



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

01.29.2023

Welcome to Worship at Midtown! We are really glad to have you with us for worship today. Whether you have been a Christian for many years, or are trying to sort out what the Christian faith is all about, or are just here as a favor to your friend, we're happy to have you.

We have a nursery provided for little ones. You are welcome to keep them in the service with you if you prefer.

Reflection

God sends His word to us in the character of both information and invitation. It comes to woo us as well as to instruct us; it not merely puts us in the picture of what God has done and is doing, but also calls us into personal communion with the loving Lord Himself.

—J.I. Packer

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 62:5-8

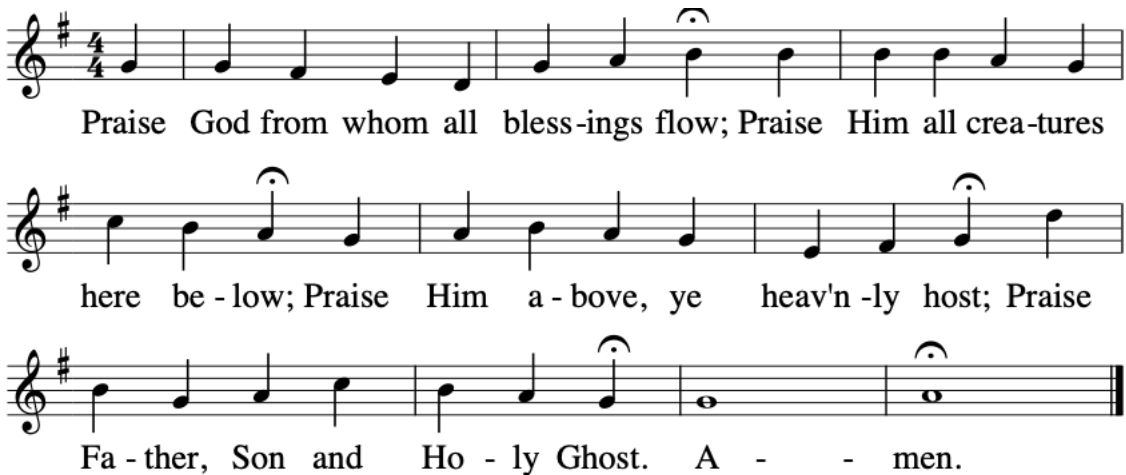
For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Worship begins with God's call to us to worship him. As always, God initiates with us, such as we are, and invites us to be with him out of sheer mercy.

In the Doxology we join our voices with Christians around the world and through the centuries (circa 1674) with this song of praise to the Holy Trinity.

Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures
here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: Samuel Stennent

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue'. It consists of five staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are: 'To Christ the Lord let ev - ery tongue, its nob - lest tri - bute'. The second staff continues: 'bring. When he's the sub - ject of the song, who'. The third staff: 'can re - fuse to sing? - Sur - vey the beau - ties'. The fourth staff: 'of his face, and on his glo - ries dwell; - think'. The fifth staff: 'of the won - der of his grace, and all his tri - umphs - tell.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and ties.

To Christ the Lord let ev - ery tongue, its nob - lest tri - bute
bring. When he's the sub - ject of the song, who
can re - fuse to sing? - Sur - vey the beau - ties
of his face, and on his glo - ries dwell; - think
of the won - der of his grace, and all his tri - umphs - tell.

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon his awful brow.
His head with radiant glories crowned, his lips with grace overflow.
No mortal can with him compare among the sons of men;
Fairer He is than all the fair that fill the heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress, he fled to my relief.
For me he bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode he brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete

Since from his bounty I receive such proofs of love divine.
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord they should all be thine.
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring,
Yet your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

John 3:20-21

Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

We confess our sins as a group and individually because we need to. We come to worship God even though we are morally broken, in certain hope that he is merciful to people like us, and able to change us by his grace.

Confession of Sin

[Please pray aloud together]

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, help us, we plead with you, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[You are invited to confess your sins silently at this time.]

Kyrie Eleison

Music: Greg Wilbur

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord, have mer-cy. Have mer-cy Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Jesus I Come

Music: Greg Thompson; Lyrics: William Sleeper

Out of my bon - dage, sor-row and night, Je - sus I come;
Je - sus I come. In - to thy free - dom, glad-ness and light
Je - sus I come to thee. Out of my sick-ness in - to thy
health, out of my want-ing and in - to thy wealth, out of my
sin and in - to thy - self, Je - sus I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus I come to Thee.

The Prayers of the People

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

[Led by Ryan Jankowski]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, In Jesus Christ you taught us to pray,
And to offer our petitions to you in His name.

**Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our
prayers for others may serve your will
and show your steadfast love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Let us pray for our friends and family (silence). Amen.

God of all generations, You formed your church from the despised of
the earth and showed them mercy that they might proclaim salvation
to all.

**Strengthen those you have chosen
that they may faithfully endure all trials
by which you conform your church to the cross of Christ
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Let us pray for the church (silence). Amen.

God of comfort,

You bear the pain of the world and stand with those who sorrow.

**Look with compassion on those who are troubled,
cheer them by your word,
and bring them healing as a sign of your grace
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Let us pray for the sick and those who sorrow (silence). Amen.

