

# Worshiping God, Who Makes the Church Holy!

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10:30 AM

**PRELUDE** *In dir ist Freude (In Thee Is Joy)* J. S. Bach  
*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* arr. Dennis Bergin  
Dennis Bergin, organ

Psalm 16:11 ...in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

In thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art.  
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest. Who trusts thee surely has built  
securely and stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining, dying or living, to thee are cleaving;  
Naught us can sever: Alleluia!

Text: Johann Lindemann (1549-c. 1631)

Tune: Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi (c. 1556-1622)

## **WELCOME**

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *Only a Holy God*

Laura Quinn, cello; Bill Myers, guitar; Rod Cunningham, keyboard; Greg Wagener, drums;  
Carrie Smith, piano

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God,  
Come and worship the Holy God.

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**\*GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 99:1-3

David Barnes, Student Ministry Director

**Pastor:** The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the  
cherubim; let the earth quake!

**People:** **The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples!**

**Pastor:** Let them praise your great and awesome name!

**All:** **Holy is he!**

**\*EARLY IN THE MORNING OUR SONG SHALL RISE TO THEE!**

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**Holy, Holy, Holy!**

*Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

**System 1:** Chords: D, Bm, A, D, G, D. Lyrics: 1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

**System 2:** Chords: A, D, Bm, A, E7, A. Lyrics: Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

**System 3:** Chords: D, Bm, A, D, G, D. Lyrics: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

**System 4:** Chords: Bm, D, G, D, G, A7, D. Lyrics: God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

NICAEA 11.12.12.10.  
John B. Dykes, 1861

**\*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

**GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED** Leviticus 11:45

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I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED** 2 Corinthians 6:14b-7:1

What partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.

**\*WE LOOK TO JESUS!**

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**Take Time to Be Holy**

*Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity ... so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. Rom. 6:19*

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

**System 1:** Chords: F, Bb, F, F/C, C7, F, F. Lyrics: 1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord; 2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on; 3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide, 4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul;

**System 2:** Chords: Bb, F, C/G, G7, C. Lyrics: a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his Word. spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone. and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide; each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol;

**System 3:** Chords: C7, F, C7, F. Lyrics: Make friends of God's chil - dren; help those who are weak; By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be; in joy or in sor - row, still fol - low thy Lord, thus led by his Spir - it to foun - tains of love,

**System 4:** Chords: F, Bb, F/C, C7, F, F. Lyrics: for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek. thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see. and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his Word. thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

William D. Longstaff, 1887

HOLINESS 6.5.6.5.D.  
George C. Stebbins, 1890

## **GOD REVEALS OUR HOLY FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM AND THE SAINTS!**

Westminster Confession of Faith 26:1-2

**Pastor:** All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by his Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory;

**People:** **And, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.**

**Pastor:** Saints by profession are bound to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities and necessities.

**All:** **Which communion, as God offers opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.**

# Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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*You are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28*

Capo 3: ▮ (D) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) ▮ (G) (D) (A)

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love:  
2. Be - fore the Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3. We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us in - ward pain;

(A<sup>7</sup>) (D) (A) (D) ▮ (G) (D) (G) (D/A) (A<sup>7</sup>) (D) ▮

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

5. This glorious hope revives  
our courage by the way,  
while each in expectation lives,  
and longs to see the day.

6. From sorrow, toil and pain,  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

John Fawcett, 1782

DENNIS S.M.  
Hans G. Nägeli, 1773-1836  
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

**WE INVOKE HIS HELP** Psalm 105:3-4

Nathan Reddick, Elder

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

**WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD!** *Holy*

Rachel DeGroot, soprano; Patti Palmer, alto; Bob Nagy, tenor; Brian Roby, bass;  
Laura Quinn, cello

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Holy God of power, Holy God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. Holy, Lord.

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**GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD** Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**SERMON SERIES** "A Pillar and Buttress of Truth"

**SCRIPTURE TEXT** Matthew 7:3-5

**SERMON TITLE** *The Holiness of the Church*

<sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

**\*WE GROW IN GOODNESS, TRUTH & GRACE!**

**Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way**

1. Teach me, O Lord, thy ho - ly way, and give me  
2. Guide me, O Sav - ior, with thy hand, and so con -  
3. Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace the sac - red  
4. Guard me, O Lord, that I may ne'er for - sake the  
5. Bless me in ev - 'ry task, O Lord, be - gun, con -

an o - be - dient mind; that in thy ser - vice I may  
trol my thoughts and deeds, that I may tread the path which  
foot - steps thou hast trod; and, meek - ly walk - ing with my  
right, or do the wrong; a - gainst temp - ta - tion make me  
tin - ued, done for thee: ful - fil thy per - fect work in

find my soul's de - light from day to day.  
leads right on - ward to the bless - ed land.  
God, to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.  
strong, and round me spread thy shel - t'ring care.  
me; and thine a - bound - ing grace af - ford.

Words: William T. Matson, 1866; Music: DUKE STREET L.M.; John Hatton, 1793.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Reprise: Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way!*

# *The Holiness of the Church*

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Matthew 7:3-5

Where should the church pursue holiness?

1. Not in the World

2. But in the Church

\*Congregation please rise

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