

Welcome

Pre-Service Song

“With Joy and Gladness in My Soul” (Psalm 122) #263:1-4

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

“We are God’s people. How good it is that we have all come – women and men, young and old – to worship God who creates us; how good it is that we are gathered to meet Jesus Christ – God’s living word; how good it is that we seek together signs of the Holy Spirit, whom we cannot catch or subdue. Come, let us worship God. “

* Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

* Invocation

“We lift up our eyes to the hills , from where does our help comes?
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 124:8

* God’s Greeting

1 Corinthians 1:2-3

2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

* Opening Prayer

“Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you call us together to be your holy people, and so we join to give you praise for the joy of our creation; for our redemption in Christ; for the empowerment of your Spirit. Gracious God, fill our hearts with your love and our lives with your glory as we come before you in worship and prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.”- Amen

* Song of Praise

“Come, All Ye People, Bless Our God” (Psalm 66) #120:1-4

* Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 104:30

*When you send forth your Spirit,[a] they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.*

Luke 1:26-56

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed[a] to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”[b] 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30 And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be

called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

34 And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”[c]

35 And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born[d] will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38 And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant[e] of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be[f] a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat

46 And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

*49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.*

*50 And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.*

*51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;*

*52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;*

*53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.*

*54 He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,*

*55 as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”*

56 And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

* Song of Preparation

“How Vast the Benefits Divine” #386:1-3

Sermon on Lord's Day 14
By Rev. Stephen t'Hart
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Order Of Worship (Liturgy)
Psalm 104:30
Luke 1:26-56
Belgic Confession Article 18,19
Text: Lord's Day 14

Beloved congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Catechism makes it sound so clear, so simple. “The eternal Son of God, who is and **remains true and eternal God**, took upon Himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, through the working of the Holy Spirit.” That is what we believe concerning the incarnation, the Word becoming flesh.

Luke chapter 1 also makes it sound so clear, so simple. The angel explained it to Mary as follows: “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.” To which Mary responded, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.”

Clear and simple hindi po ba? . Na sa pamamagitan ng gawa ng Banal na Espiritu, ang Eternal Son of God, ay nagpatuloy na maging totoo at walang hanggang Diyos, ay sya din naging totoong Tao ayon sa laman at dugo ng kanyang inang si Maria. Datapwat sa lahat ng mga “Theological” na usapin sa kasaysayan ng Christian church, Ang pagkakatawang tao ng ating Panginoong Hesus ang dumaan sa pinakamahabang diskusyon o debate sa kasaysayan, at hanggang ngayon ito po ay ipinaglalaman ng Iglesia. That word incarnation means “**becoming flesh**”.) Anu po ang talagang nangyari? At papaano ito nangyari? At anu po ang mga kinahinatnan nang ang “Eternal Son of God” ay nagkatawang tao.

Our Preaching this afternoon is in titled :

The true gospel of the incarnation of the Son of God.

With the following headings:

1. What happened.
2. How it happened.
3. Why it happened.

Bago po natin umpisahan ang sermon, tayo po muna ay manalangin..

**Blessed Lord, who has caused Holy Scripture to be written for our learning,
grant that we may hear, read, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that through the comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which
You have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

1. What Happened?

I am sure that most of you know that old Christmas Carol, “Away in a manger”. Away in a manger / no crib for His bed / the little Lord Jesus / laid down His sweet head. It sounds nice, sweet and lovely. Pero duon sa ikatatlong stanza nagkaroon ng madaming usapin.

The cattle are lowing / the poor Baby awakes / But little Lord Jesus / **no crying He makes.**

Hindi nga ba umiyak sa Jesus? Actually may mga nagsasabi nga daw po na hindi, sabi nila ay ang pag-iyak ay resulta ng kasalanan. At dahil si Jesus ay walang kasalanan, maaari ngang hindi sya umiyak. Kung umiyak sya eh hindi sya **Diyos**, at hindi natin sya magiging tagapagligtas.