The prayers of the people enable us to join our minds and hearts in one voice to God, like we do when we sing. Be careful about merely repeating the words without engaging your whole self in prayer.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
We pray now in the words he taught us:

**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.**

Old Testament Reading

[Reader: Annalyse Rash]

Psalms 1:1-6

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-8

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

I Will Sing Of My Redeemer

Lyrics: Phillip Bliss; Music: Luke Smith

Verse



I will sing of my Re-dee - mer, — and his won-drous love to me.

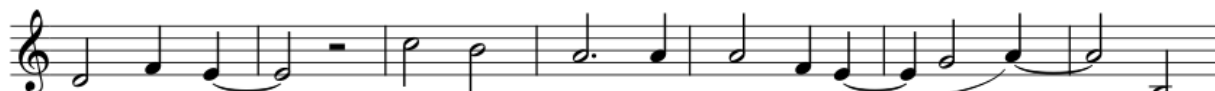


On the cru - el cross he suf - fered, — from the curse to make me free.

Chorus



Sing, oh sing, of my re - deem - er, with his blood — he



pur-chased me. — On the cross, he sealed my par - - don, —



Paid the debt and made me free; —



He paid the debt — and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story: how my lost estate to save,
In the boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.

I will praise my dear redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my redeemer, and his heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God with him to be.

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

16For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17**For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," **18**we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. **19**And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, **20**knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. **21**For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We use the ancient creeds to reinforce our confidence in God's grace, and to highlight our connection to his people around the world who worship him with these same words every Lord's Day.

**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 Spirit, 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 is seated at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Invitation and Prayer

[Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer.]

The Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts)

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

The Mystery of Faith

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again!**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

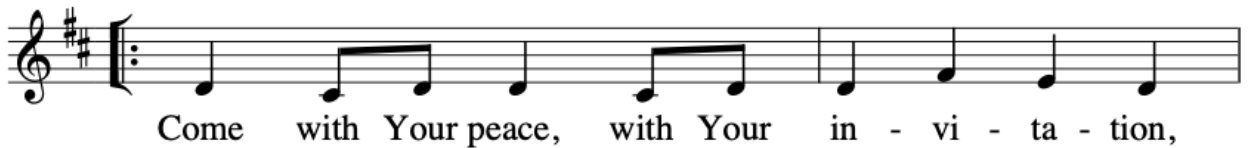
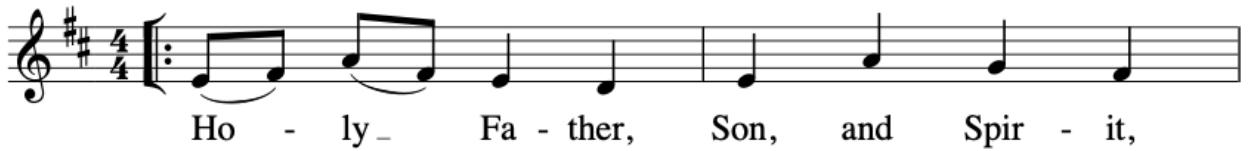
Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

[As you are ready please come forward down the center aisle.. Take bread and eat it, then take a cup and drink. If you prefer grape juice and/or a gluten free wafer, they are available on the middle table. Please return down the outside aisles.]

Trinity Song

Music & Lyrics: Sandra McCracken



His Kingdom Now Has Come

—Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Lorenzon Baylor. Brian Nhira

VERSE



The light shines (the light shines) in the dark - ness (in the dark-ness) and the



dark-ness can-not o - ver come. (And the dark-ness can-not o - ver-come.)

REFRAIN



Be - hold! Be-hold! His king-dom now — has come! —

The valleys (the valleys) will be lifted (will be lifted),
and the mountains will be brought down low
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Behold, behold! His kingdom now has come!

Hear the voice cry (hear the voice cry)
from the highway (from the highway),
"Make way for the Prince of Peace!"
(Won't you make way for the Prince of Peace?)

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from the highway (from the highway),
"Make way for the Prince of Peace!"
(Won't you make way for the Prince of Peace?)
Behold, behold! His kingdom now has come!

God of Justice (God of Justice), Righteous Judge (righteous Judge),
Behold, behold, behold!

Our Defender (our Defender), Prince of Peace (Prince of Peace),
Behold, behold, behold!

Father to the fatherless (Father to the fatherless),
our strong Deliverer (our strong Deliverer),
Behold, behold, behold!

He's troubling the water (troubling the water)
and we're marching through:

Behold, behold! His kingdom now has come!
Behold! Behold! His kingdom now has come!

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. Online, you can give at (www.mpctucson.org/donate). ----->>>

Email List: We send out the bulletin and announcements every week before worship and would love to include you. You can email Charles (charles@mpctucson.org) to get on the list.



New Small Group: Cameron Ward is going to lead a new small group for studying the Heidelberg Catechism and prayer. We will meet twice monthly beginning February 13th at the Jankowski's home ([317 E Canyon View Dr](#)). All are welcome.

Ladies Spa Night @ the McRae's: (409 E. Lester St). Feb 17, 7pm. Bring your nail polish, face masks, foot baths, etc to share in a night of pampering.

Men's Book Group: Tuesday Night at 7:00 at the McReynold's ([1241 E Sobre Lomas](#)). We are reading Chris and Culture by Richard Niebuhr.

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