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June 17, 2018
Trinity Season
Why does Jesus give God the title of Father, which expresses family intimacy, when He could have given Him a title that expresses His greatness and transcendence? In question 26, the Westminster Larger Catechism tells us what it is that we affirm when we say that we believe in God the Father almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth. It says that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence, is for the sake of Christ His Son, our God and our Father.

In Him we trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide us with all things necessary for body and soul and will also turn to our good whatever adversity He sends us in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God and willing to do so as faithful Father.

On this Father’s Day, let us worship God the Father as the only perfect father and enjoy the same intimate relationship with Him that Christ enjoys Himself!
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so; Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.
The Love of Our Father

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God, our heavenly Father, because of Christ, the throne of dreadful glory has become the throne of grace. You are overflowing with so much affection for Your children and so ready to forgive that we approach You, fully persuaded that You have no other feelings toward us than those of a father, though we confess we are unworthy of such a father. We confess that we love many things more than we love You. We worship the idols of our own hearts. We make You into someone we want You to be rather than worship You for who You are. We take Your name in vain and slander it by the hypocrisy of our lives. We do not give You the best parts of our time and energy for Your worship and service. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us daily more of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and righteousness, pleasing in Your sight through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon ............................... I Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

Worship of God with the Gifts of God

Offertory Anthem: “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” ........... Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
Blest are they that dwell within Thy house,
They praise Thy name evermore.
How lovely is Thy dwelling place!

The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Calvin Ellis, director

†Prayer of Thanksgiving ................................. Josh Preston

†Greetings

A Word to the Children (8:15)
The Will of Our Father

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (please stand)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 77 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” .... ANDREWS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ................................................. Hosea 11:1-11

(page 757 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON

That Old Testament God

David Bowen

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” .... Stuart Townend

1. How deep the Fa-ther’s love for us, how vast be-yond all mea-
2. Be-hold the Man up-on a cross, my sin up-on His shoul-
3. I will not boast in an-y thing: no gifts, no power, no wis-
sure that He should give His on-ly Son to make a-
ders. A-shamed I hear my mock-ing voice, call out a-
dom. But I will boast in Je-sus Christ, His death and
wretch His trea-
sure. How great the pain of sear-ing loss,
mon the scof-
ers. It was my sin that held Him there,
re-sur-rec-tion. Why should I gain from His re-
ward?
the Fa-
ther turns His face a-way, as wounds which mar the
un-til it was ac-
oc-plished. His dy-
ing breath has
I can-not give an an-
swer; but this I know with
cho-
sen One, bring ma-
ny sons to glo-
ry.
brought me life; I know that it is fi-
nished.
all my heart; His wounds have paid my ran-
son.

BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE:
Festive Toccata from “O God Our Help in Ages Past” ......... Frederick Swann

Indicates congregation standing

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I. Delivers His Children (Hosea 11:1, 3-4)

II. Disciplines His Children (Hosea 11:2, 5-7)

III. Delivers His Children (Hosea 11:8-11)