



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

02.03.2019

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

Nor can we reasonably claim that our own form of religious experience, together with that of the tradition of which we are a part, is veridical whilst others are not. We can of course claim this; and indeed virtually every religious tradition has done so, regarding alternative forms of religion either as false or confused or inferior versions of itself....Let us avoid the implausibly arbitrary dogma that religious experience is all delusory with the single exception of the particular form enjoyed by the one who is speaking.

—John Hick

Why would such an exclusive belief system lead to behavior that was so open to others? It was because Christians had within their belief system the strongest possible resource for practicing sacrificial service, generosity, and peacemaking. At the very heart of their view of reality was a man who died for his enemies, praying for their forgiveness. Reflection on this could only lead to a radically different way of dealing with those who are different from them. It meant they could not act in violence and oppression toward their opponents

—Tim Keller

The Word

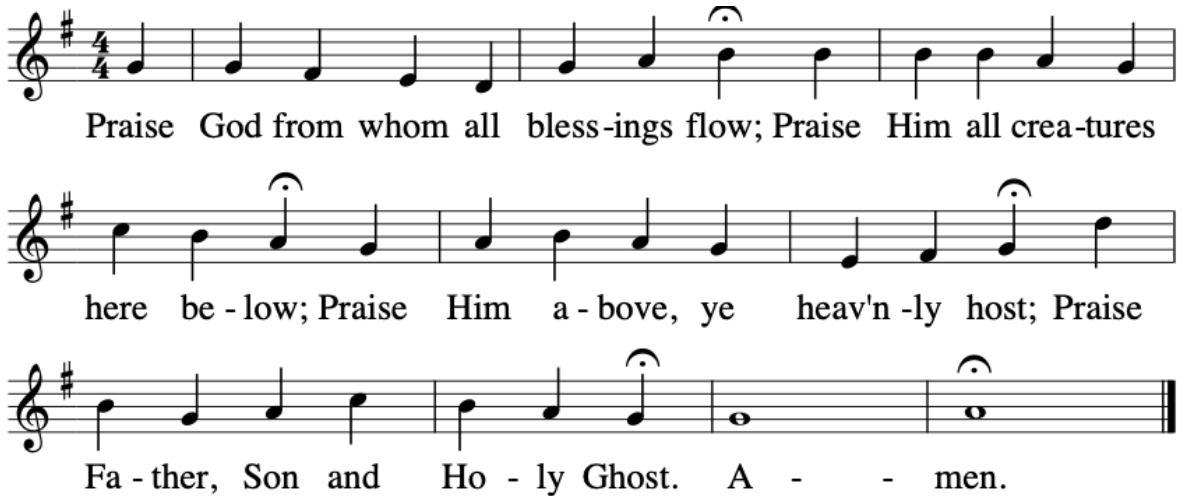
Call to Worship

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.

Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth



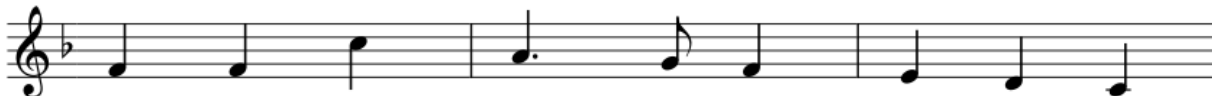
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures
here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lyrics: Joachim Neander; Music: 17th Century German Tune



1.Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty the king of cre - a - tion!
2.Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth.
3.Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee.
4.Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea so
Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
All that hath life and breath, come now with



help and sal - - va - - tion!
gent - - ly sus - - tain eth!
dai - - ly at - - tend thee.
prai - - ses be - - fore him.



All you who hear, Now to his tem - ple draw
Hast thou not seen how all your long - ings hath
Pon - der a new men what the Al - migh - ty can
Let the a men sound from his peo - ple a -



near. Praise him in glad a - dor - a - tion!
been, gran - ted in what he or - dain - eth?
do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
gain, Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

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.

Confession of Sin

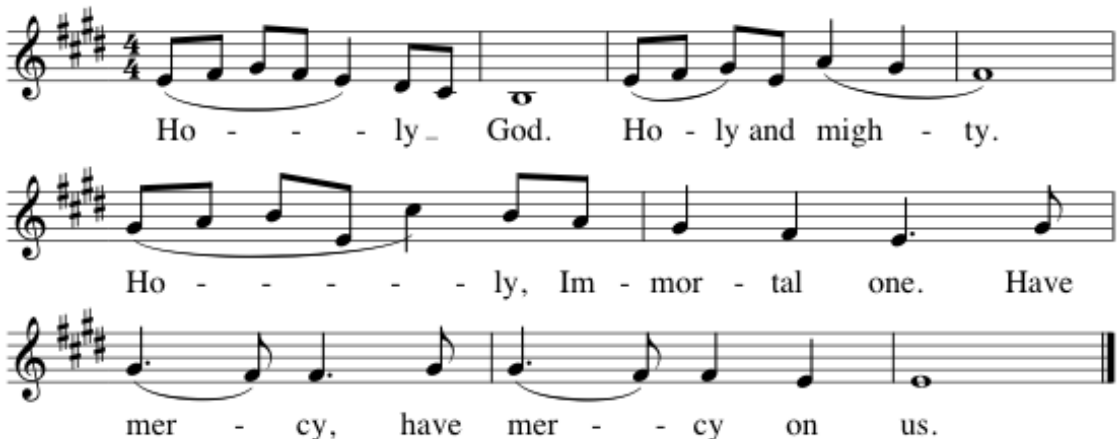
[Please pray aloud together]

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.]

