



ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

November 17, 2024 at 10 AM

Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church
500 McKennans Church Road, Wilmington DE
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Rooted in Love, Lighting the Way

Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home!

Please visit the welcome cart in the narthex to learn more about our community.

GATHER

PRAYER FOR PEACE

(a silent prayer)

God of Hope, on this and every day, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth, from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe that, together with our brothers and sisters around the world, we might dream together, pray together and work together to build one world of peace and justice for all. Amen.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Kara M. Lieberman, Rich Morgart & Glen Noble, Evelyn Svensson

Many: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God surrounded by glory:

Many: **You notice the people that we walk past.**

One: Jesus, healer of the hopeless:

Many: **In you, we find ourselves sitting side by side at your table.**

(continued)

One: Spirit of Compassion:
Many: Sow love in our hearts,
One: that the poor might find in us a friend;
Many: Sow peace in our spirits,
One: That the angry might find in us a sea of hope;
Many: Sow generosity in our hand,
One: That the hungry might find in us their daily bread.
Many: Let us worship God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 15 All Creatures of Our God and King**

Your procession has come into view, O God, the procession of my God and my King into the sanctuary. In front are the singers, after them the musicians; with them are ones playing tambourines... there is the little tribe of Benjamin, leading them." (Psalm 68:24)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: Friends, we are invited to God's dinner party, where all are welcome and the table is never full. Yet we confess that we often keep the invitation to ourselves, forgetting that God's grace is meant to be shared. Let us come to this moment of confession, knowing that at God's table, there is always room for mercy, forgiveness, and renewal. Let us bring our hearts honestly before the Host who invites us in love.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Many: God of love and mercy, we confess that too often we have kept your invitation to the table for ourselves. We have excluded others, and denied them their place. Forgive us for the times when we have hoarded your grace, when we have failed to see that your table is open for all.

One: We confess that we have come to your table seeking our own satisfaction, instead of seeking communion with you and one another. Forgive us for the times we have been divided by pride, when we have ignored the needs of our neighbors.

Many: Gather us in, Lord, reconcile us to one another, and renew our hearts, that we might truly reflect your love in the world, and come together as one family at your feast of grace. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the good news: The Host of the heavenly banquet is always ready to welcome us back, no matter how many times we've stayed away or

kept others from the feast. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are invited once again to join the party. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE Goodness of God *(sing twice)*

All my life You have been faith - ful. All my life You have been so,
— so good. With ev - 'ry breath that I am a - ble I will sing
— of the good - ness of God...

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION *Marcus Reen Kocher, son of Victor Summerville & Alison K. Kocher*

HYMN 482, vs. 1 Baptized in Water

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.***

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & BAPTISM

HYMN 482, vss. 2,3 Baptized in Water

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
One with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.***

***Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.***

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Many: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

LISTEN

MUSICAL OFFERING I Love to Tell the Story †
(congregation is invited to join in singing verse 3)

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS 1 Corinthians 3.5-15; Matthew 7.24-27

SERMON Red Clay Creek Tough: Built to Last!
Rev. Dr. K. Edward Brandt

HYMN 475 **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

RESPOND

GENEROSITY 2024: 302 IN THE 302

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Today we will dedicate our financial pledges to the good work of this congregation. At this time, we invite everyone to come forward to place completed pledge cards & this morning's offering in the basket at the front. If worshipping from home, we invite you to make either a one time or recurring donation or 2025 pledge by going to rcpc.org/pledge.



MUSICAL OFFERING I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 1 **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

*BENEDICTION



† Today's anthem "I Love to Tell the Story" was commissioned by Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church to celebrate its 300th anniversary on November 20, 2022, from internationally known composer and arranger Mark Hayes. The arrangement features a "new" tune to the familiar words of the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story of Jesus and His Love"—intentionally selected because Red Clay has been telling Jesus' story for over 300 years!



A warm welcome today to our guest pastor and dear friend, The Rev. Dr. K. Edward Brandt! Ed Brandt is currently pastor of Lely Presbyterian Church, in Naples, Florida, following nearly 32 years of service in the National Guard and having served pastorates in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and California. Most recently, Ed served as the executive pastor for Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Ed served at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church from 1999-2006.

