



West End
presbyterian church

WEPC Lectionary Project: Union with Christ

In this 25th Anniversary year of West End Presbyterian Church, we are using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship, and our personal and family devotion. The Lectionary gives us access to the whole counsel of Scripture and these texts are a means for us to grow in our understanding of our union with Christ.

WEPC Weekly Readings

To subscribe to a daily email of these readings, register online at wepc.org/lectionary.

June 16, 2019 | Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Wisdom Rejoices in the LORD's Creation

Psalm 8

O LORD, Our Lord

Romans 5:1-5

God's Love Has Been Poured Into Our Hearts

John 16:12-15

The Spirit Will Guide You Into All Truth

Reflection on Sunday, June 16

Monday

Proverbs 7:1-4

Sister Wisdom

Ephesians 4:7-16

Body of Christ

Tuesday

Proverbs 8:4-21

The Riches of Wisdom

Ephesians 5:15-20

Walk as Wise

Wednesday

Daniel 1:1-21

God Makes Daniel Wise

Luke 1:46b-55

God Makes Mary Wise

Daily

Psalm 124

Our Help

Preparation for Sunday, June 23

Thursday

Isaiah 56:9-12

Israel's Corrupt Leaders

Romans 2:17-29

Inward & Outward Faithfulness

Friday

Isaiah 57:1-13

The Futility of Lawlessness

Galatians 3:15-22

The Purpose of the Law

Saturday

Isaiah 59:1-8

Your Iniquities Have Made a Separation

Matthew 9:27-34

Eyes Opened & Demons Cast Out

Daily

Psalm 22:19-28

The LORD is King

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

What is the pragmatic value of the Doctrine of the Trinity? It is clearly taught in the Bible and yet, what practical difference does it make that The Father, The Son, and The Spirit are one?

The Early Church Fathers maintained that no one would be saved if they did not believe the Doctrine of the Trinity.

They at least thought that this Truth mattered so much that it was a matter of eternal life or death.

Warmly,
Steve

Sunday Worship Services: 9 AM and 10:30 AM
Children's Sunday School: 9 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

Trinity Sunday

Today we reflect on the mystery that God is one

God, in three distinct Persons. As the Westminster Shorter Catechism says,

“There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.” God’s tri-unity means that these three Persons exist in perfect community. And we, bearing His image, are created by Him for communion with Him and with one another.

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

“We must have God teach the heart as well as the brain. He must teach not only the truths themselves, as they be discovered, but the love of them, the faith of them, the practice of them.

And only He can do this, He only can teach the heart, He only can discover the bent of the heart. Only the Spirit can do it.”

– Richard Sibbes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Romans 5:1-2

The First Word

Because we believe God initiates with sinners, we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand,

And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

1. All creatures of our God and King;
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam.

*O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2. O rushing wind that art so strong
You clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
O rising moon, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice!

*"Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted!" – Psalm 148:13
Text: Francis of Assisi (1225), trans. William H. Draper (1926) Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (arr. Vaughan Williams)*

3. All you who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

4. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

Welcome

*Visitors, we are glad you are here. Following the service, please join
Pastor Steve Shelby for coffee in the Gallery.*

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Chris & Ellen Cobb (10:30 AM)

Pastor Joe Brown presented
this morning's new members
and administered the
sacrament of baptism.

Covenant Baptisms

Benjamin Rhys Myrick (9 AM)
Josephine Joy Cobb & Eve Michelle Cobb (10:30 AM)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 8:1, 22-23, 27-31

Does not wisdom call?

“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.”

“When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.”

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**You have set Your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
You have established strength because of Your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,
what is man that You are mindful of him,
and the son of man that You care for him?

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

Pray for Our Church, Our City, and the World. This week:

- For West End Presbyterian Church: For the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, making us wise & humble worshippers of the Lord.
- For the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For chaplains, jail and prison ministries, half-way houses, work-release programs, and after-care programs.
- For the Prison Discipleship Ministry of the James River Presbytery.

*Psalm 8. To the choirmaster:
according to The Gittith.
A Psalm of David.*

OFFERING

The offering isn't just about money. Our response to the Gospel goes much deeper—God demands our whole selves. The act of giving in worship is a part of offering ourselves as “living sacrifices” to God (Rom. 12:1).

If you missed today's offering and wish to give, or if you would like to submit your tear-off, the elders at the front of the sanctuary who are available for prayer following the service will be glad to receive them.