Trisagion

Music: Fernando Ortega



Ho - - - ly - God. Ho - ly and migh - ty.

Ho - - - - ly, Im - mor - tal one. Have

mer - cy, have mer - - cy on us.

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!

Ten Thousand Reasons

Lyrics and Music: Matt Redman & John Myrin

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O _ my soul,
wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like ne - ver be-fore,
O my soul I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

The musical notation for the chorus is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the chorus, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The melody is written in a treble clef.

Verse

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing; _
It's time to sing your song _ a-gain. What-
e - ver may pass and what - e - ver lies be - fore _ me;
Let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.

The musical notation for the verse is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the verse, the second staff contains the second line, the third staff contains the third line, and the fourth staff contains the fourth line. The melody is written in a treble clef.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,
10,000 reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,
10,000 years and then forevermore.

The Prayers of the People

(Please pray aloud together.)

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.

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.**

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 8:4-6

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 1:14-18

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

The God of Abraham Praise

Lyrics: Daniel Ben Judah; Music: Leoni

The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove, An-
cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love. Je -
ho - vah! Great I AM! by _ earth _ and heav'n con - fessed; I
bow and bless the sa - cred _name, for - ev - er blest.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The God of Abraham Praise'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line, which ends with a double bar line.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
From earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend,
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 10:11-16

Thus shall you say to them: "The gods who did not make the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under the heavens." ¹² It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens. ¹³ When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he makes the mist rise from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, and he brings forth the wind from his storehouses. ¹⁴ Every man is stupid and without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols, for his images are false, and there is no breath in them. ¹⁵ They are worthless, a work of delusion; at the time of their punishment they shall perish. ¹⁶ Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the Lord of hosts is his name.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.]

Holy Is His Name

Music: John Michael Talbot; Lyrics: The Magnificat

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord. _ and my spir - it ex - alts in God my Sav-ior. _ For he has looked with mer - cy on my low - li-ness, and my name will be for - ev - er ex - al - ted. For the migh - ty God has done great things for me, and his mer - cy will reach from age to age. _ And _ ho - ly, ho ____ ly. Ho - ly is his - name. _"

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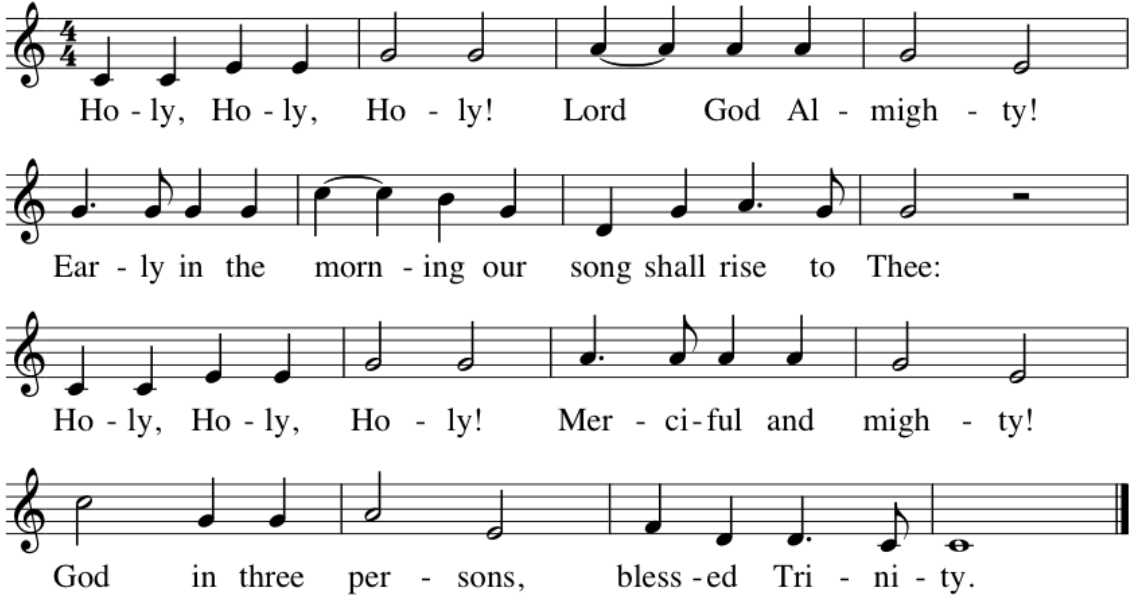
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ho - ly, ho ____ ly. Ho - ly is his - name. _

He has mercy in every generation.
He has revealed His power and His glory.
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance,
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly.
He has come to help His servant Israel.
He remembered His promise to our fathers.
And holy, holy, holy is His name

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lyrics: Reginald Heber; Music: John Dykes



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty.

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 ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man 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!

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.

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

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