

Readings from the Word

"How lovely are your tents, O Jacob! Your dwellings, O Israel!" (Numbers 24:5)
The encampments of the Children of Israel represented the arrangement in order of the angelic societies or communities in heaven. When Balaam saw their encampments, he, as it were, saw heaven in spirit, and blessed them.

Apocalypse Explained 431

Heaven is divided into communities on the basis of differences in the quality of a person's love. Every spirit who is raised up into heaven and becomes an angel is taken to the community where her or his love is. When we arrive, we feel as though we are in our own element, at home, back to our birthplace, so to speak. Angels sense this and associate there with kindred spirits. When they leave and go somewhere else, they feel a constant pull, a longing to go back to their kindred and therefore to their dominant love. This is how people gather together in heaven.

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It is worth noting that the more members there are in a single community and the more united they are in action, the more perfect is their human form... Every community in heaven is growing in numbers daily, and the more it grows, the more perfect it becomes... So angels long for nothing more than to have new angel guests arrive there.

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On coming into a heavenly community good spirits come to possess the entire wisdom that everyone possesses in that community.

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Choose a question or two to reflect on or discuss:

1. What thought or idea stood out for you today?
2. How do you recognize the impulse to curse in yourself?
3. Think of a person you know who has blessed this community. What did they do?
4. How do you want to bless this community?

Musicians

Leah Martin, organ and piano
Mark Carlson, clarinet
Bryn Athyn Cathedral Choir
Catie Junge, Jennica Nobre, Nathan Odhner, Graham Bier, singers
Shawn Rose, piano
Scott Russell, bass

Preludes

Aria on "Jewels" - Dale Wood
This Is My Father's World - arr. Diane Bish
Adagio from Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K. 622 - W. A. Mozart
Ubi Caritas - Ola Gjeilo

Welcome

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord825

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Sing Hallelujah1006
(Children come forward.)

Children's Talk (with reading)

Blessing on Children

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(Children go to activities. See map on back.)

Interlude: *Grave* from Sonata in G Major - Benedetto Marcello

Adult Talk (with readings)

Reflection/Discussion (see questions under readings)

Announcements

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Benediction

Postludes

Romanze from Clarinet Concerto No. 3 - Karl Stamitz
Exsultate Justi - Lodovico Viadana

Regular Worship Services

Young Children's Service
9:30 am (undercroft)

Family Service
9:30 am (nave)

Informal Family Service
10:15 am (undercroft)

Adult Service
11:00 am (nave)

Upcoming Events

Holy Supper (all worship services)
September 22 (see above)

BATS Dedication Ceremony
September 21, 2:00 pm
(3360 Buck Road)

Society Semi-Annual Meeting
September 25, 7:30 pm
(7:00 pm – dessert)
(Society Building)

BATS Re-Opening Day
September 28, 11:00 am
(3360 Buck Road)

Community Supper
October 4, 6:00 pm
(Heilman Hall)

Elphicks Garden Party
October 5, 3:00-5:00 pm