It is tradition to begin worship in quiet contemplation accompanied by music. The formal service begins with the singing of a hymn from the Liturgy. You can follow the order of service by turning to the numbers given on the facing page of this pamphlet. These numbers are also displayed on boards hung in various locations.

We do not pass a collection basket during the service. Offertory bowls are located at each entrance for donations to support this church and the useful activities it serves. Donate online at www.brynathynchurch.org.

After the worship service, please join us in the Social Hall for refreshments and conversation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to approach today's minister or a staff member. We'd love to meet you!

Teachings of the New Church

The four living creatures symbolize the Word of the Lord and its protections. I know people will be surprised at my saying the four living creatures symbolize the Word. This is nevertheless their symbolic meaning. The four living creatures here are the same as the cherubim in Ezekiel... and they were, as here, a lion, an ox, a human being, and an eagle... The fact that *cherubim* symbolize the Word and its protection...is because the literal sense of the Word is a protection for the genuine truths that lie within.

Apocalypse Revealed 239

Altar flowers arranged by

Pegene Pitcairn

Musician

Leah Martin, organ

Preludes

Gott der Vater wohn uns bei - Dieterich Buxtehude Andante from Water Music - G. F. Handel Suite for Organ: No. 3. Aspiration - Alec Rowley Aria - Craig Phillips

Postludes

This Is My Father's World - arr. John A. Behnke Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing - J. Wayne Kerr

Please rise

As Warriors True	8	39)
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Remain standing for the opening of the Word

Please kneel

Priest: I will lift up my eyes to the mountains—from whence comes my help? People: My help is from the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth.

Minister's prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we also 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.

Priest: O Lord, forgive us our trespasses.

People: As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Priest: Amen.

Please rise

Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock	799
Recitation	499

Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and confined is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 7:13, 14



Please be seated

Welcome by the Pastor

Lessons: Ezekiel 1:4-8, Revelation 4:1-8, Apocalypse Revealed 239

Please rise

Hagios	7
Please he seated	

Please be seated

Address: Why Does the Lord Need Guards to Protect Him?

Please rise

Offertory	
Holy, Holy, Holy	824
Remain standing for the closing of the Word	

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Moms and Moms-to-Be Enrichment Evenings April 30, 7:00-9:00 pm

Topic: *Infertility, Miscarriage and Loss* with Brooke Childs and Cheryl Cooper. Moms of all ages are welcome to join us for an evening with other moms to find support, information, inspiration, and connection! Contact Nina with any interest or questions – nina.dewees@brynathynchurch.org.

Community Worship: May 5, 10:00 am (Cathedral)

If you would like to volunteer to help with this service, contact Nina at 215-947-6225 x206 or nina.dewees@brynathynchurch.org.

Sunset Organ Vespers

May 15, 7:30 pm (Cathedral)

Rev. Kenneth Alden with our principal organist, Leah Martin, and the Cathedral Choir.

BATS Donations Drop-Off

May 18, 9:00 am-1:00 pm (Society Building parking lot

NOT ACCEPTING books, toys, or furniture at this time.

New Church Day Gift for Pre-K Girls in the Bryn Athyn Community

If you are part of the Bryn Athyn community and have a daughter who will be starting Kindergarten in the fall, and would like a specially outfitted doll for her New Church Day gift, please contact Wendy Cooper at

wcooper627@gmail.com in advance. We only provide for those who requested. Dolls are available in three ethnicities if you would like to specify. The dolls can be picked up after the New Church Day pageant.

Giant Foods and Weis Gift Cards

The Church Office is selling Giant and Weis gift cards. These organizations donate 5% of each gift card purchase. To learn more or for questions, contact Liza at 215-947-6225 x200.

Get Involved!

Scan the QR code or visit www.brynathynchurch.org/signup to fill out a form to receive emails, volunteer, or learn more about the New Church:





Why Does the Lord Need Guards to Protect Him? Rev. Jeremy F. Simons Family Service – 9:30 am April 28, 2024

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