

***Response**

#307 (*verse 4*), "God of Grace and God of Glory"
Cwm Rhondda

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving Thee whom we adore,
serving Thee whom we adore.**

***A Brief Statement of Faith** (*Pages 37-38, "Glory to God" hymnal*)

II. The Community Hears the Word of God

First Lesson

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17, page 533, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

 "Laudate Dominum," from **Vespers for the Confessor**

W. A. Mozart
Whitney McColley, soprano
Translation: O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him,
all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us:
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the
Lord.

Time for Children

Second Lesson

Matthew 22:16-21, page 23, NRSV
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Rendering to God"
Rev. Roger J. Gench

III. The Community Responds to the Word

*Sermon Hymn

#541, "God be with You Till We Meet Again"
Randolph

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission *Planned Giving Committee*

Giving of Morning Tithes and Offerings

(8:45) *Participants come forward, bringing their bulletins, personal belongings, and offerings. After placing your offering in one of the plates on the communion table, please form a circle around the chancel. We will then partake of communion and end worship in a circle.*
(11:00) *Offering will be collected by the ushers from the pews. Please remain seated.*

Offertory 11:00

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
Grosser Gott, arr. Arnatt

***Response**

#607, "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Doxology

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

***Prayer of Dedication** *from Psalm 116*

Bountiful are Your gifts to us, O God. In gratitude we offer our hearts to Your service. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon Your name. By Your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with our Risen Lord. Amen.

Communion with Prayers of the People

Invitation

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Prayers of the People

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of the universe... Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Response "Holy, Holy"
Holy, Holy (Irregular)
**Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Let us pray for God's rule on earth, as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

(8:45) *Participants receive communion from servers going around the circle. Please take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake, and remain at the front of the Sanctuary for the close of the worship service.*
(11:00) *Please partake of bread when received; hold the cup until all have been served so that we may commune together.*

(There is a Gluten Free communion set available; raise your hand for a pastor to respond.)

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, We thank You that You have fed us in the Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Sending Hymn

#681 (*verses 1-3*), "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"
Nun Danket All' Und Bringet Ehr'

**1 This is the day the Lord hath made;
the hours are all God's own.
Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad,
and praise surround the throne.**

**2 Hosanna to the anointed King,
to David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
salvation from the throne.**

**3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power
with messages of grace,
who comes in this accepted hour
to save our sinful race.**

*Commissioning to Ministry and Benediction

*Congregational Response Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"
Nicaea, arr. Livingston

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The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for *the volunteers who count the tithes and offerings* by members and friends of the congregation through their contributions to the Flower Fund.

On April 27, the flowers in the chancel were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Charles and Isabella Stott and their grandson, Jonathan Rice*, by *Lillian Rice and Lucy Ann Niven*.

We wish to thank Whitney McColley for her participation in worship this morning.

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