How the Lord Talks to Us

August 4, 2024 Rev. Malcolm G. Smith

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Please join us on Zoom at 11:30 am Sunday for a discussion.

Interested in helping out? We need you!

Helping roles include set up/clean up, ushering, greeting, refreshments, acting and lay reading. Contact Nina at nina.dewees@brynathynchurch.org.

Please note: This service is livestreamed and recorded.

You and your family may be on camera, and your comments will be part of the livestream and recording.

Musicians: Graham Bier, Shawn Rose, Scott Russell, Matt Synnestvedt

And you shall make a breastplate of judgment, with the work of a thinker; like the work of the ephod you shall make it; of gold, of blue and crimson, and scarlet twice-dyed and fine twined linen, shall you make it. Foursquare it shall be, doubled; a span its length, and a span its breadth. And you shall fill it with an infilling of stone, four rows of stone: a row, a ruby, a topaz, and a garnet, row one; and the second row, a chrysoprase, a sapphire, and a diamond; and the third row, a cyanus, an agate, and an amethyst; and the fourth row, a tarshish, and an onyx, and a jasper; they shall be set in bezels with gold in their infillings. And the stones shall be above the names of the sons of Israel, twelve, above their names....

And Aaron shall carry the names of the sons of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goes in to the holiness, for a remembrance before Jehovah continually. And you shalt put into the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be on the heart of Aaron, when he comes in before Jehovah; and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the sons of Israel on his heart before Jehovah continually.

Exodus 28:15-22, 29,30

[B]y means of the Urim and Thummim, that is, by means of the radiance produced by the light of heaven, the breastplate revealed Divine Truths in the natural sphere, thus on last and lowest levels. A like radiance also presents itself in the minds of people who are guided by truths springing from good. This radiance declares to them, so to speak provides the answers, when with heartfelt desire they seek to know what is true and love it as that which is good. [T]his kind of radiance is the means by which Divine Truth from heaven is revealed in the natural level of those who are enlightened by the Word....

Secrets of Heaven 9905:4

[T]he Urim and Thummim represented the radiance in outmost expressions of Divine truth springing from Divine goodness. Answers,... were given by variegations of the light, and at the same time by a tacit perception or by hearing a voice, and in other ways as well.

It can be seen from this that these precious stones also represented truths springing from goodness in the Word's outmost sense. Nor were answers given from heaven by any other means, because in that sense the emanating Divinity is present in its fullness.

Because jewels and precious stones have this symbolism, therefore jewels were seen by John on the head of the dragon in Revelation....

Sacred Scripture 44

Announcements

Moms and Moms-to-be Evening Enrichment: Wednesday, August 7 & Thursday, August 15, 7:00-9:00 pm (RSVP for location details)

Moms of all ages are welcome to join us for an evening or two with other moms to find support, information, inspiration, and connection! Email Nina to learn more and to RSVP (nina.dewees@brynathynchurch.org).

No Post: Monday, August 12

There will be no Post published on August 12. Please send your announcements for that week by 11:00 am Monday, August 5.

Upcoming Holy Supper Services:

Interim Holy Supper with alternatives: Sunday, August 18, 11:45 am (Cathedral Nave, after the adult service)

Holy Supper at All Services - Young Children's (with alternatives), Informal Family (with alternatives), Family (no alternatives), Adult Service (no alternatives): Sunday, September 22, at the regular time and location for each service

Interim Holy Supper with alternatives: Sunday, November 10, 11:45 am (Cathedral Nave, after the adult service)

Sunset Organ Vespers: Wednesday, August 14, 7:30 pm

Our next Sunset Organ Vespers features Donald Meineke at the organs, and scriptural and doctrinal passages read by Rev. Jeff O. Smith. Suitable for ages 12 and up. Doors open at 7:10 pm.

Want to get involved? To receive emails, volunteer, or learn more about the New Church, scan the QR code or visit www.brynathynchurch.org/signup to fill out a form.





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