
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — August 31, 2003
The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Preparation For Worship: *Psalm 45*

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover
Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Lord Calls Us

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 45:10-11*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #231 "Wake, awake, for night is flying"

Trinity Hymnal

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!
Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord be with you! *Ruth 2:4*
And also with you!

Our help is in the Name of the Lord! *Ruth 2:4*
Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Grant, we pray, Almighty Father, that just as your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has ascended into heaven, to sit at your right hand, so may we also now, in heart and mind, by the work of your Holy Spirit, ascend into your majestic presence to reign with Christ as his glorious Bride; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Lord Purifies Us

†Pastor: Your throne, O God, endures forever, *Psalm 45:6-7a*
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness

You have loved righteousness,
And hated wickedness.

Beloved in Christ! Let us humbly confess our sins unto God our Father:

Almighty and most merciful God, my heavenly Father, graciously hear my prayer of confession, for you are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Do not deal with me according to my sins, nor repay me what I deserve. But as a father shows compassion on his children, O Lord, have compassion on me. For you know my frame, so remember that I am dust. *Silent prayer.* Amen!

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news . . . !

The Lord Consecrates Us

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†Truly it is proper, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to you O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

†Hymn #607 "Hark! the sound of holy voices" *Trinity Hymnal* (TUNE OF #53)

The Old Testament Lesson: *Leviticus 19:1-18*

The New Testament Reading: *1 John 3:1-24*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:17-20 & 33-48*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

†The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

Sermon: THE FATHER'S MATURITY REFLECTED IN HIS SON & SONS

XVII. AN EXPOSITION OF MATTHEW

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #510 (fr. *Psalm 69*) "Thy lovingkindness" *Trinity Hymnal*

We Offer Our Tithes and Offerings

†Prayer of Dedication, The Lord's Prayer, & the *Gloria Patri*

The Lord Communes With Us

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Words of Institution

Hymn #550 "Jesus, priceless treasure"

Trinity Hymnal

Pastoral Benediction

The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Congregation: **Amen!**

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): Luke 2:30-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastoral Prayer: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that you have here refreshed your people with such wonderful gifts; we ask now as we prepare to leave your house that you would graciously strengthen us in the use of these gifts, increasing our love for you and for one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen!**

The Lord Blesses Us

†Hymn #385 (*Psalms* 67) "O God, to us show mercy" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers* 6:24-26

†Parting Prayer "God be with you till we meet again"

God be with you till we meet again, God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you, 'Neath his wings protecting hide you,
With his sheep securely fold you: Daily manna still provide you —
God be with you till we meet again. God be with you till we meet again

†Postlude & Greet One Another!

The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

August 31, 2003, 6:00 P.M.

Meditate on *Psalms* 95

Prelude & Scripture Meditation: *Psalms* 95 Pastor Jeff Meyers

†*Psalms* 95 "The LORD be praised" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Hymn or *Psalms* Singing & Prayer Requests

†Hymn #249 "Come, Holy Ghost, in love" *Trinity Hymnal*

Scripture Reading: *John* 13:34 Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

†Hymn "Gracious God, again is ended" (see handout)

†Benediction