

Readings from the Word

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we will not hurry to give you an answer about this thing. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.” **Daniel 3:16-18**

[Jesus said,] “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have affliction; but have confidence, I have overcome the world.” **John 16:33**

The reason why “sweeping” means preparing and being filled is that nothing else is asked of anyone except to “sweep their house,” that is, to reject evil desires and resulting false persuasions. If a person does this they are filled with all forms of good, for good from the Lord is constantly flowing in. As in Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Sweep (prepare) the way of Jehovah; make straight in the desert a highway for our God” (40:3).

“Level out, level out, sweep (prepare) the way; remove the stumbling block from My people’s way” (57:14). **Arcana Coelestia 3142**

In self-compulsion there is freedom. [And,] although the contrary seems to be the case, there is more freedom in times of temptation than there is outside of them. Indeed, at such times freedom is stronger as assaults are made by evils and falsities and it is strengthened by the Lord in order that a heavenly proprium may be given to the person. For that reason also the Lord is closer in times of temptation.

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Choose a question or two to reflect on or discuss:

1. Describe a time when, because of the Lord and His teachings, you felt better prepared to respond to a difficult situation.
2. What would it look like for you to have more confidence in the Lord at this current time in the world?
3. What is an area where you feel least prepared? What might it look like to invite the Lord into that part of your life?

Musicians

Leah Martin, organ
Bryn Athyn Cathedral Choir
Bryn Athyn College Chorale
Liam Taylor, guitar
Daniel Clark, bass
Shawn Rose, piano

Preludes

Elegy, Op. 58 - Edward Elgar
Shall We Gather at the River? - Dale Wood
Pastorale on “Fair Lord Jesus” - Garth Edmundson
How Beautiful - Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson
Ancient Words - Lynn DeShazo, arr. Craig Courtney

Welcome

I Vow to Thee, My Country..... 903

Opening Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

This is the Day..... 1016
(Children come forward.)

Children’s Talk (with reading)

Blessing on Children

You Are the Vine..... 1047
(Children go to activities. See map on back.)

Interlude: A Quiet Place - Ralph Carmichael, arr. Mervyn Warren

Adult Talk (with readings)

Reflection/Discussion (see questions under readings)

Announcements

This is My Father’s World..... 819

Benediction

Postludes

Jefferson (Psalm 87:3; Isaiah 33:20-21) - Alexander Johnson
Cantate Domino - Hans Leo Hassler, arr. Homer Whitford

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

Interim Holy Supper
(after Adult Service - with options)
November 10, 11:45 am

Young Adults Pub Night
November 8, 7:00 pm
(Bill's Best Brewery, Glenside)

Pay-It-Forward Crew Cook Day
November 7, 9:00 am
(Society Building)

Mom's Evening Enrichment
November 12, 7:00 pm

Dads Group
November 13, 6:45 am
(Scout Building)

Cathedral Fellowship & Tour
November 17, 10:30 am
(Social Hall)

Dads Group
November 21, 7:30 pm
(Church Office)