



Christ Church New York City

a gospel-centered anglican church

*"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."
– Romans 10:17*

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Morning Prayer – June 7, 2020

Trinity Sunday

Who Is This Man?

Good News

I don't believe in God, but I miss Him. That's what I say when the question is put.

– Julian Barnes, *Nothing to Be Frightened Of*

What I need first of all is not exhortation, but a gospel, not directions for saving myself but knowledge of how God has saved me. Have you any good news? That is the question that I ask of you. I know your exhortations will not help me. But if anything has been done to save me, will you not tell me the facts?

– J. Gresham Machen, *The Christian Faith in the Modern World*

The persons within God exalt each other, commune with each other, and defer to one another.... Each divine person harbors the others at the center of his being. In constant movement of overture and acceptance, each person envelops and encircles the others.... God's interior life [therefore] overflows with regard for others.

– Cornelius Plantinga, *Engaging God's World*

Worship | Community | Mission

Christ Church NYC is a community of Christians committed to glorifying God, glorying in God, and serving the city through our worship, our life together, and our gospel mission.

A Pastoral Note —

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This worship bulletin has been put together for you during this time that our public worship gatherings have been canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. As you meet with your family, roommates, neighbors in your building, other members of CCNYC, or just by yourself, I hope it will be of help to you as you seek to worship and draw near to the Lord.

Though worship in the home and among families is not intended to and can never replace the corporate gathering of the whole congregation, it is nonetheless a good practice for all of us to develop. If you are not accustomed to doing 'family worship' it may seem odd at first, but I want to encourage you to keep pressing forward with it. As you do so, remember that it need not be complicated. The essence of family worship consists simply in singing, praying, and studying God's Word together.

As we meet in our various homes and in small groups scattered throughout the city and region, please know that I am praying for all of you and longing to be meeting with you in person. In fact, I pray that our love and desire for meeting together will be strengthened because of this absence. What a sweet time of fellowship it will be when the Lord once again allows us to be together in person to worship Him!

Your pastor,
Keith

"The more we worship God in secret, the fitter shall we be for family worship, and the more we worship God in our families, the fitter shall we be for public worship." – Rev. John Angier (1605-1677)

Reflection

A quiet moment to prepare our hearts

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. (*Ephesians 1:3*)

A period of silence is kept.

O Lord, open our lips;

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

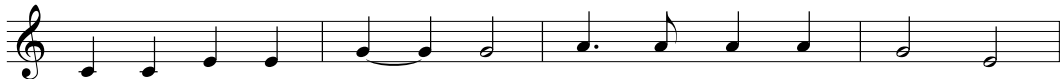
Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing Our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gol - den crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name In earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; There is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Merc - i - ful and migh - ty!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shall be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826; Music: John Dykes, 1861 CCLI 2361806

Confession

After a brief silence for reflection, all reply saying the words in bold.

**Most merciful Father, we humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from your way like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
and have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy upon us, Lord;
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Turn our hearts to love and obey you.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

Words of Comfort and Assurance

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
Sum - mer and win - ter and, and spring - time and har - vest,
Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see:

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Words: Thomas Chisholm, 1923; Music: William Runyan, 1923 CCLI 2361806

A Prayer for the Hearing of God's Word

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we might hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, so that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Responsive Psalm – Psalm 118:1-16

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- ² **Let Israel say,**
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- ³ Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- ⁴ **Let those who fear the LORD say,**
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
- ⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.
- ⁶ **The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.**
What can man do to me?
- ⁷ The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
- ⁸ **It is better to take refuge in the LORD**
than to trust in man.
- ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.
- ¹⁰ **All nations surrounded me;**
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- ¹¹ They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- ¹² **They surrounded me like bees;**
they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!
- ¹³ I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
- ¹⁴ **The LORD is my strength and my song;**
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
¹⁶ **the right hand of the LORD exalts,**
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!”

First Bible Reading – Malachi 2:17-3:4

¹⁷ You have wearied the LORD with your words. But you say, “How have we wearied him?” By saying, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them.” Or by asking, “Where is the God of justice?”

³ “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Bible Reading – Mark 1:1-13

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

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Thanks be to God.

Bible Reflection – Mark 1:1-13

Good News

First reflection in the series: *Who Is This Man?*

To help you reflect on Mark 1:1-13, you can find recordings of teaching from Keith on our website under 'Sermons'. You can also find study questions on our blog.

Notes:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living 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.**

**The 'catholic' church is the totality of God's people through the ages who hold firm to the classic teachings of Christ's apostles.*

Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The leader continues,

Lord, show us your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.

Lord, govern the leaders of the nations,
and mercifully hear our prayers.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness,
and make your chosen people joyful.

Lord, save your people,
and bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
for you are our help and strength.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

A Prayer for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, who has given your servants grace by true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech you who live and reign, that you would keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, one God, world without end. **Amen.** (BCP 1662)

Almighty God, our strong tower of defense in time of trouble: We offer you praise and heartfelt thanks for our deliverance from the dangers which lately surround us and for your gracious gift of peace. We confess that your goodness alone has preserved us; and we ask you still to continue your mercies toward us, that we may always know and acknowledge you as our Savior and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for God's people, the nations, and people in need are said, concluding with:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done!
O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood!
Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

And o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

And give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; Music: Fellingham, 2009 CCLI 2361806

Benediction

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. (*Romans 15:13*)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav - enly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551 CCLI 2361806

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please join us today at 4:30 PM for a Hymn Sing with Bible Readings and a short Reflection by Keith from Psalm 97. For more information on how to join in our Christ Church NYC's Zoom Meeting, please check the invitation email or contact info@christchurchnyc.com.




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