



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Third Sunday After Epiphany

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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 in the patio room. You are welcome to keep them in the service with you if you prefer.

Reflection

If we try to make something finite fill the place that only God can fill, we will try to extract an unrealistic level of meaning from that idol. When it does not work, it invites us only to try harder. It should not surprise us in a deeply idolatrous society that books on co-dependency and addiction form a growth industry. People feel enslaved to substances, to unwanted behavior, and to each other. The idol begins as a means of power, enabling us to control, but then overpowers, controlling us.

—Dick Keyes

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:9

Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!

The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

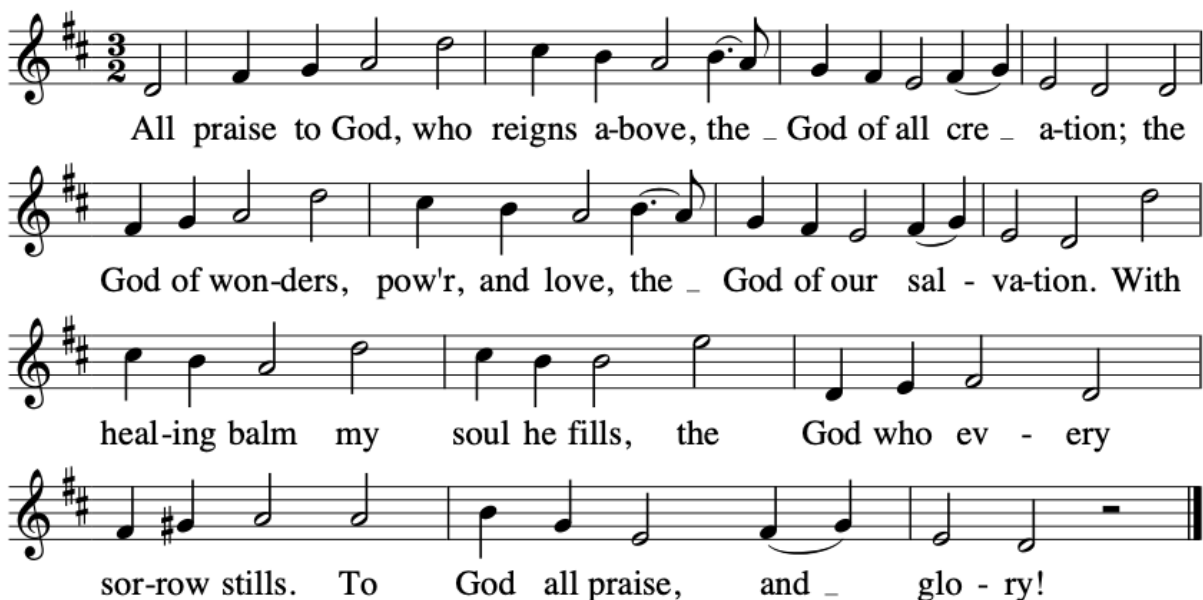
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

6
Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ing, is now, and ev - er

10
shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

All Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Lyrics & Music: Johann Schutz



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The melody is written in a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "All praise to God, who reigns a-bove, the _ God of all cre - a-tion; the God of won-ders, pow'r, and love, the _ God of our sal - va-tion. With heal-ing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - ery sor-row stills. To God all praise, and _ glo - ry!"

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand, he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 1:6-8

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together]

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. 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

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

The Lord is King

Music & Lyrics: Nathan Partain

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns re -
joice. From world to world, the joy shall ring, - "The Lord om -

Chorus

ni - po-tent is King! Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - Lord of
Lords, An-cient of days; Sing his praise! Sing his
Praise! - All your - days, all your - days.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord is King'. It is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The score consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first two lines of the verse. The second system contains the chorus, starting with the word 'Chorus' centered above the first line. The third system contains the final line of the chorus. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?

The Lord is King! Bow down you must;
The judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways,
Let every creature sing his praise.

The Prayers of the People

(Please pray aloud together.)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us.

(Silent prayer for God to bless this congregation)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

That your way may be known on earth,

your saving power among all nations.

(Silent prayer for a powerful display of God's saving power here in Tucson)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

(Silent prayer for our non-Christian friends, family members, and co-workers to begin to follow Jesus)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

For those who suffer and grieve,

We ask for your healing peace.

(Silent prayer for all who suffer.)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to pray:

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

Exodus 20:1-3

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 6:28-29

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

Take Us, O Lord

Lyrics & Music: Isaac Wardell



O how he takes _ the cross, O how he lifts _ it up



to take the weight from us. O how he pays _ the cost,



O how he drinks the cup, to make a place _ for us.

CHORUS



Take us, _ O Lord, and all we have known. Shape us, O



Lord, and form us in - to your own. Take eve - ry heart and



know eve-ry sin. Break us, O Lord, that we may be whole a - gain.

Hear how he breaks the curse, hear how he cries aloud,
Hear how his voice resounds. O how he forms the words,
O how he cries them out, "See it is finished now!"

How deep the wounds he wears, how dark the scars he shows,
How well the name he knows; written upon his palms,
O what a name to find. That name before him: Mine!

New Testament Reading

Romans 1:18-23

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. **19** For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. **20** For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. **21** For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Claiming to be wise, they became fools **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession 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 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.]

Sursum Corda

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.**

Words of Institution

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 to receive the bread and the cup. We provide individual cups of grape juice and gluten-free wafers in the tray at the front. We partake in the Supper by intinction, that is, we dip the bread into the cup. Children who have not yet professed their faith in Christ nor been admitted to the Table are encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing.]

Let This Heart Not Wander

Lyrics & Music: Eric J. Marshall

Let my eyes see no-thing, let my eyes see no-thing but your
glo - ry, my Lord. _ Let my eyes see no-thing, let my
eyes see no-thing but your glo - ry, my Lord. _

Let this heart not wander, Let this heart not wander,
From your mercy, my Lord. (repeat)

May I always linger, May I always linger,
In your presence, my Lord. (repeat)

I will ever praise you, I will ever praise you,
You are worthy, my Lord. (repeat)

Let this heart not wander, Let this heart not wander,
From your mercy, my Lord. (repeat)

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: John Newton

Let us love and sing _ and won-der, let us praise the Savior's _ name.
He has hushed the law's _ loud thun-der, He has quenched Mount Si -
nai's _ flame. He has washed us with his blood, _ He has
washed us with his blood, _ He has washed us with his blood.
_ He has brought us nigh to God. _

Let us love the Lord Who bought us;
Pitied us when enemies.
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood;
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down.
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more
He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood,
He Who washed us with His blood
has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us;
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the front of the nave that you can use as you enter or leave, or as you come to communion. You can also give online at our website www.mpctucson.org.

Email List: Please sign up for our email list on the table in the back. We send out the bulletin and announcements every week before worship and would love to include you.

TIME CHANGE NEXT WEEK ONLY!

We will meet at 3:00 instead of 4:00 since the Super Bowl starts around 4:30. We will revert back to our normal 4:00 the following week.

Women4Truth Conference: Aimee Byrd speaking at New Valley Church in Chandler, February 23rd. Sign up at www.women4truth.com

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