Trinity Sunday June 4, 2023

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Duo #2 for Flute and Clarinet (K 424) Nancy Warrington, Pamela Johnson Mozart

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship

Celia Weber

Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand;

and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,

knowing that suffering produces endurance,

and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

and hope does not disappoint us,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

In the shadow of God's peace,

in the powerful name of Jesus,

and with the hope of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.

Invocation (Responsively)

Celia Weber

O God of greatness and goodness, not only did you set us apart from the rest of creation, but you made us in your own image.

O Lord, give us grateful hearts and let us rejoice in the presence of our Creator.

O God of might and mercy.

not only did you follow your people into the far country,

but you took up the cross to set them free.

O Lord, give us grateful hearts and let us rejoice in the presence of our Redeemer.

O God of consolation and comfort,

not only did you bring us together in one place,

but you called us to be your witnesses.

O Lord, give us grateful hearts

and let us rejoice in the presence of our Sustainer.

Gracious God, you have revealed yourself to us

in more ways than we can recall or recount.

O Lord, give us grateful hearts

and let us rejoice in the love that will not let us go. Amen.

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Celia Weber

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Together let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Celia Weber

Father, you have come to meet us as we return to you: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Celia Weber

You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When you cry, "Abba! Father!"
it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to the triune God.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

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. A-men. A-men.

Offering Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation As God's dear children, then, take him as your

pattern, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up for us as an offering and a sweet-

smelling sacrifice to God.

Offering

Offertory Passepied Lacome

(Bass Clarinet & Flute)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, we bless you for all your many gifts to us. We return these gifts as a token of our gratitude, longing for the conviction and strength to offer our whole lives to your service. We pray especially today for your blessing on these gifts. Grant them the wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of these gifts. We pray that they will be encouraged in their work, and that their ministry may bear rich fruit in your kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise Song Abide with Me

Abide with me fast falls the eventide The darkness deepens Lord with me abide When other helpers fail and comforts flee Help of the helpless abide with me

Verse 2
Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee
On to the close Lord abide with me

Verse 3
I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me

Verse 4

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness Where is thy sting death where grave thy victory I triumph still abide with me

Verse 5
Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death Lord abide with me

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon The Trinity Celia Weber

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-16

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and we testify that the Father has sent his Son as the world's Savior. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God—God remains in him and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.

Sermon "Trinitarian Love" Rev. Tim Latham

Hymn 267 Come, Thou Almighty King

Responding We respond to God's Word

Sacrament of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

Invitation to the Table

Leader: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you

proclaim the Lord's death until He comes Again!

People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come

again!

Profession of Faith (Belgic Confession) (In Unison)

In keeping with this truth and Word of God we believe in one God, who is one single essence, in whom there are three persons, really, truly, and eternally distinct according to their incommunicable properties namely, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father is the cause, origin, and source of all things, visible as well as invisible. The Son is the Word, the Wisdom, and the image of the Father. The Holy Spirit is the eternal power and might, proceeding from the Father and the Son. Nevertheless, this distinction does not divide God into three. since Scripture teaches us that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit each has his own subsistence distinguished by characteristics yet in such a way that these three persons are only one God. It is evident then that the Father is not the Son and that the Son is not the Father, and that likewise the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son. Nevertheless, these persons, thus distinct, are neither divided nor fused or mixed together.

For the Father did not take on flesh, nor did the Spirit, but only the Son.

The Father was never without his Son, nor without his Holy Spirit, since all these are equal from eternity, in one and the same essence.

There is neither a first nor a last, for all three are one in truth and power, in goodness and mercy.

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Praise Song

Revelation Song

Verse 1 Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus
Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2 Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder Blessing and honor strength and glory And power be to You the only wise King

Verse 3
Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Bernie Hughes, Jim Fox

Postlude