

Welcome to Worship

August 13, 2023

Prelude *Londonderry Air ~ Henry Coleman*

Gathering Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty ~ ELW 413*

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, **Creator of all things, all creation shows your beauty and glory. With all the angels and all the saints we worship you and praise you. Show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading Revelation 4:1-5:13

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God, and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and back: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

**"Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come."**

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

**"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."**

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me,

**"Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David,
has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."**

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to break its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

Word of God. Word of life

Thanks be to God

Gospel

John 17:1-5

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your son so that the son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

This is the Good News

Thanks be to God

Hymn of the Day

Heaven Opened to Isaiah ~ ACS 1090

Musical Offering

O Radiant Light ~ Video by The Work of the People

Offertory Hymn

Thine the Amen ~ ELW 826 (vs. 1, 3)

Communion Hymn

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus ~ ELW 392

Sending Hymn

You Servants of God ~ ELW 825

Postlude

Finale on 'Hyfrydol' ~ Henry Coleman