

New Birth, Living Hope, Glorious Joy

1 Peter 1:3-9

Redeemer Covenant Church, Brooklyn Park, MN

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Prelude - Bach D Major 532 (excerpt) - Joel Bejot, organ

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Amy Long

Hymn - "Holy, Holy, Holy" #113 in blue hymnal - Naomi Getsch, piano

Verse 1

*Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity*

Verse 2

*Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Which wert and art
And evermore shalt be*

Verse 3

*Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity*

Verse 4

*Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity*

Scripture Readings - Amy Long

Psalm 16 (NIV)

1

Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

2

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."

3

I say of the holy people who are in the
land,

"They are the noble ones in whom is all
my delight."

4

Those who run after other gods will suffer
more and more.

I will not pour out libations of blood to
such gods
or take up their names on my lips.

5
Lord, you alone are my portion and my
cup;
you make my lot secure.

6
The boundary lines have fallen for me in
pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

7
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

8
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be
shaken.

9

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue
rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,

10
because you will not abandon me to the
realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see
decay.

11
You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your
presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right
hand.

John 20:19-22 (NIV)

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." **22** And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Special Music - "Ride On, King Jesus" - Minnetonka Chamber Choir

Arranged by Moses Hogan; Roger Satrang Hoel, Director; Patricia McPherson, Accompanist

Sermon - "New Birth, Living Hope, Glorious Joy" - Pastor Ben

1 Peter 1:3-9 New International Version (NIV)

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, **5** who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. **7** These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, **9** for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hymn - "How Great Thou Art" #8 - Naomi Getsch, piano

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees

When I look down

From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

Verse 3

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Benediction - Pastor Ben

Postlude - Bach D Major 532 (excerpt) - Joel Bejot, organ

Music Notes

*It's a delight to welcome some virtual special guests to today's service. Organist **Joel Bejot** received his Master's Degree at Denver University while my husband Nathan was studying there. Joel and his wife Jessica became dear friends, sharing weekly meals and helping us as we became first time parents. Jessica is currently in week 4 of fighting COVID-19. The **Minnetonka Chamber Choir** was one of many ensembles in the nation's largest community music association, founded by Dr. Roger Hoel. Naomi (Getsch) Bird sang with them from 1999-2002, visiting many local churches to provide special music. The hymn accompaniment music was recorded 16 years ago in Naomi's family living room as part of a CD gift for friends to use in their home church, much as you are today.*

God bless you as you worship remotely! ~Naomi Bird