MORNING WORSHIP 28/06/2020

Fanny Mendelssohn: Piano Trio in D 1 Allegro, Molto, Vivace

Call to Worship

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The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above, Ancient of everlasting Days, and God of love. Jehovah! Great I AM! By earth and heaven confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name for ever blessed.

He by himself has sworn, I on his oath depend; I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heaven ascend; I shall behold his face, I shall his power adore and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing: And "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty king, Who was and is the same, And evermore shall be: Jehovah, Father, great I AM, We worship thee. Before the Saviour's face The ransomed nations bow: O'erwhelmed at his almighty grace, for ever new: he shows his prints of love, they kindle to a flame and sound through all the worlds above the slaughtered Lamb.

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry. Hail Abraham's God, and ours! WE join the heavenly throng, all celebrate with all our powers In endless song.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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Meekness and majesty, Manhood and deity, In perfect harmony, The man who is God. Lord of eternity Dwells in humanity, Kneels in humility And washes our feet. O what a mystery Meekness and majesty: Bow down and worship, For this is your God, This is your God.

Father's pure radiance, Perfect in innocence, Yet learns obedience To death on a cross: Suffering to give us life, Conquering through sacrifice -And as they crucify, Prays, 'Father forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, Love indestructible In frailty appears: Lord of infinity, Stooping so tenderly, Lifts our humanity To the heights of his throne.

Readings

Psalm 13

Matthew 10:40-42

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When circumstances make my life too hard to understand, no doubt or fear, no pain or strife, can snatch me from God's hand. In valleys where the path is steep, with shadows dark and long, I know the Shepherd leads his sheep his grace will keep me strong.

Though sorrow and perplexity are often what I feel, Gethsemane and Calvary affirm God's love is real.

It is enough for me to know God's promise and God's care: wherever on life's path I go my Saviour will be there.

Sermon: From desolation to delight

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Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom his world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in his grace, And guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The son, and him who reigns, With them in highest heaven, The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore, For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Prayers of intercession and Offertory

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To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son; And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God! And every offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives:

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Benediction

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