

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

May 30, 2021

Guitar Prelude: "May" from "The Twelve Months"

Bruce Nasmith

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus said to them: "I still have many things to say to you... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears... he will take what is mine and declare it to you." (John 16: 12-14)

We come to worship to listen with an open mind and an open heart.

We come to worship to hear God speak, to find inspiration to follow Christ, and to locate the Holy Spirit moving within us.

ALL: Let us worship God together!

Hymn: When long before time

No. 295

soloist Shaun Alphonso and Chris Tanaka-Mann with organist Bruce Nasmith

1. When long before time
and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth
and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence
and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream...

2. ...the silence was broken
when God sang the Song,
and light pierced the darkness
and rhythm began,
and with its first birth cries
creation was born,
and creaturely voices
sang praise to the morn.

3. The sounds of the creatures
were one with their Lord's,
their harmonies sweet
and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased
as the earth sang the song;
the choir of the creatures
re-echoed it long.

4. Though, down through the ages,
the Song disappeared,
its harmonies broken
and almost unheard,
the Singer comes to us to sing it again:
our God is with us
in the world now as then.

5. The Light has returned
as it came once before;
the Song of the Lord
is our own song once more;
so let us all sing
with one heart and one voice
the song of the Singer
in whom we rejoice.

6. To you, God the Singer,
our voices we raise;
to you, Song Incarnate,
we give all our praise;
to you, Holy Spirit,
our life and our breath,
be glory forever,
through life and through death.

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: Creator God you gave us life

soloist Erin Stone with pianist Bruce Nasmith

Judith Snowdon

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-11, John 16:12-15

Psalm 8

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honour.
⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Romans 5:1-11

⁵ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 16:12-15

¹² 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. Amen.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon:

GOD'S JOURNEY

Dr. Harris

Special Music: Holy, holy, holy

soloists Anna Bateman and Shaun Alphonso with pianist Bruce Nasmith

Franz Schubert

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: Thou whose almighty word

soloists Anna Bateman and Chris Tanaka-Mann with organist Bruce Nasmith

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1. Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
Let There Be Light!

2. Saviour who came to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
Let There Be Light!

3. Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
Let There Be Light!

4. Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world, far and wide,
Let There Be Light!

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Guitar postlude: Mood for a day

by Steve Howe of Yes

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