

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Master Tallis's Testament

Collin Miller
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downward;
give me an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out;
give me an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.
Bestow on me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know you,
diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you,
and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

—Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225–1274)

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Worship

J. Harold Moyer, 1969

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker;
for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. —*Psalm 95:6-7*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 98)

Pastor: O sing to the Lord a new song,

People: for God has done marvelous things.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN (see back pages)

God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

Abbot's Leigh

st. 3 desc. and harm. Antony Baldwin (b. 1957)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world?

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Forgive us, O God. Nourish us again at this Table, so that we might blossom with a whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

from the Russian Orthodox tradition

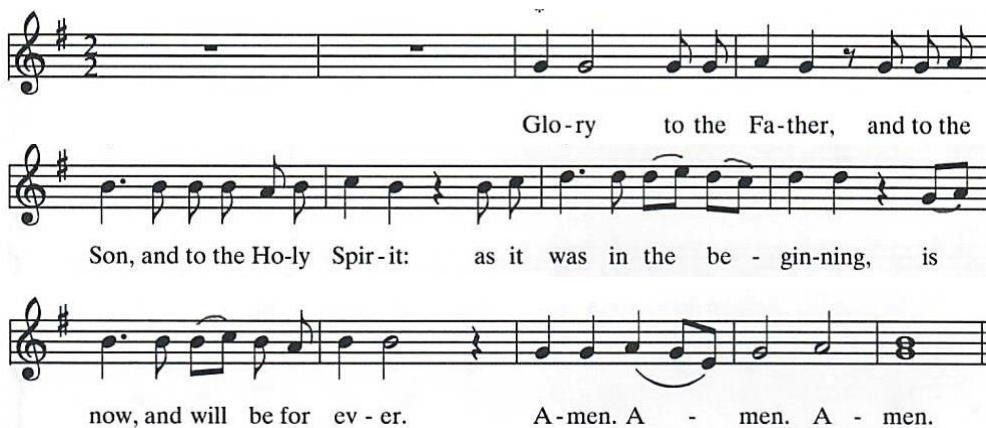
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

-Greek, 5th-6th centuries

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

John Weaver, 1978



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is
now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

Latin, 3rd/4th centuries; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children age 4 through 5th grade may now leave to go to their Sunday School classes.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gary Gibson, lay reader

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 96)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 109)

SERMON

"An Abiding Love"

Dr. Miller

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

St. Catharine

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Please visit <https://ryepc.com/give/> to give online. If you do not have your offering with you today, "Gift cards" are in the pews so that you may participate in this portion of worship by placing one in the offering plate.

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1580)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he will give you another Comforter;
that he may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.

-John 14:15-17a

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND GREAT 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you, O God, creator of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you and to live in peace with your creation. When we rebelled against you, you did not abandon us, but sent prophets to call us back to your way. Then in the fullness of time, you sent your only Son to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Therefore we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever praise your name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert Powell, 1976



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

-Isaiah 6:3b, Revelation 4:8, and Psalm 118:25-26

Holy God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, welcomed sinners, and proclaimed good news to the poor. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he reigns with you in glory and will come again to make all things new.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

In union with your Church in heaven and on earth, we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose in us and in all the world. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please come forward to receive communion by intinction: take a piece of bread and dip it in a cup.

Wine is in the ceramic cups and grape juice is in the silver chalices.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the station in front of the lectern.

MUSIC FOR ORGAN

Aria [op. 51]

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Surge Ecclesia

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN (*All are invited into the chancel to listen to the postlude.*)

Sixty Short Pieces: 1. Introduction

Flor Peeters

* Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time of worship. So that we may get to know you better, please fill out an information card found in the pew racks and put it in the offering plate.

You may also go to: <https://ryepc.com/im-new/> and fill out the Welcome Form online.

If you or a family member need to step out of the sanctuary during worship, please feel free to do so. There is live audio from the service in the narthex at the back of sanctuary and live video in the church library.

The sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop assistive listening system. To access the system, please switch your hearing aid setting to "T" (telephone).

*The Chancel flowers are given
by Amber Nee, in loving memory of Owen and David.*

Participating in worship:

Solene Thinat, crucifer

*Barbara Cummings, Ashley Ginnings, Nancy Kennedy, and Susan Morison, ushers
Carl Friedrich, Gary Gibson and Nancy Kennedy, communion servers*

TODAY

A Special Spring Coffee Hour will follow worship in the Assembly Room.

New Member Discussions – 11:15 a.m., Library

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 11:15 a.m., Chapel

Middle School Connection – 3:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

High School Youth Group – 6:00 p.m., Youth Rooms



CHILDCARE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare for ages 3 months through 3-year-olds is being offered this Sunday! Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing.

Please make sure to sign up your children for Childcare using the form on our [website](#).

Sunday School for ages 4 through 5th grade is being offered this Sunday as well. Classes for age 4-3rd grade are on the second floor of the Education Wing, and 4th -5th grade are in the Westminster Room.

There is no middle school Sunday School class this Sunday. We encourage our youth to join us in worship as we celebrate communion together!

