
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — October 5, 2003

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Preparation For Worship: Revelation 5:12-14

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Entrance

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Revelation 5:12-14*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #216 "Crown him with many crowns"

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!

Worthy are you, O Lamb of God!

Revelation 5:9-10

To take the scroll and to open its seals,

For you were slain and by your blood you ransomed people for God

From every tribe and language and people and nation,

And you have made us a kingdom and priests to our God,

And we shall reign on the earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, by your grace we have answered your call to gather as your people, your Son's bride; grant, we pray, that we might experience today a foretaste of that heavenly marriage feast that awaits us at the end of history; and by your Holy Spirit enrich and deepen our union with your Son, our Husband, so that we might love him above all and honor him in the sight of the world; in Jesus' Name we pray. Amen!

The Purification

†Pastor: Blessed are those who wash their robes,

Revelation 22:14-15

So that they may have the right to the tree of life

and that they may enter the city by the gates.

Outside are the dogs and sorcerers, the sexually immoral and murderers,

And idolators, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

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

Most holy and merciful Father; I confess before you my sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all my shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often I have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But you, O Lord, have mercy on me, for I am ashamed and sorry for all that I have done to displease you. Teach me to hate my errors, cleanse me from my secret faults, and forgive my sins for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help me, I pray, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Silent prayer. Amen!*

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

The Ascension

†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 #219 "Blessing and honor and glory and power" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Lesson: *1 Kings 8:22-53*

The New Testament Reading: *2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5*

†The Gospel Reading: *Luke 18:1-8*

†We Confess Our Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

SERMON: PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

Rev. Sam Murrell

The Tribute Offering

†Hymn #531 "Come, my soul, thy suit prepare"

Trinity Hymnal

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Children of the heav'nly Father"

(see insert)

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

The Sacrifice of Peace

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & Invitation

Communion Hymn #535 (*Psalm 92*) "How good it is to thank the Lord"

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: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord and King. Congregation: **Amen!**

The Benediction & Exit

†Hymn #124 "At the Name of Jesus"

Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

October 5, 2003, 6:00 P.M.



Meditate on *Psalm 115*

Prelude & Scripture Meditation: *Psalm 115*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #68 (*Psalm 115*) "Not unto us, O Lord of heaven" (Tune of #487)

Hymn Sing & Prayer Requests

†Hymn #348 "O bless our God with one accord"

Scripture Reading

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon

†Hymn #335 "Abide with me"

†Benediction