

Welcome to Worship

May 26th, 2024

Prelude

Graceful Ghost Rag ~ William Bolcom

Gathering Hymn

Holy Holy Holy ~ ELW 413

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

Word of God. Word of life

Thanks be to God

Psalm

The Voice of The Lord (Psalm 29) ~ Michael Morrow (Grace Notes)

Gospel

John 3:1-17

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where

it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

<u>Hymn of the Day</u>	<i>Come to the Water of Life ~ ACS 955</i>
<u>Musical Offering</u>	<i>Revelation Song ~ Jennie Lee Riddle (Grace Notes)</i>
<u>Offertory Hymn</u>	<i>We Eat the Bread of Teaching ~ ELW 518 (refrain only)</i>
<u>Communion Hymn</u>	<i>Holy, Holy ~ W&P 60</i>
<u>Sending Hymn</u>	<i>God Be With You ~ W&P 50</i>
<u>Postlude</u>	<i>Blowin' in the Wind ~ Peter, Paul & Mary</i>

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