

Readings from the Word

Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote - Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” And Nathaniel said to him, “**Can anything good come out of Nazareth?**” Philip said to him, “**Come and see.**”

John 1:45-46

Our ultimate aims and intentions in life determine where we are in the next life. **Aims which look towards what is good** place us among angels in heaven, whereas aims which look towards what is evil place us among devils in hell. Our ultimate intentions are nothing else than our loves; for what we love we have as our end in view. **By means of the good aims residing in us, the Lord re-arranges all things that are in the natural;** for the end in view is like the soul, and the natural like the body belonging to that soul.

Secrets of Heaven 3570:3

None can be saved except those who wish to be saved, and **those who wish to be saved acknowledge God and are led by Him.** Those who do not wish to be saved do not acknowledge God and guide themselves since they do not think about eternal life and salvation, whereas the former do.

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Since a foreknowledge of future events takes away our fundamental humanity, which is to act in freedom according to reason, no one is allowed to know the future. **We can, though, draw conclusions about the future on the basis of reason.** Again, if we did know (future events) we would no longer think in our deeper self about what we should do or how we should live in order to reach some particular goal. **Those who believe in Divine Providence are given a trust that the Lord will take care of their fate.**

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Choose a question or two to reflect on or discuss:

1. We are not good predictors of the future and yet this doesn't stop us from trying. Why is that?
2. How often do you find yourself defaulting to Nathaniel's "what-good-will-come-of-this" mindset – occasionally, frequently, all the time?
3. Philip's invitation to "Come and see" reflects an open-mindedness to the possibility of change, new beginnings, even adventure. What steps or rituals could you adopt this year to not limit God but magnify Him in your relationships and work?

Musicians

Leah Martin, organ and piano
Shawn Rose, piano
Bryn Athyn Cathedral Choir
Scott Russell, bass
Jennifer Cole, Pamela Henderson, Daniel Allen, Graham Bier - vocals

Preludes:

Meditation from “Thaïs” - Jules Massenet
Serenade to Spring - Rolf Lovland, arr. Jane Holstein
Intermezzo from “Seedtime and Harvest” - John E. West,
arr. Frank W. Asper
Sheep May Safely Graze - J. S. Bach
Total Praise - Richard Smallwood

Welcome

Roll Out, O Song, to God!833

Opening Prayer The Lord's Prayer

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

Children's Talk (with reading) Blessing on Children

Come to Me 1036
(Children go to activities. See map on back.)

Interlude: Air from Water Music - G. F. Handel

Adult Talk (with readings) Reflection/Discussion (see questions under readings) Announcements

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah.....859

Benediction

Postludes
Aria Sebaldina - Johann Pachelbel
Hornpipe from Water Music - G. F. Handel

Upcoming Events

Swedenborg Birthday Community Supper

Friday, January 31, 6:00 pm
(Heilman Hall)

brynathynchurch.org/communitysupper

2025 Marriage Conference Saturday, February 8

www.brynathynchurch.org/marriage

Community Supper

Friday, February 21, 6:00 pm
(Heilman Hall)

Community Worship

Sunday, March 23, 10:00 am
(Cathedral)

Community Supper

Friday, April 4, 6:00 pm
(Heilman Hall)

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13
9:30 am/10:15 am/11:00 am
(Cathedral)

Informal and Adult Holy Supper

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm
(Cathedral)

Good Friday Choral Vespers

Friday, April 18, 7:30 pm
(Cathedral)

Easter Family Service and Scenes

Sunday, April 20
9:30 am & 11:00 am
(Cathedral)