



# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God – the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / MOTHER'S DAY

May 9, 2021 — 11 am Livestream Worship

**PRELUDE** 

"Fanfare (from Water Music)"

"Psalm 19"

The Brass Roots
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
G.F. Handel
arr. Homer Whitford
Benedetto Marcello
arr. Rich Mays

**OPENING WORDS**The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 98)

David Gardner and Abby Langhorst

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

People: The Lord has shown steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends

of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; sing praises to the Lord with trumpets and

timpani, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

People: Let us sing together with joy in the presence of God, who will judge the world with

righteousness and the peoples with equity. Let us worship God!

HYMN #1 (vs. 1-4)

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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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!

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 evermore shalt be.

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 power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

CALL TO CONFESSION Kathryn Ophardt

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Kathryn Ophardt

### May 9 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Kathryn Ophardt

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!

¡Alabado sea Dios! Praise God!

MOTHER'S DAY VIDEO

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:9-17

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

#### TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of the Children and Adults:

David Gardner

Tobias Alexander Haas-Conrad (son of Alexander and Katelyn Haas-Conrad) Grayson Kingsley Rhodehamel (son of Scott Rhodehamel and Ashley VanAlen) Eli Karsten Slagle (son of Allan and Kay Slagle)

Profession of Faith Act of Baptizing Prayer of Dedication

**HYMN** #265 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

**DUKE STREET** 

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song, And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains; The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I John 5:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. There are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.

**SERMON** "A Trio of Witnesses" The Rev. Dr. Bush

#### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

#### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

Katie Haas-Conrad

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HYMN #643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

**BLESSING & BENEDICTION** 

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, organ G.F. Handel

"Allegro Maestoso (from Water Music)"

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# PARTICIPANTS

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Kathryn Ophardt Katie Haas-Conrad

David Gardner and Abby Langhorst

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/

Music Director

Adrianna Cleveland, Cantor David Jennings-Smith, Cantor

Michael Painter, Cantor

The Brass Roots:

David Gardner, Trumpet Samuel Eisenhandler, Trumpet Abby Langhorst, Timpani

Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

Matt Stufft

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## JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN (vs. 1, 3, 4)

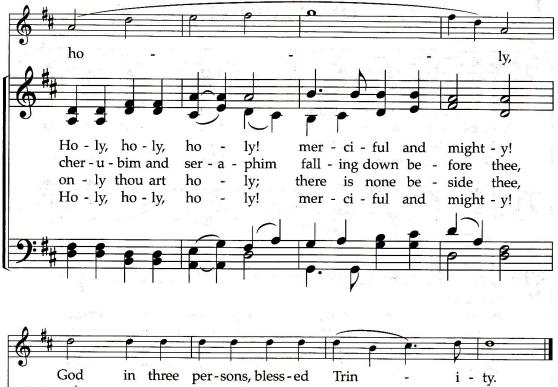


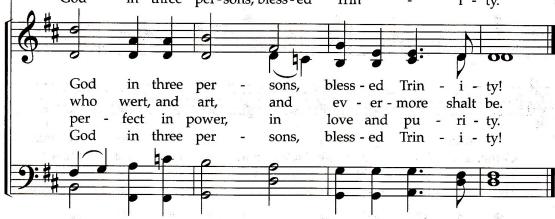
This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

# HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!



Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.





### **SPANISH**

- 1 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Señor omnipotente, siempre el labio mío loores te dará. ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adoro reverente, Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.
- 2 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La inmensa muchedumbre de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad, ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbre, ante ti que has sido, que eres y serás.
- 3 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Por más que estés velado e imposible sea tu gloria contemplar, santo tú eres sólo y nada hay a tu lado, en poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.
- 4 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La gloria de tu nombre vemos en tus obras, en cielo, tierra y mar. ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La humanidad te adore, Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

#### KOREAN

- 1 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여 이른아침우리주를 찬송합니다 거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여 성삼위일체 우리주로다
- 2 거룩거룩거룩 주의보좌 앞에 모든성도 금면류관 벗어드리네 천군천사 모두주께 굴복하니 영원히 위에 계신 주로다
  - 3 거룩거룩거룩 주의 빛난 영광 모든죄인 눈어두워 보지뭇하네 거룩하신 이가 주님밖에 뉘뇨 권능과사랑 온전하셔라
- 4 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여 천지만물 주의이름 찬송합니다 거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여 성삼위일체 우리주로다

### NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD



Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.