

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost weekend, 10/18/2020:

Call to Worship -- "GOD IS A HOLY GOD" from Psalm 99:1-3 (NIV)

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble;

God sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Great is the Lord in Zion; God is exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise your great and awesome name—God is holy."

Hymn: "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer" (Grace Community Church) - from Martijn de Groot
{sing along with the word on the screen} (click on link below) --

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXHmt85mbcQ>

Prayer of Confession:

Great God: you have put us to work in the world in order to reap the harvest of your Word. Yet we do not do the reaping. We look to others to do the reaping for us. We have become too busy doing the things we think are most important rather than what you have called us to do. Forgive us, Lord, by your great and never-ending mercy. Teach us to be modest and faithful servants who follow orders willingly, in the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful Son and our loving Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted, that Jesus Christ entered this world to rescue sinner. He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is fresh and good. Dear friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel for in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Junior Sermon: by Pastor Buddy Ward on video (click on link below) --

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/1077819739327211>

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV): Read by Bill Gross on video (click on link below) --

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/393491441676377>

Sermon: "Giving to God" by Pastor Buddy Ward on video (click on link below) --

<https://www.facebook.com/nwpresbyterian/videos/993199561147821>

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" and "The Irish Blessing" as the Benediction and Final Blessing -

(over 300 churches from Ireland sing a blessing over Ireland and beyond)

{sing along with the word printed below} (click on link below to play video) --

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TascsWZPj8U>

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Translator: Mary E. Byrne

Mary Elizabeth Byrne, M.A. (July 2, 1880 – January 19, 1931) was born in Ireland. She translated the Old Irish Hymn, "Bí Thusa 'mo Shúile," into English as "Be Thou My Vision" in *Ériu* (the journal of the School of Irish Learning), in 1905.

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