To register, visit our website at (<https://ryepc.com/ministries/children/>).



The Fellowship & Formation Committee and the Deacons will host a special spring coffee hour in the Assembly Room following worship. A light brunch will be served, with opportunities for fun, engagement and fellowship. We hope you will join us for conversation and activities for all ages!

Starting Today, May 5

A New Prison Ministry Opportunity

“I WANT TO UNDERSTAND”

This is an opportunity for two different groups to share in meaningful dialogue. This will be an interactive discussion group on Zoom, held the first Sunday of every month from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The group will consist of formerly incarcerated men and women and members from the church and community. The size of the group will be limited to facilitate more discussion. The group will be led by Michael Steedly, a formerly incarcerated individual, and Nancy Steed, long-time church member. For more information or to participate, contact Nancy Steed at (914) 588-8952, or at rpc.iwant2understand@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 6

9:15 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion - Zoom

7:30 p.m. Personnel – Conference Room

Tuesday, May 7

1:00 p.m. Women’s Discipleship – Library/Hybrid

7:30 p.m. Moms’ Bible Study – Library

Wednesday, May 8

5:00 p.m. Thrift Evening Sale – Assembly & Youth Rooms

7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting – Library

Thursday, May 9

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

7:00 p.m. Coming Home Dinner – Westminster Room

Friday, May 10

9:30 a.m. Women's Association Monthly Meeting - Library

Saturday, May 11

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

GENERAL NOTICES



GIVING AT RPC

Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page (ryepc.com/give/), or you may scan the QR Code to the left with your cell phone. You may also use Zelle from your mobile banking app. Please contact the church office to register with us first. Contact Maida Robinson at 914-967-0842 or email mrobinson@ryepc.com, if you have any questions. *Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!*

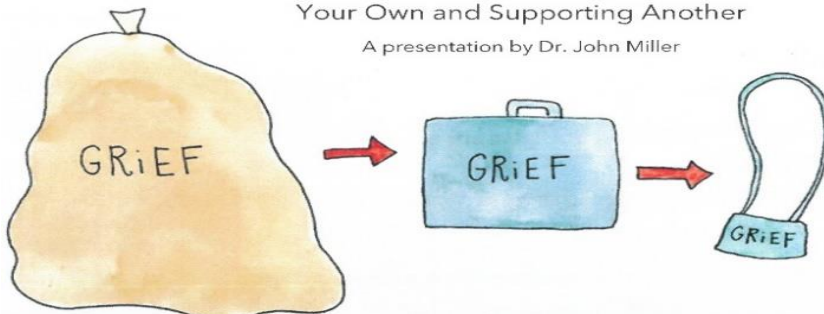


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Carrying the Weight of Grief

Your Own and Supporting Another

A presentation by Dr. John Miller



Tuesday, May 14th from 7-8 PM

Rye Presbyterian Church – The Chapel

Let us know if you plan to attend by emailing jmiller@ryepc.com

Presented by The Stephen Ministry Leadership Team and
The Fellowship and Formation Committee

CHURCH STAFF

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God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him (Abbot's Leigh)

Text: Timothy Rees

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Gloria Patri (Glory to the Father)

Music: John Weaver

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Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, holy, holy Lord!)

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Aria

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Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen (Surge Ecclesia)

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien Music: Timothy J. Strand

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Music: Flor Peeters

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God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

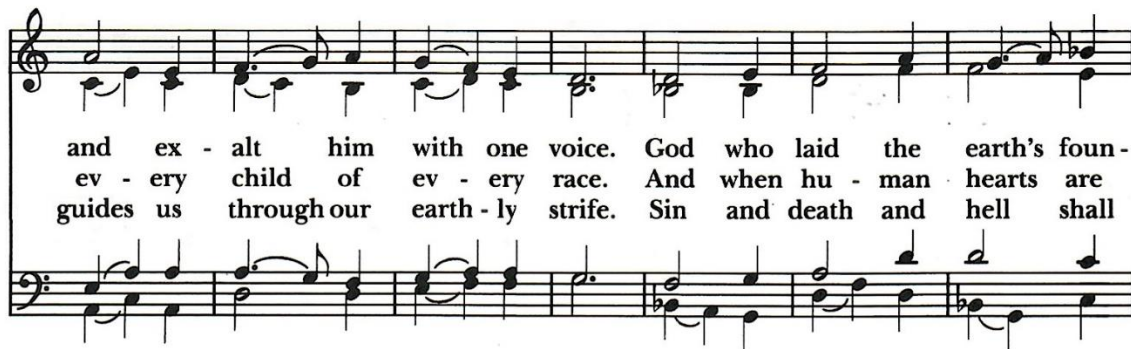
Abbot's Leigh



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Text: Timothy Rees (1874-1939); alt.
 Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1940

(worship time)

{worship text(s)}

KEY words
WHAT STANDS OUT?

VERBS:

ADJECTIVES:

NOUNS:

favorite PHRASE:

THIS TEXT MADE ME THINK OF:

BRAIN DUMP & connections

SERMON

Notes:

sermon take away:
