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The Worship of God  
May 3, 2026 • 11:00 AM



Caravaggio - *The Cardsharps* - 1594



Third Baptist Church

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**We invite you to silence all cell phones and other devices.**

*\* = Please stand in body or spirit*

### Prelude

Lansin Lim Kimler

Francis Pott: Swallows (from A House of Ghosts)

*Last week we enjoyed a piano solo from Francis Pott (b. 1957), one of Britain's leading classical composers and former chair in composition at West London University. Today we hear another of his pieces dating back to the 1990s. In this, Francis recalls lying somewhere on a hill in open country on a fine day years before, idly watching swallows wheeling high above in a clear sky.*

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## Introit

Choir

arr. William H. Harris: This Joyful Eastertide

*The English words to this traditional Dutch carol are by the Rev. George Woodward (1848 – 1934), both a parish priest and an accomplished linguist. This week's arrangement is by William H. Harris (1883 – 1973), who was for three decades the Organist of St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, and who was therefore closely associated with the royal family, from teaching piano to the young princesses Elizabeth (later Queen Elizabeth II) and Margaret, to composing both liturgical and occasional music for public celebrations. Before his appointment to Windsor Castle, Harris served several English cathedrals including Christ Church, Oxford. He wrote music on both a small and a large scale, ever mindful of the varying needs of different congregations: we also use today the music he composed to enhance The Lord's Table.*

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.

My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Had Christ, who once was slain,*

*Ne'er burst his three-day prison,*

*Our faith had been in vain:*

*But now has Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:

Till trump from east to west, shall wake the dead in number.

*Refrain.*

Death's flood has lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:

Lover of souls, from ill, my passing soul deliver.

*Refrain.*

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## Welcome

David Sanjay

Leader: We invite you to greet one another either here, or online by reaching out in the Chat or through a text or email. And we will conclude this Welcome in our traditional way with the Doxology.

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ and Doxology #815

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.

### The Table of the Lord

Music for Communion: William H. Harris: A Simple Communion Service in F

### Words of Preparation

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,  
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory:  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
And to Thee, O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
and to Thee, O God, the Holy Ghost.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:  
That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art the most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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## Invitation to the Table

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

## The Bread

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!

## The Cup

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us;  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us;  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

## The Parting Blessing

### \*Hymn of Communion

#105 Twila Paris's We Will Glorify

WE WILL GLORIFY

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## Offertory Prayer

Candace Thomas

## Offertory Meditation

Lansin Lim Kimler

Lloyd Larson: Twila Paris's "We Will Glorify"

*A near contemporary of Francis Pott, Paris (b. 1958) is an American contemporary Christian music singer, songwriter, author, and pianist. Since 1980, Paris has released 28 albums, amassed 33 number one Christian Radio singles, and was named the Gospel Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year three years in a row. Her signature song, which we just sang, is here arranged by a lifelong church musician now residing in the Twin Cities (MN): Larson (b. 1954) studied at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville (KY), before serving as a Minister of Music in Indiana and Ohio.*

## Poem

Jerry Bryan

Charles Anthony Silvestri: May (written for TBC)

*Here is the sonnet for May that was specially written in 2024 for Third by the Kansas poet, Charles Anthony Silvestri.*

We live as though our bodies last an age;  
And tell ourselves there'll be another day.  
The book of life turns yet another page;  
Today becomes another yesterday.  
So "carpe diem!" poets often write,  
Exhorting us life's pleasures to enjoy.  
In most respects these poets have it right:  
We seize the day ere Death comes to destroy.  
But Death cannot ensnare us whole in thrall,  
As part of us transcends today's desire.  
Our spirits answer to a higher call,  
And towards our own salvation must aspire.  
Oh, die before you die, I say, don't wait;  
For otherwise it will have been too late.

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## Anthem

Choir

### George Oldroyd: Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones

*Oldroyd (1886 – 1951) trained at London University where he subsequently served as Professor of Music. He assisted with the music at several parish churches in London, but his primary calling was that of an educator. The verses are provided by Athelstan Riley (1858 – 1945), an Anglican antiquarian and writer much drawn to the early hymns of the Orthodox Church.*

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels's choirs:  
*Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord:  
*Refrain*

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song:  
*Refrain*

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One:  
*Refrain*

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## Scripture Reading

2 Peter 2:20

Chidi Okafor

For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overpowered, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

Letter from Babylon: Miasmata

Dr. Tommy Simons

## \*Hymn of Invitation and Declaration

#112 Give To Our God Immortal Praise

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## Sung Benediction

Led by Rev. Drew Phillips and Youth

Based on Matthew XXII, 37 – 40, with music by William H. Harris

Leader: Jesus said: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

This is the first and greatest commandment.”

Choral Response:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Leader: And the second commandment is like the first: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Choral Response:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these the laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

## Postlude

Lansin Lim Kimler

Howard Helvey: All Creatures of Our God and King

*Helvey (b. 1968) was born in Columbia (MO), and studied at the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, where he subsequently settled. He has long served as Organist to Calvary Episcopal Church in that city. Here he elaborates upon the majestic tune we have heard twice already in the Anthem and final hymn. It was first published in 1623 in a hymnal printed in Cologne, Germany, which itself was an adaptation of a Lutheran tune created in 1525 to sing verses from Psalm 119.*

## Prayer List

### Nursing care and rehab facilities

Delilah Canning, Friendship Village, Chesterfield, MO

Juanita Wallis, Cape Albeon, Valley Park, MO

Margaret Warman, Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield, Chesterfield, MO

### Praying for our Missionaries

Dr. Dan and Sarah Chetti – Middle East and Northern Africa

Jana Lee – Cyprus

Scarlette Jasper – Corbin, Kentucky, USA

Kihomi Ngwemi & Nzunga Mabudiga – Dominican Republic

Dr. Tim and Kathy Rice – The Democratic Republic of the Congo

Kit Ripley – Northern Thailand

### Prayer Requests

Harold Beasley

Fran Blake

Jersey Dukes

Glass Family of Maui

LaVerne Graham

Adam Grisson

Judith Hawk

Peggy Hemphill

Laverne Hulett

Glenn Jefferies

Chris Lee

Herma Nelson, Ruby Whiteside's sister

Dr. Tim Rice

Declan Rutan

Officer Steve, School Security Guard

Karen Stewart

Lydia Thiems

Alice Worrell



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## Calendar for May 3 – 10

### Sunday, May 3

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold
- 12:00 PM Quarterly Business Meeting

### Wednesday, May 6

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:15 PM Dinner and Adult Bible Study, Room 2
- 5:45 PM Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Sunday, May 10

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold

## **Pastoral and Music Staff**

Dr. Tommy Simons, Pastor

Rev. Drew Phillips, Minister to Families

Dr. Philip Barnes, Director of Music

Lansin Lim Kimler, Pianist

