



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

Thought for the Day before Worship

Much of life is consumed with the task of building and clarifying our identities - coming to terms with who we are. We forge our identities by determining the scope of our personal integrity, the arenas of our commitments, and the direction of our loyalties. The Spirit is a force that works with us in identifying who we are.

Welcome

Prelude

“God’s Time Is Best”

(J.S. Bach)

Introit

Tower Bell

***Call to Worship**

L: Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts;

M: **The whole earth is full of the glory of God.**

L: "I am the Alpha and the Omega", says the Lord, who was, who is and who is to come.

M: **Through Christ we have access in one Spirit to the Father of us all.**

L: Praise the Lord!

M: **The Lord's name be praised!**

L: Let us praise the name of the Lord in song!!

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Loving and gracious God, we are blessed by the beauty of your creating activity in the world and people around us. We thank you for making this world an earthly home for us; thank you for sending Jesus to show the fullness of your mercy and love; thank you for the presence of the Spirit to support and guide us. As stewards of your creation we want to serve others in ways that make a positive and lasting difference. Mobilize us for meaningful ministry in prayerful use of our time and money and resources that your will may be done.

How do we name you, God? What words can we use to describe who you are and what you do? How do we define our relationship with you and what this means for our relationships with one another? We ask these questions in the awareness that our human language is limited and inadequate, but still we come to you in prayer, because we want to give voice to our hopes and needs as well as to our praise and thanksgiving. O God, you reveal yourself to us in a multitude of ways, and on this Trinity Sunday we celebrate you as creator, savior and sustainer. In the assurance of your presence with us may we live each day with a joyful willingness to convey your blessing by all that we say and think and do. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

P: Hear the Good News! It is by God's grace alone that we are saved from the guilt and sin of human life. For in great love and mercy, God gave Jesus to the world in order that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. We are forgiven and spiritually born for eternity. Praise be to God! Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

M: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

From the Major Prophets: Isaiah 6:1-8

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ The pivots^[a] on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph^[b] touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Solo

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

(Chuck Hawkins ~ Soloist)

Why should I be discouraged and why should the shadows fall?

Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home?

When Jesus is my portion, my constant Friend is He,

His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy;

I sing because I'm free;

His eye is on the sparrow

And I know He watches me.

Let not your heart be troubled; these tender words I hear;

And resting on his goodness I lose my doubts and fears;

For by the path He leadeth but one step I may see;

His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy;

I sing because I'm free;

His eye is on the sparrow

And I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted; whenever clouds arise;

When songs give place to sighing; when hope within me dies;

I draw the closer to Him; from care He sets me free;

His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy;

I sing because I'm free;

His eye is on the sparrow

And I know He watches me...

Scripture Lesson

From the Letters of Paul: Romans 8:12-17

¹² So then, brothers and sisters,^[a] we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba!^[b] Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness^[c] with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

The God who brought Israel out of Egypt still calls nations and peoples out of bondage. This is the work of the church, to which we are committed. Wherever truth and freedom are suppressed, we are called to proclaim God’s will for self-giving love and genuine peace. Our offerings help to make this possible.

Offertory

“Thou Art Holy”

(Craig Courtney)

Holy, holy, holy, Thou art holy.
Thou alone art holy, Thou art holy.

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.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

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.

Thou art holy, Thou alone art holy.

Scripture Lesson

From the Gospels: John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus^[a] by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³ Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”^[b] ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.”^[c] ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You^[d] must be born from above.’^[e] ⁸ The wind^[f] blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you^[g] do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.^[h] ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.^[i]

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon "Holy, Holy, Holy" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" (Nicaea)
(vs. 1 & 4)
(see last page)

Memorial Day Tribute

Lord of Life,

We enter into this season of Memorial Day surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses. We remember, first of all, the men and women who are currently serving in the armed forces and we pray for their safe return. We also acknowledge that there are women and men who will not return, as we grieve their passing in the daily news. We pause to honor their service and their sacrifice.

(Silence)

We also pause this hour to give thanks for all the men and women who have served in the nation's armed services. Those who have not served cannot fully imagine the experience of war, but we do know war's aftermath and the toll that it can take on the human heart.

This weekend remembers and acknowledges loss, and so we remember those whom we have loved and lost. We hold their names and their faces in our heart. We recall the gifts they gave to us through the strength of their being, the depth of their love, the courage of their dying, and the fullness of their living.

In the Holy Quiet of this hour, their names surround us and they live with us in blessed memory.

Amen.

Memorial Day Roll of Remembrance

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude *“O God Our Help in Ages Past”* (Gordon Young)

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Tom Williams

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

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136 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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!

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 made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

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!
 which 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!