Ed is married to the former Jane Stewart. He is the father of three children with a daughter living in Fishers, Indiana; a son living in Eugene, Oregon; and a son living in Lititz, Pennsylvania. Jane and Ed spoil their three granddaughters and their beautiful Akita named Brownie. Jane is a flight attendant with Southwest Airlines and has over 30 years in the airline industry. Jane and Ed are very excited about being here in Wilmington to help Red Clay celebrate this special 302nd anniversary of the church!

Thanks to today's worship participants:

Martin Hargrove, *Soloist*
Festival Choir, *Music Ministry*
Nancy James, *Usher Captain*
Mary Norris, *Greeter*

Join us for refreshments & fellowship in Founders Hall following the postlude.

Today's soloist and choir section leaders are brought to you through gifts from the Naylor and Music Memorial funds.

The flowers today are given in loving memory of grandson Jack DeMesquita, from Karen & Steve Beare.

Through a series of in-person messages, devotionals, and worship opportunities, we hope to keep you connected to—and nurtured by—the Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church community. Make sure you're signed up for our Thursday eNews, Facebook, and Instagram accounts. Visit www.rccpc.org.



WELCOME

New Members

Rich Morgart & Glen Noble

Rich Morgart, a native of the Southern Tier in New York, and Glen Noble, originally from Louisiana, met in Upstate New York in March 2003. They spent about 11 years in Rochester, New York, before relocating to Landenberg, PA, in the summer of 2012. They were married in Wilmington in October 2014. Active members of First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Rich served on Session, while Glen was the Chair of Deacons. Their daughter, Wellesleigh, turned

7 in October 2024 and is currently in 1st grade. Their son, Baird, turned 5 in October 2024 and is enrolled in an early education program. The Morgart-Noble family shares their home with two rescue dogs, Oliver and Oscar. They love traveling the U.S. and inter-nationally, with their favorite vacation spot being the beach, including an annual trip to Provincetown, MA.



WELCOME

New Members



Evelyn Dickinson Swensson

Evelyn Dickinson Swensson presents herself today as a familiar face to Red Clay with a recognizable musical talent. Evelyn worked on her Masters in Music at West Chester University back when Jeffrey Miller and Barb Vanderkraats were enrolled as undergraduates! She served as Director of Music at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Camden, South Carolina for five years. While she filled the same role locally at Aldersgate United Methodist Church from 1969 to 2002, Evelyn also contributed substantially to the Delaware vocal scene as a soloist, pianist, conductor and composer of 12 musicals performed at OperaDelaware's Family Theater and beyond. Currently a resident at Cokesbury, Evelyn is pleased to join the lively and loving congregation of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian in worship and fellowship, as pictured at our Kirkin' o' the Tartan.

WELCOME

New Members



Kara M. Lieberman

I was born in Louisville, KY in 1956. My mother was Dianne and my father was Erwin, who was a chemical engineer at DuPont. My father also served in the US Army; he was on Omaha Beach in France on D-Day. I am a member of the Newark Senior Center for 16 years, where I help out with the armchair exercise class. I am also a member of the NSC Songbirds, who performs at rehab and nursing facilities across Delaware and at the Newark Senior Center. I like to play Bingo and shuffleboard, Rummicube, Mexican Train Dominos, playing trivia, and watching Jeopardy. I've been attending Red Clay since 2007.

Red Clay Creek Presbyterian invites you
to its *Signature Services* during the coming year.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE — December 24th, 2024

- ◆ Family Service with Impromptu Pageant | 4PM
- ◆ Holy Night Service with Candlelight | 8PM
- ◆ Candlelight & Communion | 11PM

ROOTS AND RAYS SERVICE CHALLENGE 2025

A month-long service effort beginning in January of each year, that directs our intention to the needs of our community.

HOLY WEEK 2025

- ◆ Maundy Thursday — April 17th | 7PM
- ◆ Good Friday — April 18th | 12PM
- ◆ Easter Sunday — April 20th | 10AM

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN — May 18th, 2025 | 10AM

Kirk is the Scottish word for church, so a church celebration and blessing of the tartans in our Presbyterian church honors both local and church heritage since it was the Scots who brought the Presbyterian Church to America.

OUTDOOR SERVICE & PICNIC — June 1st, 2025 | 10AM

Join us in the back meadow for worship and our annual picnic.

SUMMER ARTS CAMP — JULY 14th-18th, 2025 | 9AM-12PM

Kids K-5 will have music, drama, visual arts, snacks, and FUN, culminating with bingo and performance night July 18th, as well as Youth Sunday on July 20th.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY — September 7th, 2025 | 10AM

We mark our return to regular church programming with the start of our fall sermon series and Sunday School kick off.

FALL CELEBRATION SUNDAY — October 26th, 2025 | 10AM

A joyous worship service where we give Bibles to our 3rd graders and dedicate our pledges, followed by outdoor trunk-or-treat and a flag football game.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY — November 16th, 2025 | 10AM

We give thanks for God's many blessings and our rich history of over 300 years.

WELCOME TO RED CLAY

For LARGE print bulletins or children's bulletins, please ask an Usher.
Restrooms are available. Just ask!

Welcome to worship, welcome to Red Clay, welcome home! Rooted in God's abiding love for all, our church is lighting the way for friendship, compassion, and service. Please join us for coffee hour in Founder's Hall after service, and stop by the welcome cart by the front entrance to learn more about our community. We hope you will worship with us again soon! If you are interested in deepening your participation, or if you just love Red Clay, it's time to think about membership! Contact Elder Nancy James at njames19966@gmail.com.

Here at Red Clay, we have numerous groups that are open and that welcome newcomers, including, e.g., Quilters, Crafters, "Friends and Fellowship" free luncheon for seniors, Bible study, ROMEOs ("Retired Old Men Eating Out"), Centering Prayer, "The Arcaders" social group for GenX and Millennials, Breakfast & the Bible with Pastor Nate, and Pickleball. Details can be found at www.rccpc.org!

Children: Nursery care is available from 9:45AM through the conclusion of worship in Room 305 (just down the hallway from the sanctuary). After the Children's Moment, Pre-K - 2nd grade will adjourn to Room 303 and Grades 3-8 will adjourn to Room 202/204.

UPCOMING EVENT SPOTLIGHTS

1. Youth Fall Midnighter: Friday, Nov. 22 at 8 PM-12 AM

Join us for an epic night of fun!! All 6th-12th Graders are welcome. We'll have snacks, games, competitions, and prizes.

2. Church Family Dinner Party: Sunday, Nov. 24 at 11 AM!

We conclude our sermon series with this special dinner in Founders Hall following worship. Advanced reservations are necessary—**RSVP now** at rccpc.org or after worship in Founders Hall. Lasagna, salad, garlic knots & dessert (gluten-free and vegetarian options available). \$15 per Adult; \$10 children 6-12 years; children 5 & under FREE.

RED CLAY CREEK PRESBYTERIAN — MINISTERS, STAFF & CHAIRS

Rev. Dr. Nathaniel D. Phillips, *Senior Pastor/Head of Staff*

Rev. Emily Schwenker, *Parish Associate*

Rev. Dr. Philip Jones, *Parish Associate*

Jeffrey Miller, *Director of Music*

Deena Andrews, *Assistant Director of Instrumental Music and Children's Choir Director*

Lisa Nichols, *Bell Choir Director*

Rachele Gilmore, *Director of Community Life*

Ben Andrews, *Director of Christian Formation*

Jamie Russell, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Barbara Vanderkraats, *Pastoral Care Coordinator*

Judy Lozier, *Nursery Director* ❖ Shelby Beattie, *Sunday School Teacher* ❖ Sofia Martin, *Nursery Support*

Julie Reeder, *Office Coordinator* ❖ Dinyar Vania, *Facilities Manager*

Kelley Norton, *Administrative Assistant* ❖ Anthony M. Condoluci-Smith, *Financial Associate*

Charlie Hannagan, *Technology Support*

A. Leonhard, S. Armstrong, K. Barton, A. Bloom, D. Howarth, J. Schubel, P. Worrell, *Livestream Production*

Sandy Sarjeant, *Clerk of Session* ❖ Sue Gleason, *Deacon Moderator*

Geoff and Pam Meyer, *Belong Chairs* ❖ Nancy James, *Nurture Chair*

Linda Reisor, *Reach Chair* ❖ Lois Galinat, *Rejoice Chair*

Brandon Wallace, *Finance Chair* ❖ John Gast, *Personnel Chair*

Mark Cozine, *Home Chair* ❖ Scott McHenry, *Administration Chair*

Andrew Bloom, *Community Partners* ❖ Marcia Kelly, *Memory Garden Chair*

A NOTE ON THE LOGO

Our church has "roots" in the community that date back to 1722. We have been a good neighbor when we were surrounded by farmland up until now when we are surrounded by the suburbs. Our history helps us remember a time when people helped one another out because that was the right thing to do. We hope to be a sign that this kind of community can still exist. We also believe that, in order for that community to exist, we need to stay "rooted" in the Good News that God has chosen to love us - not because of who we are, but because of who God is. We call that grace.

