

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 3, 2021

Organ Prelude: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

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Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We who gather for worship are people who have sometimes felt ashamed.

We have felt ashamed because of what we have done, but also ashamed because of how others have made us feel.

As much as we are loved by those around us and as much as we are taught that God is love, we sometimes have a hard time loving ourselves genuinely as we are, rather than as we 'should be'.

We gather for worship to open our hearts again and again to the eternal truth that we are loved and cherished as beautiful creations of a God whose creative love is never wrong.

Even as growth is necessary for us all, we are loved infinitely now wherever we are on our journey and however much we may feel we have missed the mark.

Give us fresh faith in your love, O God, as we worship you this hour.

Hymn: Your strong word once cleaved the darkness

No. 429

1. Your strong word once
cleaved the darkness;
at your speaking it was done;
for created light we thank you,
while your ordered seasons run:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Praise for saving light you send!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah without end!

2. Now on those who
dwelt in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of your salvation,
breathed your own life giving breath:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Praise for saving light you send!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah without end!

3. Your strong word
declares us righteous;
bright with your own holiness,
glorious now, we press to glory,
and our lives our hopes confess,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Praise for saving light you send!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah without end!

4. God the Father,
Light-Creator,
praise to you and honour be;
to you, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
to you glory endless be;
mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the Holy Trinity.

Prayer of Approach and Confession

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

French trad. carol

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3: 1-13

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?'² The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden;³ but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die;⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' ¹⁰ He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.'¹¹ God said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not

to eat?’ The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ Then the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ Amen.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon:

SHAME (Part 1)

Dr. Harris

Special Music: You satisfy the hungry heart

Samuel Wesley

soloist Erin Stone

Iona Creed

(A Christian Creed based on the Apostles’ creed from: Iona, Scotland)

**We Believe in God above us,
Maker and sustainer of all life,
Of sun and moon,
Of water and earth,
Of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
Born of a woman’s womb, servant of the poor.
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
And his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
Life-Giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and of life everlasting.
Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Wine

Prayer after Communion:

Thank you, O Ground of our being. Bread and wine are food for our bodies as Christ is food for our souls. Feed us with your love. Feed us with renewed affirmation that we are beloved and lovely creations out of your infinitely creative love. May we behold ourselves as you behold us and cherish the sacredness of others as you cherish them. May we become the hands, feet and heart of Jesus killed in the most publicly shameful way, and yet raised by an even stronger love, to share such love as food for hungry hearts; Amen.

1. Put peace into each other's hands,
and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candleflame;
with tenderness enfold it.

2. Put peace into each other's hands,
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways
in touch with God's creation.

3. Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye:
our life is meant for caring.

4. As at communion, shape your hands
into a waiting cradle;
the gift of Christ receive, revere,
united round the table.

5. Put Christ into each other's hands,
he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace,
give peace a chance,
and share it like a treasure.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Toccata

Bruce Nasmith

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