Ang sabi naman ng iba, “Of course Jesus cried. Ang sanggol ay walang kakayahang magbasa at mag sulat, sila ay nakikipag ugnayan sa pamamagitan ng pag-iyak. Jesus became a human being and like his brothers in every respect and so He must have cried. Again, kung susundan natin ang argument, Kung hindi naman sya umiyak eh hindi sya **tao**, at hindi din na sya magiging tagapagligtas.”

Ang mas malalim na issue po ay papaanong si Jesus ay parehong Tao at Diyos at the same time, at sa papaanong paraan ito ipaliliwanag? Anu ang antas ng kanyang pagiging Tao at gaano sya bilang Diyos nung sya ay nasa lupa pa? Anu ang eksaktong pangyayari nuong sya naging tao? Nagmula ba sya bilang isang organismo sa sinapupunan ni Maria? Ang Banal na Espiritu ba ang nag tanim kay Maria at parang sya ay magiging “Surrogate mother”? Mayroon bang nagsilbing “conduit” or daluyan kung saan si Jesus ay lalaki sa loob ng sinapupunan upang sya ay makapasok at maisilang sa mundo?

Alam po natin na sa normal na panganganak , ang “semilya”(ng lalaki) at ang “Itlog”(ng babae) ay involve para magka-anak. The husband fathers a child and the wife conceives.

Ngayon, malinaw po dito na si Maria ay hindi nag buntis sa ganitong pamamaraan. Pero ang Banal na Espiritu ba nag cause ng egg mula kay Maria at ang egg na ito ay na-fertilize sa pamamagitan ng isang “supernatural” na paraan, upang maging daan para ipanganak ang Panginoong Hesus? At kung lalalim pa tayo sa pagtatanung, maaring nating itanung, paano naman ang kanyang kaluluwa ? mayroon bang kaluluwang pang-tao si Jesus? At papaano naman ang patungkol sa pagka-Diyos ni Kristo? Napanatili ba nya ang kanyang pagka-Diyos nung sya ay nagkatawang Tao? O maaari bang sabihin na kanyang hinubad ang “ilan” o “lahat” ng kanyang pagiging Diyos , O maaari kayang sa ibang pagkakataon ay nag –stop sya sa pagiging Diyos?

Napakaraming mga katanungan pero ang mga ito ay mga mahahalagang katanungan hindi po ba? These are important questions and **How we answer them** has a big impact on **who we believe** the Christ to be, **how we worship Him**, and **how we are comforted** by His incarnation.

But the Christian church has not always found it easy to comprehend what it means for the Son of God to become man, and what it means for Christ to be true man and true God , at the same time generated a lot of controversies, especially duon sa unang 500 taun sa kasaysayan ng Iglesya. Habang sinusubukan ng tao na ipaliwanag kung anu ang ibig sabihin na ang Anak ng Diyos ay naging Tao, maraming mga “heresies” o maling katuruan ang naglabasan. At ito din ang nag dulot sa Church upang bumalik sa Bibliya at higit pang saliksikin at maunawaan ng mabuti kung ano ang “Incarnation” o ang pagkakatawang tao ni Kristo. Ang naging resulta nito ay ang mismong pag-balangkas at pagpapaliwanag

ng Catechism at ng ating Belgic Confession hinggil sa doktrinang ito. Belgic Confession article 18 and 19 sited two important doctrines **“the incarnation”** & **“the two natures of Christ”**.

Maging ang tatlo sa ating “creeds” ay nagpapatotoo dito. **The Apostle’s Creed**, puts it “Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary “. **Nicene Creed** puts it “and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and the **Athanasian Creed** says more vividly that “God of the substance of the Father, begotten before all worlds, and man of the substance of His mother, born in the world”.

We thank God for these Creeds & Confession that we have a ready answer to false teachings. At hindi natin maiintindihan lalo ang doktrinang ito kung hindi natin alam ang mga heresies na ito. Kaya po ito ay ating iisa-isahing pag araran under this sermon point “What happened ?”.

