

WELCOME TO...

The Presbyterian Church of

Saint David

May 22, 2016



Prelude

Call to Worship: *In the name of God, who created us, who holds us and the whole world in his hands. In the name of the Son who came into the world, who reconciles us with God. In the name of the Holy Spirit who fills us with eternal life, who links us with all Christians and incites us to peace, we come together to offer our thanks and praise.*

Hymn: Creator God, still creating (1-2)

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Opening Prayer: *Within a mystery lies another mystery. **Within a mystery lies a sacrament...** within a sacrament lies a journey... through a journey lies a living... within a living lies a calling... within a calling lies our God... within our God lies a mystery... always a mystery within another mystery. Things are never as they seem. This is Trinity Sunday not some enigma to solve but a mystery to live.*

Welcome into God. (~ written by Roddy Hamilton)

Hymn: Creator God, still creating (3-4)

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Confession: *I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three. When sin and sorry seek me out I will cry: **I bind unto myself today. The power of God to hold and lead, God's eye to watch, God's might to stay, God's ear to hearken to my need. The wisdom of my God to teach, God's hand to guide, God's shield to ward, The word of God to give me speech, God's heavenly host to be my guard.***

Hymn: When long before time (1-3)

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John 14:8ff Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Hymn: When long before time (4-6)

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N.T. Wright on Trinity Sunday

“You see, the doctrine of the Trinity, properly understood, is as much a way of saying ‘we don’t know’ as of saying ‘we do know.’ To say that the true God is Three and One is to recognize that if there is a God then of course we shouldn’t expect him to fit neatly into our little categories. If he did, he wouldn’t be God at all, merely a god, a god we might perhaps have wanted. The Trinity is not something that the clever theologian comes up with as a result of hours spent in the theological laboratory, after which he or she can return to announce that they’ve got God worked out now, the analysis is complete, and here is God neatly laid out on a slab. The only time they laid God out on a slab he rose again three days afterwards.

On the contrary: the doctrine of the Trinity is, if you like, a signpost pointing ahead into the dark, saying: ‘Trust me; follow me; my love will keep you safe.’ Or, perhaps better, the doctrine of the Trinity is a signpost pointing into a light which gets brighter and brighter until we are dazzled and blinded, but which says: ‘Come, and I will make you children of light.’ The doctrine of the Trinity affirms the rightness, the propriety, of speaking intelligently that the true God must always transcend our grasp of him, even our most intelligent grasp of him.”

~ N.T. Wright, in *For All God’s Worth: True Worship and the Calling of the Church*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ *who, though he was in the form of God,*

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

⁷ *but emptied himself,*

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ *he humbled himself*

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Invitation: *As today's sunlight inches across land and sea Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. All are invited and all are welcome. Come, for the meal is ready!*

Hymn: You satisfy the hungry heart (1-3)

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Prayer of 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.* (we continue in prayer) *Pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of remembrance and the people who gather. We give thanks for your gifts of grace, and ask that your Holy Spirit would come to bless this sacrament, that we might be with you and you with us. Hear us as we pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying:*

Hymn: You satisfy the hungry heart (4-5)

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Communion

Following communion *To live we must daily break the body and shed the blood of salvation. When we do this ignorantly, greedily, clumsily and destructively it is desecration. When we do it knowingly, lovingly, skilfully and reverently it is sacrament.*

Hymn: Glorify thy name

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God's blessing be upon us as we leave and return changed to our homes.

May we strengthen and encourage one another in our shared vision. *And may the blessing of our Creator God go with us. And may the blessing of the Son, who showed us how to live, re-shape us. And may the blessing of the Spirit enable us in our renewed living. Amen.*

Postlude