

The Worship Of God

May 18, 2008

Trinity Sunday / Communion Sunday

Ten o'clock

The beginning of the Prelude is a call to silent personal preparation for the worship of God.

Prayer requests will be collected following the sermon.

(*Standing)

PRELUDE

O Gott, du frommer Gott

Johannes Brahms

WORDS OF GREETING

CONCERNS OF PLYMOUTH *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register.)*

CHORAL INTROIT

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 362**

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The hour of worship has arrived.

People: We gather in joy but we also recognize that there are broken places in our lives and our world.

Leader: Our God has promised to receive us whenever we enter worship in humility and truth.

People: Our God has promised to heal us when we approach Christ's table in repentance and faith.

Leader: The table is set and the hour has arrived.

All: Let us worship our God in Spirit and Hope.

***GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 805)**

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. Amen.

UNISON INVOCATION

Merciful God, in our worship this day we ask that you receive us as we are, and forgive us.

Encourage us with your love that we may covenant anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 8

¹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

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

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

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

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR DEVIN JOHN CLARK

(After the baptism all children ages 3 through 5th grade may go to their respective Sunday School rooms. Childcare is available in the Kennedy Building for infants to 2 years old and in Preschool Room 10 for 2 year olds.)

***HYMN 697**

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

SERMON

"Finally"

(Please pass prayer request cards to aisle.)

***A CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Your Word is a Lamp*

Robert Heath

Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

Open my eyes that I might behold the wonders of your word.

Give me understanding that I may keep your law,

and observe it with my whole heart.

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Leader: Let us pray: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

People: And may thy Holy Spirit live within us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

To Remember In Prayer

Frances Arnold, Bobby Avalos, Andrea Ferrer, Ruth Kassewitz, Calvin Lee, Mary Elizabeth, Helen Merrifield, Carolyn Oglesby, Dot Osterberg, Estelle Overstreet, Soco Pardo, and all men and women of our armed services.

The prayers of our congregation reach out to the thousands of victims of natural disasters in China, Myanmar, and across the United States.

Sympathy to

Family and friends of Marcia Pedersen, who died April 29. A memorial service was held for her at Plymouth on May 13.

Congratulations to

Stephen Oglesby and Jackie Au on their marriage at Plymouth on May 17.
Marisa Fort and Brandon Adams on their marriage at Plymouth on May 17.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER RESPONSE

May the Words of My Mouth

Robert Heath

May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable unto you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

OFFERTORY

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

arr. Howard Ferguson

DOXOLOGY (Hymn 809)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (The congregation rises row by row as ushers come forward until all the congregation and choir are standing.)***

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

Friends – The Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week the risen Christ sat down to table with two of his disciples. Only as Jesus took up the bread and broke it were the disciples able to see and know that their Savior was in their midst.

The table set before us this day is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, young and old, come from east and west, from north and south, and gather about Christ’s table.

This table is for all of God’s covenant family – for all who seek to know Christ in the breaking of the bread.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (unison)

Eternal God we thank you for all that sustains life, for all persons of faith in every generation and especially for your Son, our Savior.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ.

We remember Christ’s death.

We celebrate Christ’s resurrection.

We take courage from the presence of your Holy Spirit.

And now, O Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and this wine and all of us. Make us the body of Christ, the Church, that we may be salt and light and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

PREPARATION OF THE ELEMENTS

With the broken bread we symbolize the body of Christ and join the disciples in their transforming recognition of the Savior in our midst.

With the cup of blessing we symbolize the blood of Christ and join all those who would be his forgiven and passionate people.

(Members of The Plymouth Church Diaconate come forward)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD

Be of good courage for this Bread renews for us the life and strength that is ours through the communion of the body of Christ.

(The people may partake as they receive.)

Giving of Bread

Bread of the World

arr. Oglesby

DISTRIBUTION OF THE WINE

Jesus proclaimed that the wine was the symbol of the new covenant of forgiveness given for all people.

Giving of the Cup

Come, Risen Lord

Alfred Smith

UNISON CONSUMPTION OF THE WINE

This cup renews for us that new covenant which was symbolized in the wine of the Lord’s Supper and sealed in the Blood of our Savior.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. By the power of your Holy Spirit keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, our homes and our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered we may be the servant church of the servant Christ. Amen.

***HYMN 2**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Nicaea

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wir glauben all’ an einen Gott

J.S. Bach

****Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment in the Cloister Garden following the service.***

Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Thomas Niblock

Liturgist: The Reverend Moira McGuinn

CHURCH NOTES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18, 2008

WELCOME!