SONG OF PRAISE

LORD, SANCTIFY YOUR CHURCH

Breathe in me, Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may be holy.
Act in me, Holy Spirit,
that my work may be holy.

Draw my heart, Holy Spirit,
that I love what is holy.
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,
to defend what is holy.

Guard me,
Guard me,
Guard me now, Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.
Amen.

*“And when he had said this,
he breathed on them and said
to them, ‘Receive the Holy
Spirit.’” —John 20:22*

Text: A Prayer of
Augustine of Hippo (4th c.)
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30 AM)

During the 10:30 AM service, children (pre-K to second grade) are dismissed for Children's Worship. See p.15 for more information.

SCRIPTURE READING

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

John 16:12-15

SERMON

A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at wepc.org/sermons.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus. They did as He had directed them, and prepared the Passover. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

from Matthew 26:17-29

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*from The Valley of Vision,
"The Spirit's Work"*

Confession & Encouragement

Often we find that our hearts are worshipping something other than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes our hearts and minds and graciously shows us what we mistakenly believe will give us life. Jesus is good to lead us from sorrow over our sin to the sweetness of His grace.

O God the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, have mercy on me.

When You first hovered over chaos, order came to birth, beauty robed the world, and fruitfulness sprang forth.

I pray that You move upon my disordered heart;

Take away the sickness of ungodly desires and hateful lusts;

Lift the mist and darkness of unbelief;

Brighten my soul with the pure light of truth;

Make it fragrant as the garden of paradise, rich with every goodly fruit, beautiful with heavenly grace.

Show the blessings of Christ to my soul;

Through You may I daily learn more

of His love, grace, compassion, faithfulness and beauty.

Lead me to the Cross and show me His wounds.

Help me to find in His death the reality and immensity of His love.

Increase my faith in the clear knowledge of atonement achieved, expiation completed, satisfaction made, guilt done away with, my debt paid, my sins forgiven, my person redeemed, my soul saved, hell vanquished, heaven opened, and eternity made mine.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Timothy 1:15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us.

Wine is in the outer ring of the communion tray, grape juice is in the inner rings. All bread is gluten-free.

Please come forward as you are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper individually, with a friend, or as a family.

If you need special assistance and are not able to come forward for Communion, raise your hand and we will come to you at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper.

Elders & Deacons are glad to pray for your children who have not yet become communing members. If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please mark today's tear-off or contact the WEPC office.

SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

TRINITY SONG

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus
Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you all."
– II Corinthians 13:14*

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Holy Father, Son, and Spirit;
Holy Communion, Three in One.

Come with Your peace, with Your invitation;
Bind us together in holy love.

THE LORD OUR GOD

*"Know therefore that the
LORD your God is God; he
is the faithful God."
– Deuteronomy 7:9*

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1. Promise maker, promise keeper,
You finish what you begin.
Our provision through the desert,
You see it through till the end,
You see it through till the end.

*The Lord our God is ever faithful,
Never changing through the ages.
From this darkness You will lead us,
And forever we will say,
"You're the Lord our God!"*

2. In the silence, in the waiting,
Still we can know You are good.
All Your plans are for Your glory,
Yes, we can know You are good!
Yes, we can know You are good!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!
 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 - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the mor - ning our song shall rise to Thee.
 cas - ting down their gol - den crowns a - round the glas - sy 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;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!
 che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim fal - ling 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 migh - ty!

God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!
 Who wert and art, and e - ver - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty!

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" – Revelation 4:8
 Text: Reginald Heber (1826) Tune: NICAEA (Dykes)

DOXOLOGY

*“Let everything that has
breath praise the LORD.”
– Psalm 150:6*

*Text: Thomas Ken (1709)
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH
(Bourgeois, 1551)*

What does “doxology” mean?

It’s derived from two Greek words meaning “glory” and “word.” A doxology, then, is a spoken word or song that ascribes glory to God. Today’s doxology calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-in-one) nature.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Last Word

God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing.

After the service, the Elders are available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you or for you, and to answer questions about the sermon or West End Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today’s sermon. **WEPC Elder & Neighborhood Outreach Director Changjwok Deng** led worship. Music was led by **Kevin Shaffer**, along with **Becca Wethered, Tyler Pease, Jamison Taggart, and Gordon Collier.**