



COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

May 18, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Ronda Otway, Liturgist

Prelude

Noah Davis

Choir Introit

Call to Worship-Responsive

Liturgist

Liturgist: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God on high!

**All: Praise God, sun and moon.
Praise God, all you shining stars!**

Liturgist: Praise God from the earth,
you sea monsters and ocean depths!

**All: Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
praise the Lord!**

Liturgist: Kings and all peoples of the earth,
princes and all rulers of the earth,
praise the Lord!

**All: Old and young together;
all people praise the Lord!**

Liturgist: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Ever-present God, we give thanks that you have made your dwelling place among your people. We trust your promises of a just future, and we wish to play our part. Christ has taught us to love one another. Help us to keep this commandment in our minds and hearts, that we might come to realize the new heaven and new earth awaiting us. **Amen.**

* Opening Hymn *"For the Beauty of the Earth" #14* GTG

Congregation

* Call to Confession

Liturgist

Because we are loved, we are called to turn to God in humility.
We fall short of who God calls us to be, but we are never forsaken.
In faith and with confidence as beloved children, let us confess our sin to God.



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* Prayer of Confession

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Holy God, you command us to love one another,
yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.
You command us to care for all of creation,
yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through
carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of
Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way.
Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we work toward
a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation
and a vision for your beloved community, as we
share your love with your people everywhere.

* Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

Believe the good news:
Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. **Amen.**

*Responding to Grace

"Gloria Patri" #581 GTG

Congregation

Time With Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

Gracious God, Living Word,
as you revealed yourself to Mary
that Easter morning,
so reveal yourself to us.
By the power of your Spirit,
give each of us faith,
that hearing your Word
we, too, may proclaim,
"I have seen the Lord!" **Amen.**



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First Scripture Reading

Acts 11:1-18

And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven. And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me. And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover, these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God!



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Anthem

Choir

Second Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"From Civility to Love"

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation:

Noah Davis

* Sermon Hymn

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" #804 GTG

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Joys & Concerns



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Call to Offering

* Doxology

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* Closing Hymn

"Lead on, O King Eternal!" #269 GTG

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* Charge, Benediction

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

* Congregational Postlude

"He Is Lord"

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CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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SERVICE MUSIC

Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

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LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

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These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

TEXT: Edward Hayes Plumpton, 1865
MUSIC: Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

MARION
SM with refrain



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JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,
 for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 with deeds of love and mer - cy the heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

TEXT: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888, alt.
MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

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(this tune in a higher key, 233)

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HE IS LORD

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord!

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