

PENTECOST 24 SUNDAY

November 15, 2020

Organ Prelude: Fugue on "Sing praise to God on mountain tops"

Bruce Nasmith

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

We come to worship in search of faith, in search of hope and in search of a love that burns inside us.

We come to worship in search of something more, something better than just money and comfort, position and security.

We come to worship seeking transcendence, seeking a little more heaven for our earth, seeking some energy and courage, vision, clarity, justice, truth, beauty and empowerment to live a little more fully alive to what matters more.

We come to worship because we recognize a restlessness in us and seek to honour it as a gift of God.

ALL: Let us worship God together with open spirits and receptive hearts.

Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 321

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
who rules all creation:
my soul, praise God, who alone
is your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear,
sisters and brother draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who in all things
so wondrously reigning
hides you with sheltering wings,
ever gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
how your heart's wishes have been
granted through God's kind ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work, who defends you;
surely God's merciful goodness
here daily attends you;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
when in great love God befriends you.

4. Praise to the Lord, and with all
that is in me adoring,
all who have life and breath,
come with glad praises outpouring!
Let the amen
sound from God's people again,
now and forever adoring!

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: "Give me the faith" paraphrased from Luke 11:20-25 by Charles Wesley;
music by Samuel Wesley

soloists Joanne Nasmith, Radostina Borisova, Elias Theocharidis, Jim Nasmith, and organist Bruce Nasmith

Scripture Readings: Zephaniah 1:12-18, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Zephaniah 1:12-18

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,

those who say in their hearts,

'The LORD will not do good,

nor will he do harm.'

13 Their wealth shall be plundered,

and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,

they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,

they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,

near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,

the warrior cries aloud there.

15 That day will be a day of wrath,

a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,

a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

We are listening, O God;

Speak to us!

Sermon: TRAINING THE FAITH THAT IS IN YOU

Dr. Harris

Special Music: "As the deer"

Martin Nystrom

soloists Joanne Nasmith, Radostina Borisova, Elias Theocharidis, Jim Nasmith, and pianist Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: "Come down, O Love divine"

No. 386

1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;

O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2. Oh let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes
in its heat consuming,
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while
my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become
mine inner clothing,

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: "Come down, O Love divine"

true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and pride in earthly glory
scorns with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far out pass
the power of human telling,
for none can guess its grace,
till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit
makes a dwelling.

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