Isa sa unang “Heresy” tungkol sa incarnation ay ang maling katuruan na tinatawag na **docetism**. Sa katuruang ito sinasabi na si Kristo ay Diyos na nagpapakita sa isang anyong tao. Pero hindi sya talagang tulad ng tao, sabi nga po ay “He just seemed like a man”. Nagsimula ang katuruang ito nuong nabubuhay pa si apostle John, kaya po ang kanyang tugon dito ay yung nakasaad sa kanyang sulat sa 1 John 4:2-3 that says ; *“By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God.”* And our Catechism says in answer 35 that Jesus took upon Himself “true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary.”

Ang sumunod naman pong heresy ay ang mga itinuro ni **Arius**. Sya ay isang bishop duon sa Egyptian city of Alexandria sa panahong 300 AD. He taught that God the Son was at one point created by the Father. So Arius (and modern day Jehovah’s witnesses follow him in this) taught that **Jesus was created** by God and therefore was **not truly God**. It was against this teaching that our Catechism teaches that Jesus is “the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true God.”

Another church leader, a man called **Apollinaris**, divided Christ into having a body and a spirit. He taught (in about 361 AD) that Christ had a human body, but not a human mind or spirit. Ayon kay Apollinaris ,ang katawan ni Kristo ay galing kay Maria at ang kanyang isip at espiritu ay sa Diyos, lumalabas na si Kristo ay kalahating Diyos at kalahating Tao. But when people thought this through, it was concluded that it cannot be that Christ is half God / half man in this sense. For it was not just our human body that needed salvation, **but our minds and spirits, or souls, as well**. And so notice the wording of that other line in our Catechism in answer 35, **“Thus He is also the true seed of David, and like His brothers in every respect.”** Our Belgic Confession article 18 says even more, **“He not only assumed human nature as to the body, but also a true human soul, in order that He might be a real man. For since the soul was lost as well as the body, it was necessary that He should assume both to save both.”**

Sometime later, in and around 428 A.D. ang Church leader na si **Nestorius** naman ay sumubok ipaliwanag ang “human nature” at ang “divine nature” ni Christ sa ibang pamamaraan. Nestorius taught that Christ was really **two persons** – a human person and a divine person. Kanyang itinuturo nya na si Kristo ay ating titignan na parang isang tubig na may halong langis. (two distinct persons) He either did something in His human nature or in His divine nature. But the Bible does not describe Jesus in that way, and so our Catechism also stresses that He is “like His brothers in every respect, yet without sin.” We need to see Christ as One person, and cannot separate His humanity from His divinity. We also read from the Belgic Confession, article 19, that says *“We believe that by this conception the person of the*

*Son of God is inseparably united and joined with the human nature, so that there are not **two sons of God, nor two persons, but two natures united in one single Person.***

At the same time as Nestorius, there was another teaching about the nature of Christ that was taught by a man called **Eutyches**. He taught that when the Son of God became man, His human nature mixed with His divine nature so that He became a new nature, and **was neither fully God nor fully man but something in-between**. Our Catechism also denies that possibility when it states that *the Son of God “is and remains true and eternal God” and that as true seed of David, He is “like His brothers in every respect”*. And article 19 of the Belgic Confession also says that each nature of Christ, His divine and His human natures, **retain their own distinct properties. Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man at the same time.**

What then happened at the incarnation of the Son of God? Nothing less than the true and eternal God becoming true man. And that is what the angel told Mary in Luke chapter 1. In verse 30-33 He said, ***“Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”***

According to the words of the angel Gabriel, Mary would conceive Jesus in her womb. One of her eggs would be used, **from which the Holy Spirit would bring Christ into the world**. Na pinatotohanan naman ni apostol Pablo sa Romans 1:3 that, Christ was ***“born of the seed of David according to the flesh.”***

Tunay na hindi sya ordinaryong tao, at lalong hindi ordinaryong kapanganakan, Hindi lamang sya anak ni Jose kung hindi sya ay *“Anak ng kaitaas-taasan”* He would be, it says in Luke 1:35, *“that Holy One”*, and *“the Son of God”*. True man and true God. And notice how Elizabeth confesses that in Luke 1:43, ***“But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”*** While Jesus Christ is in every respect **true man, He is not just a man**. He is at the same time **true God** – and He must be worshipped as such.

