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REFLECTIONS

The Bible is endlessly interesting because it is God's story, and God by nature is himself endlessly interesting. The Bible is an ever-flowing fountain. The more you read it, the more you find its truth and beauty to be inexhaustible. D.A. Carson
Contemporary North American theologian and professor
The Gospel as Center

It is not the strength of your faith but the object of your faith that actually saves you. Timothy J. Keller
Contemporary pastor and author
The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

GATHERING

Here I Am to Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:3, 5, NIV

Leader: Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt His name together.
All: Those who look to Him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer of Adoration

Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth;

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
The third day He arose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places

The Sacrament of Baptism

Margaret Rose Adams
Evan Elijah Gilbert
Owen Michael Harris

Children's Worship:

Parents who wish may send children in K5-3rd Grade to meet their leaders in the Lobby.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Prayer of Confession

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Encouragement

I John 2:1-2, NIV

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Matthew 5:44, NIV

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

The Passing of the Peace

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.*

Worship through Giving

Psalms 24:1, NIV

Be Thou My Vision

THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Daniel 6:19-28, NIV

Reader: Emily Bowen

¹⁹At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

²¹Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! ²²My God sent His angel, and He shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in His sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."

²³The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

²⁴At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

²⁵Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and men of every language throughout the land:

“May you prosper greatly!

²⁶ “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.

“For He is the living God

and He endures forever;

His kingdom will not be destroyed,

His dominion will never end.

²⁷ He rescues and He saves;

He performs signs and wonders

in the heavens and on the earth.

He has rescued Daniel

from the power of the lions.”

²⁸ So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. Jimmy Agan

All Nations Worship Him: Daniel, Jesus, & God's heart for the World, Part 6

SENDING

Mighty to Save

Benediction

Jude 24-25, NIV

Loving our community to life by pursuing gospel restoration