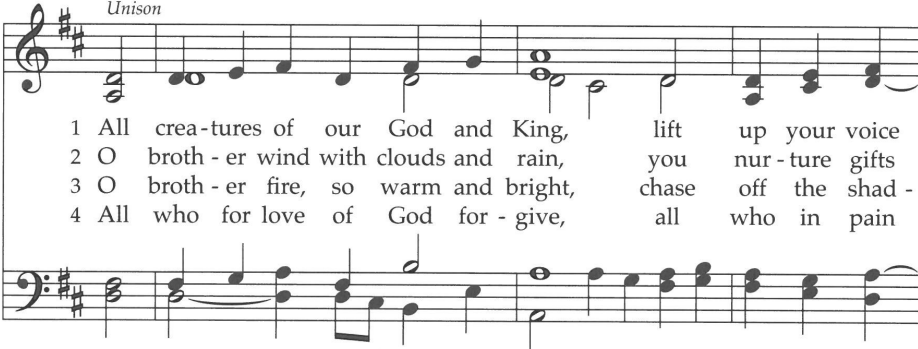
That is where the "rays" come in. We hope to extend our love, and the love we know from the graciousness of God, in many ways today. This means engaging in friendships with those that Jesus would have made friends with - those that feel isolated for any number of reasons. We know we will never be perfect at that, but we will try! We are especially aware that churches have long held back from friendship with others based on age, economics, sexuality, race, disability, and the list goes on. We seek to be something different than that. There are so many stories about how Jesus entered into life-affirming friendships with those that others wouldn't. We seek to be like Jesus.

Right there, in the center of it all, is the **cross**. For us, the cross is a "Tree of Life." It represents how God broke into this world to establish a new way of being alive. It symbolizes how God calls us to love with freedom, with recklessness even, if it means connecting the world to the wonder of God's transformative presence.



15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison



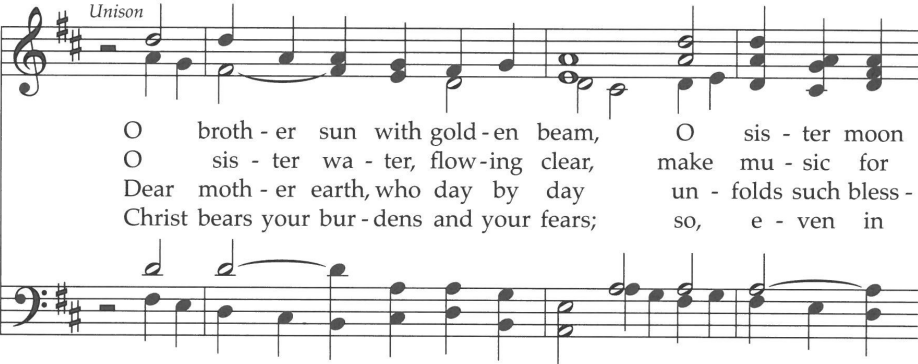
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony



and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison



O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

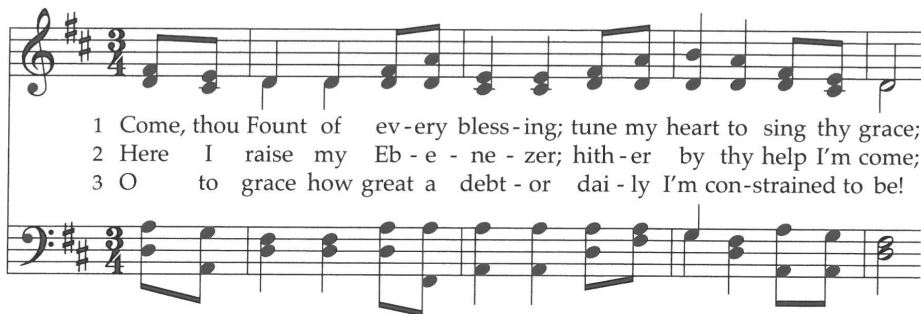
Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