And so when we confess that ***“He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary”*** we confess a Saviour who is one person but is fully and completely God and at the same time is fully and completely man. And we have to keep both of those facts in mind when we reflect on who our Saviour is.

Kaya po hindi natin itunuturing si Kristo bilang katulad lamang natin, sa isang *“casual”* na pagkilala, *“One of the boys”* sabi ng iba. Sa isang banda ay mabuti naman na ma remind tayo kung papaano ang pagiging tao ni Kristo, at paano sya nagkatawang tao, Pero sya ay hindi yung para lang isang kaibigan na naasahan kahit kailan, Sya ay ang ating Panginoon at Tagapagligtas, sya ay ang sinasabi ni Thomas na ***“My Lord and my God!”***

And on the other hand is a tendency to minimize the human nature of Christ. Either with songs about the Lord Jesus laying down His sweet head and not a cry does He make, or by separating Christ and Christianity from the real world. Sometimes there is not enough reflection on the fact that Jesus became a real person and lived in a real house in a real town at a particular time of the world’s history. And then it can happen that we lose the comfort in the fact that the eternal Son of God took upon Himself true human nature, becoming a flesh-and-blood person. And then going to church, reading the

Bible and praying might become distantly removed from your every day life. Then it is as if somehow our worship of God is a spiritual matter that does not seem to help us when we are faced with the mess we experience in our daily lives. Then we don't talk about our faith in everyday situations and in everyday language. And then we might also fail to see the full depth of the love that God has for this world. We would fail to see the wonder in the miracle of the incarnation, that God so loved this world, including you and me, that He sent His Son to become one of us. **For that's the true gospel of the incarnation. The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true God, took upon Himself true human nature. And as true God and true man, He became our Saviour and Mediator.**

2. So the next question is , How it happened?

Maraming tao ngayon ang hindi naniniwala sa Virgin Birth. Maraming mga katuruan o mga panulat na nagsasabi na iba ang totoong kasaysay ni Kristo mula sa sinasabi ng banal na kasulatan at ng ating sinasampalatayahan. Iniisip nila na imposible na mag buntis si Maria ng walang Ama. Subalit kailangan nating ipahayag ang parehong wika ni Angel Gabriel sa Luke 1:37 that , ***“With God all things are possible.”*** At kung tayo ay naniniwala din naman na ang Diyos ang bumuhay kay Kristo mula sa kamatayan matapos ang ikatlong araw, marapat din nating tanggapin ang katotohanan na ang Diyos din ang nag cause na maglihi at magbuntis ang isang birhen sa pamamagitan nya.

Hindi lamang sa panahon ng kapanganakan ni Kristo naganap ang kamangha-manghang gawa ng Panginoon, Abraham and Sarah received the miracle of a new life in Isaac when they were so old and dried up that there was no human chance of this happening. The very idea was enough to make Sarah laugh! Parehong pangyayari din ang nangyari sa kapanganakan ni Samson at Samuel. And then, six months before the angel came to Mary, Binuksan ng Diyos ang sinapupunan ng natanda na ding si Elizabeth at sya ay binigyan din ng isang anak na lalaki. At ngayon , ang pinaka dakilang himala ay naganap, Ang bugtong na anak ng Diyos ay isisilang mula sa isang birhen. The message is loud and clear Brothers & Sisters : that salvation comes only by the power of God!

But how did the incarnation of the Son of God take place? How was Jesus born? And how come He was without sin?

When Mary asked how will this be, since she is a virgin, the angel answered and said, ***“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you.”*** And so the conception and birth of Christ can be seen as the work of the Holy Spirit. How exactly the Holy Spirit did this, we don't know. **We do know for sure that the Holy Spirit was not some sort of male partner for Mary.** The Bible never speaks of the Holy Spirit being the Father of Christ. **In ways known only to God, Mary conceived the child Jesus “through the working of the Holy Spirit”** and that is how the eternal Son of God took upon Himself true human nature. We cannot explain this miracle further than that.

