



First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood

We believe God is calling us to be a praying and worshiping community in the city. Trusting in God's grace, centered on Jesus Christ, and equipped by the Holy Spirit, we desire to proclaim the good news of Christ with our words and lives. We want to be a blessing to our community and the world.

Worship Together April 25, 2021 11:00am

Prelude

Partita on Holy, Holy, Holy - Piet Post

Dr. Kimo Smith, Organ

Welcome & Call to Worship

Pastor Joel Larson
Associate Pastor

***Opening Song of Praise**

Hymn #323 *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 wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man 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!

Opening Scripture

Dean Choi
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever. Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity; you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad; daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Song of Response

Forever - Chris Tomlin

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Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King, His love endures forever! For He is good He is above all things, His love endures forever! Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand, And an outstretched arm, His love endures forever! For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever! Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever, and by the grace of God, we will carry on, His love endures forever! Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise sing praise.

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever, forever. (2x)

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Joel Larson
Associate Pastor

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Call for Offering

Pastor Joel Larson

This is the time when we give ourselves, all that we are, all that we have, to God's service.

Children's Song

The Fruit - Greg Fadness, Jason Houser
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The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. It's love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, gentleness, self-control.

Children's Message

Julietta Corti, Elder

Prayers of the People

Dean Choi
Fraser Fellow & Pastoral Intern

Choral Response

God Bring Thy Sword - Rev. Miller, R. Nelson

Cathedral Choir

Message from God's Word

Pastor Joel Larson

From the Heart

Mark 7:1-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God)— then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy,

slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Closing Song of Praise

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) - Joel Houston, Jonas Myrin
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All these pieces, broken and scattered, in mercy gathered,
mended and whole, empty handed, but not forsaken. I've
been set free. I've been set free.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now I am found, was blind but now I see.

*Oh I can see You now, Oh I can see the love in Your eyes,
Laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.*

You take our failure, you take our weakness, you set Your
treasure in jars of clay. So take this heart, Lord. I'll be Your vessel,
the world to see Your life in me.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now I am found, was blind but now I see.

*Oh I can see You now, Oh I can see the love in Your eyes,
Laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now I am found, was blind but now I see. (2x)

*Oh I can see You now, Oh I can see the love in Your eyes,
Laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life. (2x)*

Benediction

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Postlude

Dr. Kimo Smith, Organ
Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow - arr. Fred Bock

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