Today we invite you to worship with us in word, song and sacrament and then join us, following the service, for a time of fellowship in the Garden. Plymouth Church welcomes you whatever your gender, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, national citizenship, physical or mental impairment, language or prior religious background. **We are happy to have you with us.**

Parents of infants – Nursery care is available in the crib room in the Kennedy Building. If you prefer to be with your baby throughout the service and occasionally need a place for comfort, then we want you to know that speakers carry the sound of the service to both the office in the room behind the organ and the Cloister Garden.

Hearing units...We have individual hearing enhancement units available. Please ask an usher for one.

Facilities for those with disabilities...Plymouth Church has a handicapped accessible restroom adjacent to the end of the ramp that runs from the sanctuary to the parking lot.

EVERY WEEK

Join Plymouth's pastors for breakfast this Thursday at Green Street Café in Coconut Grove at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast and conversation, including a review of next Sunday's lectionary texts. **This will be the last gathering before summer break.**

The This 'N That Shop, at 3155 Commodore Plaza in Coconut Grove (305-448-2114), is the "in" place to shop! Come on down any day Tuesday - Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and snap up a few bargains. Your volunteer hours at the Shop and donations of furniture and clothing in good condition, jewelry, household items, collectibles, antiques, etc. are what keep us in business. Donations are accepted the second Sunday of each month after the service of worship at Pilgrim House. To volunteer, call Jan Lowe at 305-666-3009.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

The flowers on the communion table today are given to the glory of God by Rick and Dickie Davis in loving memory of Dickie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Kahn.

The rose on the communion table today is given in honor of the baptism of Devin John Clark, son of Christopher and Michelle Clark.

Today we have regular Church School classes. All children, ages 4 years old through 5th grade, begin in church with their parents. Nursery and Toddlers (up to 47 months) may go to their rooms prior to the service. After the Children's Moment, the children will be led by their teachers to the Church School rooms. Classes meet as follows: Infants to 23 months-Kennedy Building Nursery; 24 months to 47 months- Preschool Room 10; 4 years old and Kindergarten-Kennedy Building; 1st, 2nd, 3rd grades-Kennedy Building; and 4th and 5th grades-Davis Hall.

Upper Room (high school youth) meets in upper Plymouth Hall and **Outer Room** (6-8th graders) meets in Pilgrim House each Sunday. Join us!

Today is Communion Sunday. If you are a visitor, you are invited to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us this day. The table at Plymouth is open to all who desire a closer relationship with God through the inner presence of Jesus the Christ. We receive the elements where we are seated. The monies collected from the Communion Sunday offering go to the Diaconate to further their work for the church. Please make certain your offering envelope is clearly marked whether for communion or regular giving. For your convenience, we've enclosed communion envelopes in today's bulletin.

The Adult Education Committee's after-church discussions on the book "The Language of God" by Dr. Francis Collins occurs today, with the final session next Sunday, May 25. Led by Rev. Dan Harden, these discussions are being held beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Davis Hall. The author is the head of the Human Genome Project. He believes that faith in God and faith in science can coexist and in his book tells of his journey from atheism to faith. Join us for this fascinating discussion - no reservations are necessary.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

The Saturday Bible study group meets today in the Prayer Room from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Pilgrim House at 11:00 a.m. today. This is the meeting where we'll be choosing our future books to read and review, so be thinking of the books that you have enjoyed, those that inspired you, those that made you laugh and those that made you dream. Come join us. Everyone is welcome.

UPCOMING

Barnes Circle...Several women have expressed an interest in reviving Barnes Circle, a group named for Peggy Barnes and whose purpose was fellowship for women. We will be holding our first meeting on Wednesday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jane Battle. If you are interested in attending or simply wish to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Maureen Gragg, 305-665-7386 or maureen@wdigitech.com.

Child care...Whenever there is an event/seminar at Plymouth that you would like to attend and you need child care, call the church office prior to the event (please give us at least two days notice) and we will arrange child care on campus.

**Join us for
Vacation Bible School
June 9-13
from 9:00 a.m. till noon!**

Come join our Bible Buddies - Fizz, Sparki, Dewd, Max, and Electra – as they show us an electrifying week in our "Power Lab" where we discover Jesus' miraculous power! Fee is \$35 per child and must accompany the completed form in order to ensure a spot for your child. Forms can be picked up in the church office or in your child's Sunday School classroom. Volunteers are needed; call Cindy Smith, 305-669-1197, or email her, funmomcs@aol.com, if you are interested in volunteering!



