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July 30, 2017 Trinity Season



Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

The human quest for God ends in Jesus Christ.

For Jesus Christ does not merely point the way. He is the Way.

Jesus does not just teach us truth. He is the Truth.

He does not represent one avenue to life. He is the Life.

The exclusivity of this claim is completely offensive in our age of tolerance.

To stand and affirm that there is something ultimate, something unrepeatable, something unparalleled is offensive to modern sensibilities, but this is precisely the truth claim that Jesus makes.

– Adapted from Gary Burge

This morning we worship and adore Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life.

"For without the Way, there is no going.
Without the Truth, there is no knowing.
Without the Life, there is no living.
I am the Way that you must follow,
the Truth that you must believe,
the Life for which you must hope.
I am the inviolable Way, the infallible Truth, the unending Life.
I am the Way that is straight, the Truth that is supreme, the Life that is true.
If you abide in My Way you shall know the Truth,
and the Truth shall set you free,
and you shall have life everlasting."

- Thomas à Kempis

FOLLOW THE WAY OF OUR ALMIGHTY KING

"I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols." *Isaiah* 42:8

"I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior." Isaiah 43:11

"Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god." Isaiah 44:6

"Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any." Isaiah 44:8 "They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save." Isaiah 45:20

"Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me." Isaiah 45:21

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." Isaiah 45:22

"Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me." Isaiah 46:9

 CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus, our Lord, arise, Scatter our enemies, and make them fall; Let Thine almighty aid our sure defense be made, Our souls on Thee be stayed; Lord, hear our call.

†PRAYER OF ADORATION

KNOW THE TRUTH OF OUR SPEAKING LORD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious heavenly Father, You sent the King of heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord, to subdue our restless hearts and defend us against all that would bring us spiritual harm. Yet we confess that our hearts remain more apathetic than active, more isolated than involved, more callous than compassionate, more obstinate than obedient, and more legalistic than loving. Forgive us for straying from your way. Release us from the bondage of lies that have kept us from knowing your truth. Pardon us for attempting to find life and satisfaction in created things rather than in you our blessed Creator and Lord. For we pray in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

true hu - mil - i - ty. of Your plans for us.

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON ♦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "Speak, O Lord"...... Keith Getty, Stuart Townend 1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di-ence, ho-ly rev - 3. Speak, O Lord, and re-new our minds; Help us grasp the food er-ence, the heights

of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; rue hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes

Truths un-changed from the dawn of time,



OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Paul Sjolund

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

The Chancel Choir Christy Young, Director

When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies, This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me, For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Experience the Life of Our Risen Savior

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A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-6 (page 901 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life David A. Bowen

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 181 "We Come, O Christ, to You" DARWALL

†BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God"..... Karg-Elert; arr. Bock

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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