

Readings from the Word

And it came to pass on another Sabbath, that He entered into the synagogue and taught; and there was a man there, and his right hand was withered. And the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would cure on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him. But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise, and stand there in the midst." And standing up he stood there. Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you: Is it permitted on the Sabbath to do good, or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" And looking around at them all, He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so; and his hand was restored as whole as the other. And they were filled with mindless rage, and talked with one another about what they might do to Jesus.

Luke 6:6-11; cf. Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6

When the Lord came into the world,... the Sabbath day was turned into a day for instruction in divine things, for rest from labors, for meditating on things related to salvation and eternal life, and for loving our neighbor. The fact that the Sabbath day turned into a day for loving our neighbor is clear from what the Lord did and taught on that day. **True Christianity 301**

[Jesus said,] "And if either your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having either two hands or two feet, to be cast into the eternal fire." **Matthew 18:8**

Good deeds are evil deeds if impulses of self-love and materialism are not removed. When we do good deeds before removing those impulses, the deeds do look good on the outside, but they are evil on the inside. We do them for the sake of reputation, or material advantage, or position, or to be repaid, so they are either self-righteous or hypocritical. The urges of self-love and materialism make them so. When these evils are removed, however, the deeds become good. Then they are the goodness of charity. No consideration of self, worldly advantages, reputation, or reward enters into them, so they are not self-righteous or hypocritical. Heavenly love and spiritual love then flow from the Lord into the deeds and cause them to be love and charity in action. **Secrets of Heaven 3147:7**

Choose a question or two to reflect on or discuss:

1. What came to mind for you when thinking about reaching out?
2. Think of a time when someone reached out to you to offer help and it worked for you. What did they do or not do?
3. How do you decide when to reach out and when to not reach out? How do you figure out what is good to do?

Musicians

Leah Martin, organ
Tara Smith, cello
Bryn Athyn Choristers and Cathedral Choir
Tryn Seley, Anna Martin, Phoenix Fritch, Graham Bier - singers
Daniel Clark, bass
Shawn Rose, piano

Preludes

The Lost Chord - Arthur Sullivan, arr. Alexander Schreiner
Mélodie - Pyotr Tchaikovsky, arr. William Felton
The Lord's My Shepherd - Darwin Wolford
On Eagle's Wings - Michael Joncas, arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Meditation - Frank Bridge
Gloria! - Daniel Justin

Welcome

How Great Thou Art 817

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

As We Gather 1018
(Children come forward.)

Children's Talk (with reading)

Blessing on Children

Healer of My Soul 1032
(Children go to activities. See map on back.)

Interlude

Open Your Eyes - Carl Tuttle, arr. Tara Smith

Adult Talk (with readings)

Reflection/Discussion (see questions under readings)

Announcements

Hark, Hark, My Soul! 917

Benediction

Postludes

Spring Song - Frank Bridge
Dialogue for Trumpet - Gottfried Reiche, arr. Robert Cundick

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunset Organ Vespers
featuring Leah Martin and the
Cathedral Choir and Choristers
Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 pm
Doors open 7:10 pm
(Cathedral Nave)

BATS Donations Day
Saturday, May 18, 9:00 am-1:00 pm
(Society Building parking lot)

ANC Class of 2024
Blessing Service
Thursday, June 6, 5:00 pm
(Cathedral Nave)

New Church Day Picnic & Pageant
Wednesday, June 19, 6:00 pm/7:30 pm
(Cathedral Outdoors)

Landmarks in Lights
Tuesday, June 25, 8:00-10:00 pm
(Bryn Athyn Historic District)

2024 General Church Assembly
June 27-30
(Bryn Athyn)