

Lessons for The Holy Trinity

May 27, 2018

Psalm 29 ~ *This song of praise and glory to the God of Creation reflects the majesty of the creation.*

Isaiah 6:1-8 ~ *Isaiah was anointed with a burning coal from the temple altar so he could speak for God.*

Acts 2:14a, 22–36 ~ *By the Spirit, Peter proclaimed the Father's power in raising Jesus from the dead.*

John 3:1–17 ~ *Jesus taught Nicodemus that the child of God is born of the Spirit through faith in Christ.*

GATHERING THE TEXTS: The Manifold Blessings of the Triune God

Convicted of his sin in the presence of the Holy God of Israel, Isaiah was forgiven and his lips cleansed to proclaim God's word to his people. By the power of the Spirit, Peter proclaimed the love of the Father who raised His Son from the dead to claim us as His own through the forgiveness of sins won by Jesus' death. Some years earlier, Jesus had taught Nicodemus that the child of God is born of the Spirit through faith in the Son and receives eternal life from the Father.

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE: Eternal God, you have given me the right to call you "Father" because through your only begotten Son you have given me forgiveness and eternal life. Help me to be guided by your Spirit that I may always confess you as my God and Lord. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: In the three persons of the Trinity we see God's abundance in love, grace, and fellowship. He calls us to share these same attributes through our use of treasure and talent.

OFFERING PRAYER: O God the Father, You created us;
O God the Son, You redeemed us;
O God the Spirit, You claimed us to be Your own;
Give us joy in Your gifts, and generosity in sharing. Amen.

CONVICTION AND COMFORT: In the presence of the Holy God, we must all confess with Isaiah, "I am a person with unclean lips; I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips!" We can only speak for God when our lips have been touched with his searing, redeeming love in the gift of Christ's death on our behalf, for he is the One the Father gave that we may not perish but have eternal life. The Holy Spirit has birthed us in faith through water and the Word to become children of God. Now, with St Peter, by the power of the Spirit, we are able to proclaim the love of the Father in his one and only Son who died for us and rose again.

Bonus on page 2: Hymn: A Mighty Glory Fills this Place

A MIGHTY GLORY FILLS THIS PLACE

A mighty glory fills this place! What is this sight I see?
Angels surround the throne of God flying so high and free!
My eyes have seen the Lord, my King. "Here, Lord, am I; send me!"

"Holy, the Lord!" The angels' call shakes the room mightily.
Around the throne the holy hall is filled with majesty!
He calls me with his Gospel clear. "Here, Lord, am I; send me!"

As if to purge my unclean lips an angel comes to me.
This coal has touched; my lips are clean! Christ's blood has set me free!
My guilt is gone; my sin atoned! "Here, Lord, am I; send me!"

"Go, make disciples everywhere, and teach my Word for me.
Baptize all nations," Jesus said. "I'm with you constantly."
"Whom shall I send, and who will go?" "Here, Lord, am I; send me!"

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*October 12, 1997, for Mission Festival, St. Paul, Bishop
Rev. Gary Martin's sermon: "Here am I; Send Me!" Isaiah 6:1-8
and Matthew 28:19-20*

*Tune: BROTHER JAMES' AIR 86 86 86
(LW # 417, "The Lord's My Shepherd Leading Me")*