READING

Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON

Crisis

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

There in God's Garden

K. Lee Scott/arr. Bankson

The Octet; Marsha Williams Roberts, organ; Jim Reckentwald, trumpet

There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom, Whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says "Our Savior!" There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
See there the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its life blood.

Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage; Our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it.

This is my ending, this my resurrection; Into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.

All heav'n is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion Offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Though creation sometimes weeps. . . who faithfully attempt to share your love with all of creation:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

In Jesus, love incarnate. . . strengthens our growing faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Though the church sometimes weeps. . . Praise be to you, now, tomorrow, and forever.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to take part in the sacrament. We share in the Lord's Table this morning with communion sets (individually wrapped). There is a wafer under its own pull-off tab in the very top portion of the unit; the cup has its own beneath. You should have received a set when you checked in. Gluten-free wafers are available in addition.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Prayer of St. Gregory

Alan Hovhaness

Jim Recktenwald, trumpet; Marsha Williams Roberts, organ

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

THE SENDING

*HYMN

Go Forth

AURELIA

Stanzas 1 and 2

Go forth in peace and praising, refreshed, in faith restored;
redeemed by Christ's blood offered; made whole at God's own board;
one cup for every nation, brim-full for all to share;
such grace beyond all measure; such love beyond compare.

Go forth in love and service, there is no greater call
amid the countless blessings poured out upon us all,
than to the world show justice, our Savior as our guide;
love mercy and compassion, walk humbly at God's side.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Old Hundredth

J.G. Walther

Marsha Williams Roberts, organ

IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Chancel Flowers for today are given in loving memory of Charles Whitaker Gant by his parents, Kelly and Lenny Gant, his brothers, Owen and Campbell, and his grandparents Woody and Missy Hitt.

A big thanks to those who provided beautiful arrangements for the 11 a.m. Sunday service for the past six months: Susanne Wright - many from the Wrights' own stunning garden!; Marilyn Duke - a one-year member with exquisite arranging skills; Nancy Hubbard - many from her garden; Keith DeCosta - our sexton, who shared some of his stunning orchid collection in September.

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Marsha Williams Roberts, organist; Jim Recktenwald, trumpet
Evan Vicic, audio/video technician; Elder Nicholas Moloney, video

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Sharon Owens on the death of her mother, Ruth Kuhl, 9/19/20.
Chip Hancock and his family on the death of his father, 9/19/20.
The Pence families on the death of their mother, Jerry Pence, 9/18/20.
Lisa Houghland and her family on the death of her father, James Bell, 9/11/20.
Sue Rogers and her family on the death of her uncle, Wayland Rogers, 9/9/20.
Charles Bond and his family on the death of his brother, Rob Bond.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Nathan Sautter, Assoc. Pastor for Community Life
Rev. Jordan Akin, Assoc. Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs Coord.
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Coord.
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of October 4

Sunday School for ages 3 years through 5th grade will take place virtually. Lessons for the month of October are based on faith lessons found in the Disney movie *Moana*. Materials were dispersed at the “Family movie night” on 9/25 and will continue to be available for pick up under the portico on Sunday mornings as well as throughout the week during office hours (9:00-4:00). A video lesson pertaining to materials will be sent out each week with “2nds to go” or can be found on the church’s website under the resources tab.

Wednesdays Together

6:00-7:00 p.m. Adult Classes

Two adult classes will be offered this season:

Morning Joy at Night taught by Pastor Steve in the Library

Life Together taught by Pastor Nathan in the Great Hall

5:45-7:00 p.m. Youth Classes

5:45-6:20 pm. *Music Together* (youth 6th-12th grade) are invited to gather in our own "safe space" - Fellowship Hall A to play handbells and other instruments. We will also try a bit of singing outside (all activities masked and at appropriate distance). Youth can then join their friends at Journeying Together. Please RSVP by emailing Jim Rittenhouse at jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Journeying Together* (youth 6th-12th grade) class will be a rotation of mission, games, and thoughtful Conversation.

6:00-7:00 p.m. Childrens' Classes

6:00-7:00 p.m.- *Learning Together* (children ages 3 years to 5th grade - all activities outside)

The Learning Together class will be arranged in small group stations involving an interactive lesson, craft and fun games.

Children’s Music FALL BREAKOUT During Wednesdays Together on October 21 at 6 p.m., we invite all kids 3 years through Grade 5 for a night of fun-filled music led by our Children’s Choir leaders outside! Whether you have participated in our Children’s Choirs before or not, you are invited to be part. Please reserve a spot for your children by emailing Virginia Fortner no later than noon on Monday, Oct. 19 - vfortner@2ndpreslou.org. If you would like to be part of the Wednesdays Together meal, email Chelsea Beasley by the same deadline - cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org. NOTE: If there is inclement weather, this event will be postponed, and regular activities for the children will be led by Lorie Williamson and her team.

Popcorn and Pumpkins Families are invited to come to our Halloween movie night on October 25th from 5:00-7:00. The movie *Coco* will be featured as well as fun fall activities such as pumpkin painting & carving, a spooky trail, scavenger hunt and of course tricks & treats! Costumes are encouraged! Sunday school material for the month of November will be available for pick up as well. Prepackaged dinners from Lee’s Famous Chicken are available to order by contacting Chelsea Beasley at cbeasley@2ndpreslou.org. This event is free and will take place outside. Popcorn & pumpkins will be canceled in the event of rain.

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. En - throned a - bove the
 light. The wil - der - ness can -
 y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in
 cease: 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:

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.

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 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)

THE TRIUNE GOD

Harmony

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

Unison

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