



See what love the Father has shown..

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020

Organ prelude - Dr. Andris Āboliņš

Call to worship - Psalm 96: 1-9

O sing to the Lord a new song:
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name, tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be revered above all gods, for all the gods of the people are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him all the earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, amen.

Prayer - Andrejs Zommers.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading - Andrejs Zommers

1. John 3: 1-3, 11.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now - what we shall be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure...This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

Homily: Matthew 22: 34-39

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Organ solo - Dr. Andris Āboliņš

Apostles Creed - Andrejs Zommers

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of St. Julian of Norwich (1346 - 1416)

In you, Father all mighty, we have our preservation and bliss.

In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving.

You are our mother, brother, and savior.

In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvelous and plenteous grace.

You are our clothing; for love you wrap us and embrace us.

You are our maker, our lover, our keeper.

Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.

“Amazing Grace” – Katriāna Zommers

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 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.

Blessing

Organ postlude - Dr. Andris Āboliņš