

WORSHIP NOTES

The Bible provides a variety of models for prayer. One of the most intriguing is when the person praying is engaged in debate with God in some fashion. The intimacy and

intensity of these interactions have much to teach us about who God is and who we are.

Rev. Douglas King is preaching on three extraordinary moments of prayer from Abraham,

Moses, and Jesus on **July 14, July 21 and Sept. 8.**

The text of the processional hymn, *The God of Abraham Praise*, is quite close to the one found in *The Union Hymnal* edited by the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

The 1885 translation is by Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton Mann (1836-1926) and

is based on the Jewish creed set to meter, some say, by Daniel ben Judah, a fourteenth-

century liturgical poet from Rome. Moses Maimonides (1130-1205), the first to formulate

the dogmas of Judaism, wrote the thirteen articles of the Jewish creed known as the *Yigdal*.

Lionel Bourne (born England, 1960), composer of *Thou Art God*, is an English organist, conductor and composer. He is Organist and Director of the Parish of St. John

the Divine, Kennington in South London.

THE PLANTS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.



NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER will be the Rev. Douglas T. King.

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CHANCEL CHOIR QUARTET

Catherine Thorpe *soprano*; Agueda Fernández-Abad, *mezzo-soprano*; Jeffrey Taveras, *tenor*; Ryan Stoudt, *bass-baritone*.

SESSION

Sallie J. Abelow, Patrick A. F. Blott, Susan P. Crary, Paul J. Elmlinger, R. Scott Froehlich, Scripture Z. Gonzalez, Mark A. Greenwood, Shannon D. Henderson, William S. Hilburn, Harold P. Hope III, Anne R. Huneke, R. Lynne Lee, Sue-Peng Li, Robert D. McCrie, Helen B. Pennoyer, Elizabeth M. Philipp, Clare C. Pickering, Brian J. Pitz, Susan A. Powell, Debra N. Seraphim, Richard H. Stowe, Katherine C. Vosters, Ryan E. Widener, Henry M. Wildermuth (*Youth Elder*), Suzanne W. Wilson, Frances G. Laserson, *Clerk of Session*.

DEACONS

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

— ELEVEN O'CLOCK —

WELCOME The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one’s mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one’s friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

VISITORS, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship.

IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP that follows, an asterisk invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82:1-8

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 121)*

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

All: Let us worship God.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 488

Leoni

“The God of Abraham Praise”

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have refused to do Your justice, love Your mercy, and walk humbly with You.

People: Forgive us, O God.

Leader: We have not loved You with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our souls; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: Forgive us, O God.

Leader: We have been arrogant, believing ourselves to be superior to others, and not in need of Your redemptive care.

People: Forgive us, O God.

Leader: Bring us back into right relation with You and with all Your creation. Make us whole again.

People: Forgive us, O God. Amen.

KYRIE 574

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(Hymn 423, verse 5)*

Duke Street

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

After the singing of the response, all children are invited to come forward and gather around the baptismal font for the blessing.

THE WORD

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for God’s children?

People: That God be with the children as they learn of Jesus and His love.

* HYMN 261

O quanta qualia

“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 18:16-33 *(Pew Bible, page 14 O.T.)*

Sam Seraphim

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Douglas T. King

“Grappling with God: Abraham”

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(From A Brief Statement of Faith)*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, Whom alone we worship and serve... In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

* GLORIA PATRI 579

Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

America

Not for this land alone,

But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;

And may the nations see that we must loving be,

And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.

* INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lionel Bourne (b. 1960)

“Thou Art God”

Thou art the peace of all things calm, Thou art the place to hide from harm, Thou art the light that shines in dark, Thou art the heart’s eternal spark, Thou art the door that’s open wide, Thou art the guest who waits inside, Thou art the stranger at the door, Thou art the calling of the poor. Thou art my Lord and with me still, Thou art my love, keep me from ill, Thou art the light, the truth, the way. Thou art my Saviour this day

—*David Adam (b. 1936)*

* DOXOLOGY 592

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 288

Ellacombe

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Meg Cutting, *organist*

The Chancel Choir is on summer break. The choir will return on Sunday, Sept. 8.

If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.