

Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

TRINITY SUNDAY
MAY 26, 2024
10:30 AM

*May those who sorrow find comfort;
the weary, rest;
the troubled, peace;
the lonely, friends;
the unhappy, joy;
and may all find the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place.*

Welcome to Saint Andrew’s Church in the city of Tampa. You are sharing in a tradition of worship that has been offered here since 1883, when a wood-frame building was erected on this site as Tampa’s first Episcopal Church. The cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1904.

All Visitors and Newcomers are invited to complete the information card, found on the back of the pews, and leave it with an usher or in the offering plate. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy as you leave the church.

Each Sunday we celebrate The Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (Rite I, said); and at 10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with choir).

At Your Service: Stay warm at Saint Andrew’s: Borrow a shawl from the basket at the back of the church. Shawl donations also welcomed!

IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTICE

As a mission of outreach to our parishioners and the greater Christian community, audio and video of this service will be recorded and broadcast live on social media. We make every effort to respect and preserve the privacy of members and visitors. If you have any specific questions or concerns about your privacy while worshipping with us, please speak with one of the ushers at the rear of the church.

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent—for this is the house of God.
Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.*

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Cantilene

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Tower Bell

Hymn 368 (*stand*)

Regent Square

1 Holy Father, great Creator, source of mercy, love, and peace, look upon the Mediator, clothe us with his righteousness; heavenly Father, heavenly Father, through the Savior hear and bless.

2 Holy Jesus, Lord of glory, whom angelic hosts proclaim, while we hear thy wondrous story, meet and worship in thy Name, dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer, in our hearts thy peace proclaim.

3 Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, come with unction from above, touch our hearts with sacred fire, fill them with the Savior's love. Source of comfort, Source of comfort, cheer us with the Savior's love.

4 God the Lord, through every nation let thy wondrous mercies shine. In the song of thy salvation every tongue and race combine. Great Jehovah, great Jehovah, form our hearts and make them thine.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The following is sung, all standing

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading (*sit*)

Isaiah 6:1-8

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 362 (*stand*)

Nicaea

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to
 thee: Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and
 mighty, God in three Persons, blessed
 Trinity.

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore
 thee, casting down their golden crowns
 around the glassy sea; cherubim and
 seraphim falling down before thee, which
 wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness
 hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy
 glory may not see, only thou art holy; there
 is none beside thee, perfect in power, in
 love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All
 thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth,
 and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful
 and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed
 Trinity.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(kneel)*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the people of
Ukraine, Israel and Gaza;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace (*stand*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Anthem

Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

The text for the offertory anthem can be found in The Hymnal 1982, on page 324.

Hymn 719 (*stand*)

Materna

1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for
amber waves of grain, for purple
mountain majesties above the fruited
plain! America! America! God shed his
grace on thee, and crown thy good with
brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

2 O beautiful for heroes proved in
liberating strife, who more than self their
country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every
flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy
liberty in law.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of
Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

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Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Music during Communion:

Hymn 367 (*sit*)

Rustington

1 Round the Lord in glory seated cherubim
and seraphim filled his temple, and
repeated each to each the alternate hymn:
"Lord, thy glory fills the heaven, earth is
with thy fullness stored; unto thee be glory
given, holy, holy, holy Lord."

2 Heaven is still with glory ringing, earth
takes up the angels' cry, "Holy, holy, holy,"
singing, "Lord of hosts, the Lord Most
High." With his seraph train before him,
with his holy Church below, thus unite we
to adore him, bid we thus our anthem flow:

3 "Lord, thy glory fills the heaven, earth is
with thy fullness stored; unto thee be glory
given, holy, holy, holy, Lord." Thus thy
glorious Name confessing, with thine angel
hosts we cry "Holy, holy, holy," blessing
thee, the Lord of hosts Most High.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always, Amen.

from Common Worship

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

1 Holy God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow before thee; all on earth thy scepter claim, all in heaven above adore thee; infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.

2 Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord: holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the apostolic train join, thy sacred Name to hallow; prophets swell the loud refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow; and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee, while in essence only One, undivided God we claim thee; then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery.

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Wir glauben all an einen Gott BWV 680

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, May 26, 2024

Celebrant: Fr. Stadel

Preacher: Fr. Reese

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Piers Curry

Crucifer: Sam Scheuer

Torchbearers: Heath McGhee, Esther Henley

Lectors: Betsy Scheuer, Sam Scheuer

Lay Eucharist Ministers: Wallace Dixon, Patrick Keogh

Videographers: Paul Scheuer, Doug Rubottom, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann

Ushers: Waren Brown, Pam Billings, George Bedell, Frazier Carraway

Altar Guild: Ursula Keeler, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba



This Memorial Day we remember the heroic sacrifice of our military men and women that insured our liberty and freedom.
"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends,"
John 15:13.
God bless America!
Jan and Earl Smith

BIRTHDAYS: Siegfried Barry, Alex Liggett, Stacy Curtis, Hamilton Reese, Terri Diaz
ANNIVERSARIES: Wayne & Anna Putney

