

Readings from the Word

“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon the earth.”

Matthew 6:10

The people are called “one” and their “language” one when all have as their end in view the common good of society, the common good of the Church, and the Lord’s kingdom. For then the end includes within itself the Lord, from whom all people are one... That which is our own (ego) excludes the Lord, for in so doing it diverts and directs towards itself the common good of society, that of the Church, and even the Lord’s kingdom, making these exist so to speak for its own sake. Thus, it takes away from the Lord that which is His and substitutes itself.

When however the “*people are one and they all have one language*,” that is, when they have in view the common good of all, one person never takes to himself or herself the joy of another or destroys the freedom of another, but as far as they can, try to further it and increase it. This is why heavenly communities are as one, a unity that is achieved solely by means of mutual love from the Lord. And the same applies to the Church.

Secrets of Heaven 1316

All people in heaven have the same language. They all understand each other, no matter what community they come from, whether nearby or remote. This language is not learned but is innate; it flows from their very affection and thought.

Heaven and Hell 236

Choose a question or two to reflect on or discuss:

1. Does “having the common good of all” (AC 1316) seem like a reachable goal in bringing heaven to earth? What makes it difficult/easy?
2. The teachings of the New Church have made it easier to bring heaven to earth. Which unique spiritual “tool” mentioned in today’s talk resonates with you the most?
3. What are your “take-aways” from this Assembly? As you turn your thoughts toward heading home, what one thing would you like to do to bring heaven a little closer to earth?

Preludes

You Raise Me Up - B. Graham and R. Lovland, arr. Joel Raney
The Prayer - Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster, arr. Jane Holstein
The Lord’s Prayer - Albert Hay Malotte, arr. Henrietta D. Griswold
Simple Gifts - arr. Douglas Court
Fanfare Prelude “A Mighty Fortress” - arr. Eric Alexander
Baba Yetu (The Lord’s Prayer) - Christopher Tin, arr. Roger Emerson

Welcome

Behold, How Good and How Pleasant.....1107

Opening Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Come and Let Us Go 1038
(Children come forward.)

Children’s Talk (with reading)

Blessing on Children

Seek Ye First 1039
(Children go to activities. See map on back.)

Interlude: Materna - arr. Stephen Bulla

Adult Talk (with readings)

Reflection/Discussion (see questions under readings)

Announcements

Jerusalem, the Golden!.....924

Benediction

Postludes

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - Ludwig van Beethoven,
arr. Tim Zimmerman
Maestoso from Symphony No. 3 - Camille Saint-Saëns,
arr. Craig Garner

Musicians

Leah Martin - organ
Cathedral Brass: Bill Myers, Jim Edwards,
Nathan Odhner, Josy Conklin,
Chris Simons, Keith Genzlinger
Piano - Shawn Rose
Guitar - Liam Taylor
Bass - Mac Frazier
Percussion led by Donna Bostock
Assembly Chorus, directed by Graham
Singers: Lamar Odhner, Ariel Martin,
Craig McCardell
Soloist - Max Nelson

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!