

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAY 30, 2021 – 8:45AM SERVICE ➔ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Bless the Lord

OPENING HYMN

Praise the Father, Praise the Son

Tomlin

Verse 1: O sov'reign God O matchless King, the saints adore, the angels sing.
And fall before the throne of grace. To You belongs the highest praise.

Chorus: (Oh) praise the Father, Praise the Son. (And) praise the Spirit Three in One.
Clothed in power and in grace, The name above all other names. (The name above all other names)

Verse 3: To the valley for my soul, Thy great descent has made me whole.
Your word my heart has welcomed home; Now peace like water ever flows. (Chorus)

OFFERTORY

Uncreated One

Chris Tomlin | J. D. Walt

Verse 1: Holy Uncreated One, Your beauty fills the skies. But the glory of Your majesty is the mercy in Your eyes

Verse 2: Worthy Uncreated One, from heaven to earth come down. You laid aside Your royalty to wear the sinner's crown.

Chorus: O Great God be glorified, our lives laid down. Yours magnified. O Great God be lifted high. There is none like You (There is none like You)

Verse 3: Jesus Savior God's own Son. Risen reigning Lord. Sustainer of the Universe by the power of Your word

Interlude: There is none like You. There is none like You.

Verse 4: And when we see Your matchless face in speechless awe we'll stand. And there we'll bow with grateful hearts unto the Great I Am.

COMMUNION MUSIC

As the Deer

CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

Verse 1: I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 3: I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

POSTLUDE

Here I Am, Lord

THE COLLECT: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE: *Romans 8:12-17*

12So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

PSALM: *Psalm 29*

¹*Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

²*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.*

³*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.*

⁴*The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.*

⁵*The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

⁶*He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

⁷*The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

⁸*The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.*

⁹*And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, “Glory!”*

¹⁰*The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.*

¹¹*The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Holy Gospel – John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”