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PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

July 1, 2018
Trinity Season
Exalt Our Great God

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” .......... arr. Fred Bock
“Gammal fäbodpsalm från Dalarna” ............... Oskar Lindberg
Samuel Metzger, organ

WORD ON WORSHIP .................................................. George Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: “Spirit of the Living God” .......................... IVERSON
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Juana Ellis, Christy Young, Calvin Ellis, soloists

CALL TO WORSHIP .................................................. Josh Preston

†HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 598 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” .... CWM RHONDDA

†INVOCATION (Please lift hands)

†PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 27:1-6 .................................. Amanda Coop (8:15)
Blanche Tosh (11:00)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
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.

Rest in the Love of God

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens,
wider than our wandering, deeper than all our sin. 
Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes,
our drifting from Your ways,
our refusal to love and serve others,
our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
our neglect of Your life-giving Word,
and our indifference to the treasures of heaven. 
Return us to the joy of Your salvation
so that we may desire what is good,
love what You love, and do what You command,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Worship of God With the Gifts of God

Offertory Anthem: “He Leadeth Me”

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav’nly comfort fraught!
Whate’er I do, where’er I be, still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

Sometimes ‘mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden’s bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o’er troubled sea, still ‘tis His hand that leadeth me.
Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, since ‘tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the vict’ry’s won,
E’en death’s cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

A Word to the Children (8:15)
PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 27:1-6

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

he will lift me high upon a rock.

The Power of the Cross is a meditation on the sufferings of Christ. In the story of our salvation, the power of the cross is seen in the atonement of Christ for our sins. The darkness of the cross is contrasted with the light and life that is ours through Christ.

As you enter the Sanctuary,

Blanche Tosh (11:00)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You for Your blessings.

DAN BURNS

DOXOLOGY

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

Blanche Tosh (11:00)

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

For all the saints, who from their Labors rest, Who from their Struggles here victorious are,

We stand forgiven at the cross.

What a love! What a cost!

Man’s best efforts, all His thoughts, His heart’s intents,

We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:

The grass withers, the flower fades,

Christ on the road to Calvary.

though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Quakes as its Maker bows His head.

E’en death’s cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

His faithful foll’rer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav’nly comfort fraught!

He leadeth me, He leadeth me: by His own hand He leadeth me:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,

Till Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,

Bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Ev’ry bitter thought, ev’ry evil deed

Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;

This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;

This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;

We stand forgiven at the cross.

We stand forgiven at the cross.

We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:

Christ on the road to Calvary.

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Quakes as its Maker bows His head.

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Quakes as its Maker bows His head.

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;

"Finished!" the vict’ry cry.

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This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;

We stand forgiven at the cross.

We stand forgiven at the cross.

We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,

For through Your suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,

Won through Your selfless love.

What a love! What a cost!

We stand forgiven at the cross.

We stand forgiven at the cross.

We stand forgiven at the cross.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 15:1-35

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. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SINE NOMINE

stanzas 1, 3 & 6

SERMON

Necessary Arguments

George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 358 “For all the Saints”

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Carillon-Sortie”

BENEDICTION

(CCLI License #252778)
I. Immediately *(Acts 15:1-4)*
   A. Vigilance
   B. Fervor

II. Deliberately *(Acts 15:5-11)*
   A. Appeal
   B. Plurality
   C. Submission
   D. Debate

III. Biblically *(Acts 15:12-22)*
   A. Providence
   B. Proof

IV. Pastorally *(Acts 15:23-35)*
   A. Manner
   B. Message