

The Worship of God

OUT OF THE MINDS OF CHILDREN: QUESTIONS OF FAITH

August 23, 2015

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Eleven O'Clock

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. We encourage you to use this time for meditation and reflection. Please refrain from conversation which would disturb others and turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Come Thou Almighty King

James Pethel

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Elevation No. 33

Benoit

CHORAL INTROIT

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "We Are Called to Be God's People"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,

One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.

Let us show how he has changed us and remade us as his own;

Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;

Taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.

Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,

That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right;

Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light.

Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,

That we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O God, teach us to be generous: to serve you as you deserve to be served;

People: To give without counting the cost; to fight without fear of being wounded;

Minister: To work without seeking rest;

People: And to spend ourselves without expecting any reward but the knowledge that we are

doing your holy will.

Ignatius of Loyola, adapted

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Harold Friedell

I have but myself to give, let me to thy glory live;

Let me follow day by day, where thou showest me the way.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purposes. I gave them for a moment then withdrew them for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them for I did not want to see. You asked for my life that you might work through me. I gave you a small part that I might not get "too involved."

Lord, forgive me for calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient and safe and with people whom I choose. Renew me and send me out as a usable instrument, taking seriously the meaning of your cross.

Joe Seramane, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

Minister: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

arr. K. Lee Scott

The text of the anthem is Hymn 266.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 254: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Pastorale on *The Church's One Foundation*

Janet Linker

* THE DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

This morning we give thanks for school teachers, administrators, and staff who guide our children in the development of mind, body, and character. The Acolyte places a text book, an apple, and a ruler on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Anthem of Dedication"

Warren Martin

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my lips, and let them be fill'd with messages from thee, take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own: it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my Guide. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend. Amen.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 4:1-16

SERMON: "What Are You?"

Dr. Wright