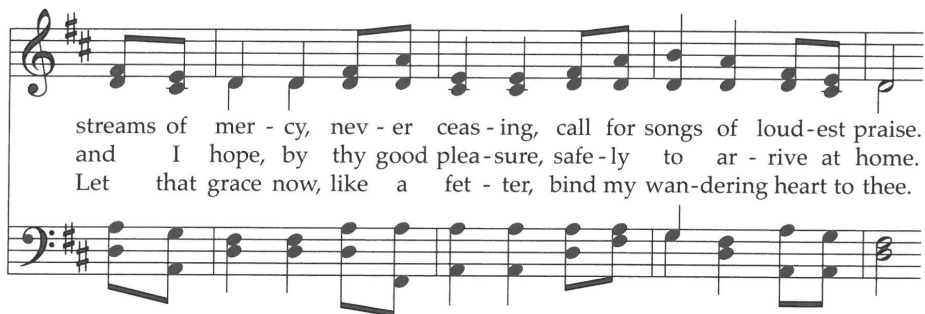
5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

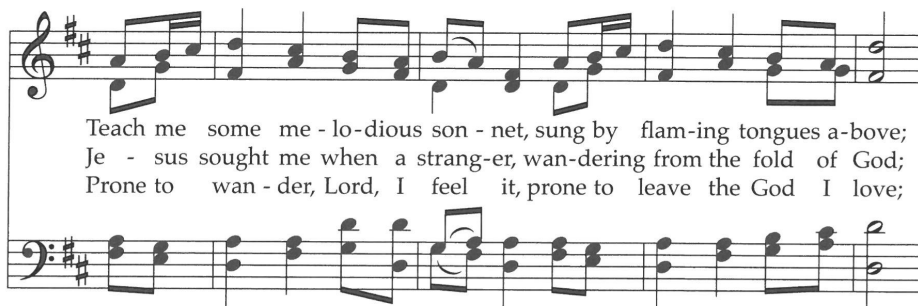
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



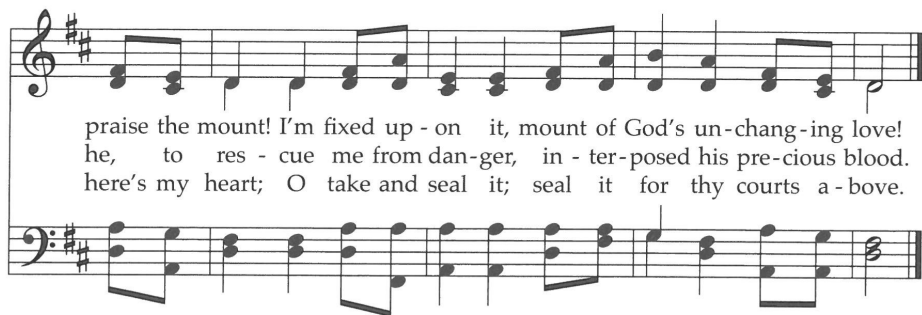
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly, - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
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 - might - y!

The first system of the musical score is in D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a descant in the vocal line, followed by four numbered verses. The accompaniment consists of a treble and bass line. The descant is a melodic line with a long note value, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

The second system continues the musical score. It begins with a descant in the vocal line, followed by the lyrics. The accompaniment continues with the same harmonic structure as the first system. The descant is a melodic line with a long note value, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing 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 might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

SPANISH

- 1 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Señor omnipotente, siempre el labio mío loores te dará.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adoro reverente, Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.
- 2 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La inmensa muchedumbre de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad, ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbre, ante ti que has sido, que eres y serás.
- 3 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Por más que estés velado e imposible sea tu gloria contemplar, santo tú eres sólo y nada hay a tu lado, en poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.
- 4 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La gloria de tu nombre vemos en tus obras, en cielo, tierra y mar.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La humanidad te adore, Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

KOREAN

- 1 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
이른아침우리주를 찬송합니다
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
성삼위일체 우리주로다
- 2 거룩거룩거룩 주의보좌 앞에
모든성도 금면류관 벗어드리네
천군천사 모두주께 굴복하니
영원히 위에 계신 주로다
- 3 거룩거룩거룩 주의 빛난 영광
모든죄인 눈어두워 보지못하네
거룩하신 이가 주님밖에 누구
권능과사랑 온전하셔라
- 4 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
천지만물 주의이름 찬송합니다
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
성삼위일체 우리주로다