

The Evening Service

6:00 p.m.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14; ESV)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Craig Wilkes

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ **DOXOLOGY:** “O God beyond All Praising”
Trinity Hymnal, no. 660, v. 1

THAXTED

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

+ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

CHILDREN’S SERMON: “450 TO 1!”

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRESENTATION OF EVENING OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“The Lord is a Mighty God” from *Psalm 95* Felix Mendelssohn
The Lord is a mighty God and a mighty ruler over false idols.

The Vesper Choir

HYMN: “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”
Trinity Hymnal, no. 165

LYONS

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful Name;
The Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh—his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and pow’r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

I Kings 18:20-40
(Pew Bible page 300)

SERMON: *Elijah: Living for God in a Pagan World* Rev. Duff James

5. “Confronting Paganism Head On”

PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

+ **HYMN:** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Trinity Hymnal, no. 252

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Rev. David Lauten

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
And done what is evil in your sight,
So that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with a willing spirit.

(From Psalm 51)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Our custom is to eat the bread and drink the wine as each of us receives it.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ **HYMN:** “In Christ Alone”

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

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+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”
Trinity Hymnal, no. 644, vv. 1 and 4

ST. LEONARDS

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow’r controlling all I do and say.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

+ Congregation standing



To Be Noted

An Invitation: We observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the worship service this evening. The table is the Lord's. All those worshipping with us who have made public profession of faith, are communicant members of other Christian churches, and affirm the doctrines of the Apostles' Creed are cordially invited to join us at the Lord's table.

The white envelopes in the pews give us an opportunity to contribute to the Deacons' Fund, used by our deacons to assist members of our own congregation in need and also others in the community.

Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.

Please leave any food or drink outside of the Sanctuary.

Nurseries for children to the age of four are provided in the Thornwell Education Building. Parents of children who have been in the Nursery, Cherub Choir, or Clubs are asked to come for them promptly after the conclusion of the service.

Open Gym: Open Gym for children and youth ages four through eighth grade will conclude at 8:30 p.m. All buildings on campus will close at 9:00 p.m.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Paige Elizabeth Hellams Goldstein by her parents Brenda and Howard Hellams, her brother Harper Hellams and his family, and her daughter Lauren Goldstein.



Missionaries of the Week



Tara and Ali Mitchell

Tara and Ali Mitchell live in Elgin, SC, and have three children: Joshua, Alisha, and Bethany. Drawing on the experience gained from living in Pakistan for eight years, Ali is working with the ARPConnect ministry to Muslims in America, specifically focusing on assisting the ARP Church here to reach out to Muslim people with the gospel of Christ. Tara is a math teacher.

Sermon Notes

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

September 12, 2010

6:00 p.m.