

Living Stones

“You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple.” (1 Peter 2.5)

Mason First Presbyterian Church

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SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020 + TRINITY SUNDAY



I encourage you to set aside some time today for personal worship using these or other resources.

An audio recording of this entire service is available at www.masonpresbyterian.org.

You are welcome to share this with your friends.

Prayer of the Day

O blessed Trinity, in whom we know the maker of all things seen and unseen, the Savior of all both near and far: By your Spirit enable us to worship your divine majesty, so that with all the company of heaven we may magnify your glorious name, saying, “Holy, holy, holy. Glory to you, O Lord most high.” *Amen.*

Call to Worship

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ;

we have love from God through the Holy Spirit.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the earth is full of the glory of God.

Let us worship God!

(Romans 1:7; Romans 5:1, 5; Isaiah 6:3)

Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Holy, 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, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who were, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, 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, holy! Lord God Almighty!

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

(lyrics by Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.)

Call to Confession

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish,
but have eternal life. *(John 3:16)*
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, love, and communion,
we confess that we have failed to love you
with all our heart, soul, and mind;
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We ignore your commandments,
stray from your way, and follow other gods.

We have sinned against each other:
we have put up walls between ourselves and our neighbors,
giving in to fear, ignorance, and arrogance.
We are stained by the sin of racism
and fail to respect the gifts of all your peoples.

We have used our power to dominate
and our weakness to manipulate;
we have evaded responsibility
and failed to confront evil;
we have trusted false gods
and listened to their promises;
we have denied dignity
to ourselves and to each other;
we have fallen into deep despair.
In our despair we have forgotten you,
and have gone away from your path.

Forgive us for what we have done to hurt others
and the ways we have hurt your earth.
Give us your blessing and help.
Let us walk in your great love;
through the great peacemaker,
your Son, Jesus Christ.

(You are invited to continue the confession with your own silent prayers.)

Assurance of Pardon

God did not send the Son to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him. *(John 3:17)*
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord,
our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

(lyrics from Collection of Hymns for Social Worship, 1757, alt.)

Prayers of Intercession for a time of national crisis

(from the 2013 Busan Assembly of the World Council of Churches)

Lord, our God, creator of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible,
the source and sustainer of life,
you who holds in unity and harmony
the multiple parts of the entire cosmos,
we thank you and praise you for your love,
for your wisdom, for your kindness and mercy.
Give us courage and strength to follow your way
and to be your witnesses to the end of the earth
so that the world may know your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are our way to life, justice, and peace.
In you we are called to find our unity.
Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land
with your healing love.
Help us to be willing to bow before you
in true repentance
and to bow to one another
in real forgiveness.
By the fire of your Holy Spirit,
melt our hard hearts

and consume the prejudice and pride
which separate us.
Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love
that casts out fear
and bind us together in the unity
that you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Make us instruments of your love, O God,
agents of your justice and peace.
Strengthen us to work for unity and harmony
between people of every race, color and creed.
Enable us to respect all of your creation
and to love one another as ourselves,
that we may serve one another
in humility, simplicity, and joy;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of Intercession for Trinity Sunday

Holy God, One-in-Three and Three-in-One,
hear us as we pray for your blessing,
saying: Holy, triune God, *have mercy on us.*

(You are invited to lift up your specific prayers to God.)

All this we ask of you, Lord God,
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
and in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Hymn: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees);
Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me (on me).

Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees);
Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me (on me).

Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees);
Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees).
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me (on me).

(African American spiritual)

An audio recording of the communion liturgy that follows – everything from the Invitation to the Lord's Table to the Prayer after Communion – is also available at www.masonpresbyterian.org.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

People will come from north and south
and from east and west
to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread,
blessed and broke it,
and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened,
and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's Table.
Our Savior invites those who trust him
to share the feast that he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
eternal and triune God.

You spoke the world into being;
your Word became flesh in Jesus Christ;
by your Spirit you made us your people.
When we were lost in sin, you found us,
sending us your prophets
and even your own Son.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:
*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!*

You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Born of Mary, he came to dwell among us,
full of grace and truth.
He forgave our failures,
healed our hurts,
and gave himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved.

After three days you raised him from the dead,
that we might never die.

On the night before he met with death,
Jesus came to the table with those he loved.
He took bread
and praised you, God of all creation.
He broke the bread among his disciples
and said: "Take this, all of you, and eat it.
This is my body, given for you."

When the supper was ended,
he took a cup of wine
and gave thanks to you, God of all creation.
He passed the cup among his disciples
and said: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it.
This is the cup of the new covenant sealed in my blood
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation this bread and this wine
and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,
as we await the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Keep us faithful in your service
until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,

now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life."
(Lift and break the bread.)

Jesus said: "I am the vine, you are the branches."
(Lift and/or pour the cup.)

Jesus said:
"Come to me and never be hungry;
believe in me and never thirst."

These are the gifts of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

The body of Christ, given for you.
(You may eat the bread.)

The blood of Christ, given for you.
(You may drink from the cup.)

Prayer after Communion

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.
Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.
God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace.
Now send us out into your beloved world
to share your life, your love, your grace with all.
Blessing and honor and glory to you,
holy, holy, holy Lord. *Amen.*

Invitation to Offering

God has told us what is good;
and what does the Lord require?
To do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with our God. *(Micah 6:8)*
Let us return to God the offerings of our life
and the gifts of the earth.

Offertory Response: "Praise, God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Trinity version)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

(lyrics by Neil Weatherhogg, 1988)

Prayer for Illumination

Holy, Holy, Holy One,
guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

(The conclusion of Paul's letter.)

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20

(The conclusion of Matthew's gospel.)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Anthem: "Go Ye Therefore"

(You can listen to the anthem [here](#).)

Go ye therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Lord.
Go ye therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Lord.
Go ye therefore, teach all nations all He commands, in the name of the Lord.
Go ye therefore, teach all nations all He commands, in the name of the Lord.

And lo, I am with you always, even until the end of the world.
Go in my name, I am with you, until the end of the world, the world.
Go ye therefore, He is with you, even until the end of the world.
Go ye therefore, He is with you, even until the end of the world,
even until the end of the world.

(words and music by Mary McDonald)

The Nicene Creed

This creed is used in more branches of Christianity than any other.

Let us say this creed in unity with Christians of every race and color around the globe.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon: “The Trinity: Why It Matters (Right Now)”

*The sermon is available in printed form at www.masonpresbyterian.org, or attached to this email.
An audio recording of the sermon is also available at www.masonpresbyterian.org.*

Hymn: “We Shall Overcome”

*I invite you to join in this classic African American spiritual, made popular during the 1960s,
as we long for wholeness and peace in our land, and for full justice for our black sisters and brothers.*

We shall overcome; we shall overcome;
we shall overcome someday.
O, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
we'll walk hand in hand someday.
O, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!

We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;

we shall live in peace someday.
O, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!

We are not afraid; we are not afraid;
we are not afraid today.
O, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!

God will see us through; God will see us through;
God will see us through today.
O, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!

(African American spiritual; adapt. Zilphia Horton, Frank Hamilton, Guy Carawan, and Pete Seeger)

Blessing

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. *Alleluia!*

(2 Corinthians 13:13)



Icon of the Three Angels Visiting Abraham, by Andrei Rublev, early 15th century
(see Genesis 18; many Christians believe the three angels in the story represent the Trinity)
(source: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Angelsatmamre-trinity-rublev-1410.jpg>)

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