Altar Flowers

There are still some opportunities to sponsor the Altar Flowers this year. Please see the sign up chart in the parish hall. The High Altar flowers cost \$150. The Chapel Altar flowers are optional. Cost for both Altars is \$250. We encourage the sponsor to take the High Altar flowers following the 10:30 service so you can continue to enjoy their beauty and share with family or friends. For more information about flower sponsorship, please contact Charlotte Churchill 813-352-0162 cmchurchi18@gmail.com

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

*A Bible Study on the C.S. Lewis Book **The Screwtape Letters***

The Screwtape Letters provides unique insight into the battles that are being waged in the spiritual world. The story is told through a collection of letters from Screwtape, an undersecretary in the lower hierarchy of Hell, to his incompetent nephew, Wormwood. Wormwood is a junior devil who has just been given his first human, a young man, to corrupt and secure for eternity. The story takes place in England during the tumultuous years of World War II with the man contemplating Christianity.

As we walk through each letter, we will hear questions that bring out turns and twists in the thoughts and emotions that we each experience and that Lewis wanted us to recognize.

Each session is self-contained, so you need not worry if you cannot attend all the sessions!
If you do not already have a copy of the book, it can be purchased on-line for under \$10.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

5/26 - Letter 2: Distracting the Christian Mind / Letter 3: Relationships

6/2 - Letter 4: Sincere Prayer / Letter 5: War

6/9 - Letter 6: Focus / Letter 7: Extremism

6/16 - Letter 8: Troughs and Peaks / Letter 9: Pleasure

6/23 - Letter 10: Bad Friends / Letter 11: Laughter

6/30 - Letter 12: Nothing / Letter 13: Personal Pleasure

7/7 - Letter 14: Humility / Letter 15: Past, Present, Future, and Eternity

7/14 - Letter 16: Churches / Letter 17: Gluttony, Delicacy Rather than Excess

7/21 - Letter 18: Love and Marriage / Letter 19: Using Love

7/28 - Letter 20: Sexual Taste / Letter 21: Entitlement

8/4 - Letter 22: The Christian Life / Letter 23: The Historical Jesus

8/11 - Letter 24: Ignorance and Arrogance / Letter 25: The Same Old Thing

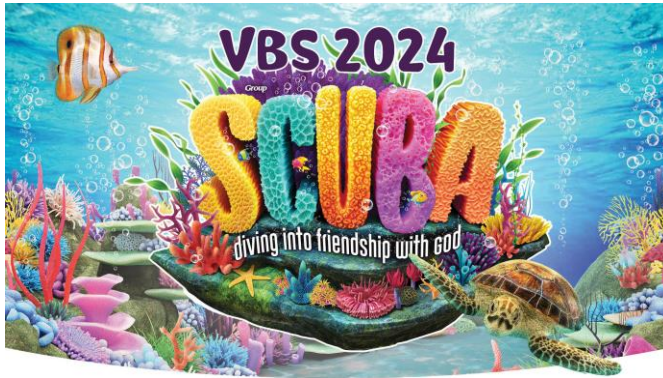
8/18 - Letter 26: Unselfishness / Letter 27: Answers

8/25 - Letter 28: Perseverance / Letter 29: Cowardice

9/1 - Letter 30: Fatigue / Letter 31: The Other Side

This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.

Youth News



Scuba Vacation Bible School 2024 will take place **August 5-9, 2024 from 9am to Noon**. You don't even need to be a scuba diver or instructor to serve or attend! Please mark your calendars and get ready for the following planning meetings: Registration starts today, May 26th during the coffee hour following the 10:30 service in the parish hall. Please complete and turn in your registration form ASAP! Our first planning huddle for youth & adults serving will take place on Sunday, June 4, 2024 during coffee hour in the parish hall. Building Sundays will take place on July 21st and August 4th! We need many helpers, so please attend. A supply list will be circulating starting June 4th at our planning meeting! We are waiting to hear back from our friends at Cornerstone, to see if they are able to attend VBS, so please keep VBS 2024 in prayer! Please contact Alicia Schmid for questions or to RSVP to serve this year! It's going to be an amazing VBS as we gather together as a community to shine God's light! aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com

Music Notes

Since today is Trinity Sunday, I thought I would make mention of how the number three can be used in music, as you'll see in a few examples this morning. First off, composers can use the number three in the designation of which key they choose to write in. Sometimes you'll see at the beginning of music what looks like little pound signs or little b's. Those are what are called sharps and flats. In music that reflects the triune God, a composer might wish to use three flats or three sharps, which would basically designate the number of black keys one would use on the piano keyboard.

The other way a composer might wish to express the number 3 is by using texture. If you recall from previous Music Notes, musical texture relates to how many musical lines have been created. Think of it like Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass. Some pieces might include parts for just Soprano, Tenor and Bass – thus, a three-part texture.

