

## **5 September 2021 9:00am Traditional Worship**

On zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>, password 3199.

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*Please have with you a small portion of bread and a small drink of grape juice, wine or equivalent if you would like to share in Holy Communion.*

Welcome

Acknowledgment of Country

Call to worship

We sing: **Holy, Holy, holy (TiS 132)**

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,  
which 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 pow'r, 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!

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Declaration of God's grace

Responsive Reading: **Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.

**<sup>2</sup> The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the Lord is the maker of them all.**

**<sup>8</sup> Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.**

**<sup>9</sup> Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.**

**<sup>22</sup> Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;**

**<sup>23</sup> for the Lord pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.**

Bible reading: **James 2: 1-17 (THE MESSAGE)**

We sing: **Let us build a house / All are welcome**

Let us build a house  
where love can dwell  
And all can safely live,  
A place where  
saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;

Let us build a house where prophets  
speak,  
And words are strong and true,  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And a symbol of God's grace;  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat:  
A banquet hall on holy ground,  
Where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
Is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees  
us:

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place

Sermon

We sing: **There's a Spirit in the air (TiS 414, vv. 1,2,4,6,7)**

1 There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.'

2 Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.

4 Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:

Notices and sharing  
Prayers of the People

Invitation to Holy Communion and Narrative

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**

Gratitude, praise

God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.

6 May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.

7 There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.'

hearts lifted high,  
voices full and joyful...  
these you deserve.

For when we were nothing,  
you made us something.  
When we had no name  
and no faith and no future,

you called us your children.  
When we lost our way or turned away,  
you did not abandon us.  
When we came back to you,  
your arms opened wide in welcome.

And look, you prepare a table for us  
offering not just bread, not just wine,  
but your very self  
so that we may be filled, forgiven,  
healed, blessed and made new again.  
You are worth all our pain and all our praise.

So now, in gratitude,  
we join our voices  
to those of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**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!**

Lord God,  
as we come to share the richness of your table,  
we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.

We cannot take bread and forget those who are  
hungry.  
Your world is one world  
and we are stewards of its nourishment.  
**Lord, put our prosperity  
at the service of the poor.**

We cannot take wine  
and forget those who are thirsty.  
The ground and the rootless,  
the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.  
**Lord put our fullness  
at the service of the empty.**

We cannot hear your words of peace  
and forget the world at war  
or, if not at war, then preparing for it.  
**Show us quickly, Lord,  
how to turn weapons into welcome signs  
and the lust for power**

**into a desire for peace.**

We cannot celebrate the feast of your family  
and forget our divisions.  
We are one in spirit, but not in fact.  
History and hurt still dismember us.

**Lord, heal your church  
in every brokenness.**

For us you were born;  
for us you healed, preached, taught  
and showed the way to heaven;  
for us you were crucified;  
and for us, after death,  
you rose again.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now,  
for all that you have done  
and all that you have promised,  
what have we to offer?

Our hands are empty,  
our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things.  
We are not fit to gather up the crumbs  
from under your table.

**But with you is mercy  
and the power to change us.**

So as we do in this place  
what you did in an upstairs room,  
send down your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may become for us your body,  
healing, forgiving  
and making us whole;  
and that we may become,  
for you,  
your body,  
loving and caring in the world  
until your kingdom comes.  
**Amen.**

We pray together as Jesus taught:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**      Matthew 6:9-13

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours**

**now and forever. Amen.**

The bread we break

is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup we take

is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts**

**be found in Christ**

**and Christ in us.**

Receiving Communion

*Some quiet music will play while we receive the elements*

Prayer

We sing: **Take up thy cross, the Saviour said (TiS 583, v.1,2,3,5 alt)**

1. "Take up thy cross," the Savior said,  
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;  
deny thyself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me."

2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight  
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;  
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,  
to save thy soul from death and hell.

4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Blessing