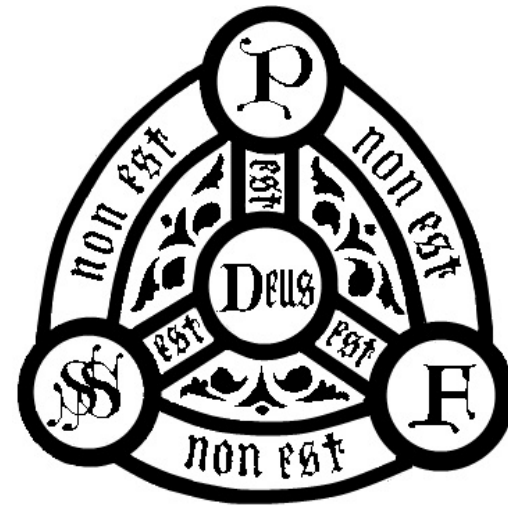


Sermon notes for May 18, 2008:



Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

“Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:28-29

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship, May 18, 2008

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

It Is Well with My Soul, #691

The Inspired Psalmist Exhorts Us, God's People, to Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 92:1-5, 8

It is good to praise the Lord and to make music to Your name, O Most High, to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For You make me glad by Your deeds, O Lord, I sing for joy at the work of Your hands. How great are Your works, O Lord, how profound Your thoughts! . . . You, O Lord, are exalted forever.

Prayer of Invocation

We, God's People, Respond in Worship

*Hymn of Worship

O Come, My Soul, #6 (stanzas 1 and 5)

God Declares His Law

The Ninth Commandment:

You shall not give false witness against your neighbor. –Exodus 20:16

The Apostle Paul teaches: “Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”

–Colossians 3:9-10

The Apostle John teaches: “. . . all liars . . . will have their place in the fiery lake of burning sulphur.”

–Revelation 21:8

The Prophet Joel Calls Us to Repentance

“Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to Me with all your hearts, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. –Joel 2:12-13

We Respond to Joel's Call to Confess Our Sins

Corporate Confession

Psalm 51, *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 804

The Psalmist Assures Us of God's Gracious Pardon

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed; He remembers that we are dust. . . . But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with

those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children.
–Psalm 103:13-17

We Respond by Praising Him in Song

*Hymn of Praise

Marvelous Grace, #465 (refrain on last stanza)

God Declares His Word to Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 37:1-11

We Confess our Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 23 & 24

Christian, “what offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?”

Answer: “Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.”

Christian, “how does Christ execute the office of a prophet?”

Answer: “Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.”

God Calls Us, His People, to Intercessory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn of Preparation

Have Thine Own Way, #688 (stanzas 1 & 3)

God Instructs Us, His People, Through His Word

*Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Habakkuk 1:12–2:1

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“The Prophet's Perplexity”

Pastor Reymond

*Hymn of Response

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me? #609
(omit stanza 3)

The receiving of God's tithes and our offerings

*Doxology

#731

God Exhorts Us, His People, to a Faithful Walk

“Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves.
Do what it says.” –James 1:22

*Benediction

Postlude

Twofold Amen, #739