The postlude this morning has its main thematic material in the upper three lines, played by the hands. The pedal line is supportive in that sense. This is called trio texture. The English translation for the postlude is, “We All Believe in One God,” which is taken from the Creed. The original chorale tune, off of which this piece is based, has a much longer melody. But Bach chooses to use just the first seven notes of the hymn. Why would that be of interest? It’s because the number 7 has typically been used as the number which represents the perfection of God. A three-part texture, with a seven-note tune is actually really cool because it may be a way that Bach was expressing the theology of a perfect God (7) in three persons (3). It’s a way of confirming that Christianity is indeed a monotheistic faith. Remember, in the early Church, believers were being accused of being polytheistic, up until the Council of Nicaea around 325 AD. It was there that the doctrine of the Trinity was officially established with the declaration, “We Believe in One God.”

Finally, music can express the number three with how it uses time. Some note values can be divided into three units called triplets. In our offertory, Holst uses triplet figures in the accompaniment at the end, bolstering the rousing concluding Amens. Some music has a metrical structure that groups the beats into three – like the feeling of a waltz. The communion anthem uses this metrical structure, and likewise the closing hymn, “Holy God We Praise Thy Name.”

Perhaps there are other ways music can express the “three-ness,” of the Trinity, but what music actually does is to help us express unity that can’t be told in words. No matter how “divisible” music seems in theory, it always equals one – the one common truth, that nothing can separate us from God. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

Beginning next week and through August, “Music Notes” will go on its usual summer break. Although I will be here in June and August, I like to take a breather and focus on other writing projects. Thank you so much for reading. I look forward to writing more about our music this fall.

How Poor Are You?

One day a father of a wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the purpose of showing him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night on the farm of a very poor family. On their way back to their home, father and son got into a conversation about all they had experienced while at the farm.

"What did you think of our trip to the farm," asked the father.

"It was very good, Dad!"

"Did you see how poor people can be?" continued his father.

"Yeah!"

"And what did you learn?"

"I saw that, while we have a dog at home, they have four dogs," the son replied. "We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, while they have a creek that has no end. We have electric lamps in the garden, and they have a sky full of stars. Our patio goes all the way to the wall around our property. They have the whole horizon." When the little boy was finished, his father was speechless. "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we really are!"

Nicodemus could not understand his poverty of soul until Jesus showed him how poor he really was. Nicodemus was a pillar of society and a religious leader but those things had little meaning. Nicodemus, Jesus said, you must be born again. The little boy saw what the father could not--the value of the farm. Poverty is in the eye of the beholder.

-Jeff Olson

What In The World Did You Do Today?

One afternoon a man came home from work to find total mayhem in his house. His three children were outside, still in their pajamas, playing in the mud, with empty food boxes and wrappers strewn all around the front yard.

The front door to the house was wide open. Proceeding into the entry, he found an even bigger mess. A lamp had been knocked over, and the throw rug was wadded against one wall. In the front room the TV was loudly blaring a cartoon channel, and the family room was strewn with toys and various items of clothing. In the kitchen, dishes filled the sink, breakfast food was spilled on the counter, dog food was spilled on the floor, a broken glass lay under the table, and a small pile of sand was spread by the back door.

He quickly headed up the stairs, stepping over toys and more piles of clothes, looking for his wife. He was worried she may be ill, or that something serious had happened.

He found her lounging in the bedroom, still curled in the bed in her pajamas, reading a novel. She looked up at him, smiled, and asked how his day went.

He looked at her bewildered and asked, "What happened here today?" She again smiled and answered; "You know every day when you come home from work and ask me what in the world did I do today?" "Yes" was his incredulous reply. She answered, "Well, today I didn't do it."

Sometimes we learn truth the hard way. And sometimes we hear the truth when we least expect it.

We Are Not in Control

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. The man prayed for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none came. The man was exhausted but he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood for protection and a place to store his provisions. But one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived at his temporary home to find it in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened. Everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "How could God do this to me?" he cried. Early the next day, however, he was awakened

by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. When they arrived he asked, “How did you know that I was here?” “We saw your smoke signal,” they replied. (from Homiletics, February 2008)

Jesus said to Nicodemus, “The wind blows where it wills.” Or, in other words, God acts on our behalf in ways that are beyond our comprehension and imagination. We like to believe that we are in control of our lives but obviously we are not.

One thing I have learned in ministry is that few people are directly changed because of me. In fact, most people seem to go on living their lives as if nothing has happened. I have come to accept the fact that being born again means I cannot change others. They have to be open to God’s spirit just as I have to be open to the spirit. To live in God’s light is a matter of letting the “wind blow where it will.”

- Keith Wagner, *Rising Above the Chaos*

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Hudson, Charles Caro, Evelyn Smith, Mignon Grant-Levy, John Tomlinson, Nell Rorebeck, Marion Gustin, Jane Collins, Paul Cullen, Barbara Jones, Gerry Calahan, Mary Nichols, Peggy Kleven, Linda M. Delmasto, Angela Massari, Evelyn O. Jewell, Brycen Coyle, Anita Ramirez, Jane Cantler, Phyllis Sheaffer, Diane Kemker, Martha Medel, Sarah Moody, Larry Kleven, Isabelle Ferrell, William Shuler, Ian Snider, Libby Dickinson, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril, Stephen Rosser, Rose Williams, Al Stein, Precious Montgomery, Jerry Divers

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

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