But there is more to be said about the role of the Holy Spirit. This picture of the Holy Spirit coming upon Mary and the power of God **overshadowing** her **brings us back to the beginning of time**, in creation , when the Spirit of the LORD was **hovering over** the waters at the time of creation. Ipinakikita din sa Psalm 104:30 na ang Banal na Espiritu ay aktibo sa Creative work ng Diyos. ***“You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth.”*** Kaya po hindi nakapagtataka sa atin na malaman na ang Banal na Espiritu ay gumana ng malaking tungkulin sa pinaka dakilang gawa ng Panginoon.. Sa pag-sugo ng kanyang bugtong na Anak at ang kanyang pag-silang at ang kanyang kalikasan bilang Tao.

And it is because of the **work of the Holy Spirit** that the Christ could be called in Luke 1:35 **“that Holy One”**. Even though Jesus would be true man, **the Holy Spirit would keep Him holy**, free from the pollution of sin. And throughout His whole life on earth, the Lord Jesus would **fulfil his office through the power of the Holy Spirit**. The same **Spirit** came upon Him when He was baptized at the beginning of His earthly ministry. Luke 4 tells us that He was filled with the Holy Spirit and went in the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus drove out demons by the **Spirit of God**. And Hebrews 9:14 says that Jesus offered Himself up **“through the eternal Spirit”**. And so having become one flesh with us, Jesus was **equipped, strengthened and sustained** to be our Mediator **through the Holy Spirit**. Through the power of the Spirit He withstood every temptation, lived a sinless life, performed miracles and went to the Cross to suffer and pay for our sins. And in that way, He became our Mediator. And so, because of the work of the Holy Spirit, with His innocence and perfect holiness, **our Lord Jesus covers, in the sight of God**, our sin, in which we were conceived and born. That brings us to our third point.

3. Why it happened.

The first Adam was not satisfied with the role that God had given him. He wanted to become like God. In Adam we all **grasped** and reached for that which was not ours. We wanted the divine likeness of God. And by our disobedience man, who had been created in the image of God, lost the true righteousness and holiness that God had granted, and by our disobedience we received death.

And on the contrary brothers & sisters, Jesus was and is God. But He did not consider equality with God a thing to be **grasped**. He voluntarily took upon Himself the flesh and blood of humanity and so became the second Adam. **He did so in order to free us from death and grant us a new life in Him**. Because Christ, **who is true God and at the same time true man**, came into this world, He could become our Mediator, the One to take away our sin and guilt and remove it from God’s sight forever.

Pero alam po ba natin ang pangunahing dahilan bakit ang lahat ng ito ay nangyari? Na kung bakit si Kristo ay nagpakumbaba na kunin at ibihis sa kanyang sarili ang laman at dugo ng kanyang inang si Maria at nag-katawang tao? Ito ay dahil mayroon tayong Ama sa langit na **umibig** sa atin, Oo, sya ay ang Diyos na matuwid, Ang kanyang galit sa kasalanan ay lubhang malaki, kung kaya’t hindi ito maaaring hindi sumailalim sa kanyang kaparusahan. Subalit ang pagkakatawang tao ng Anak ng Diyos ay ang pinakadakila din namang pagpapakita ng pagibig ng Diyos sa atin. For God so loved the world, na kanyang ginawa at sya ay handa upang isugo ang kanyang bugtong na Anak, at ipanganak mula sa binhi ng babae , upang alisin ang sumpa ng kasalananang napasailalim sa atin.

At ngayon mayroon tayong “Tagapagligtas” kung saan ang kanyang katuwiran at perpektong kabanalan at nag-takip sa ating mga kasalanan mula sa paningin ng Diyos, kasalanang taglay natin mula pa sa ating kapanganakan. At kahanga-hanga pa sa lahat ng ito ay ang ating Mediator & Deliverer ay tunay na nagmula sa lahi ni David. He partook of the flesh and blood of His mother Mary and is like His brothers in every respect. The eternal Son of God, **who remains true God, became a flesh-and-blood person**.

He is of the **same family as those whom He saves and makes holy**. At dahil dito’y hindi nahihiya si Jesus na tawagin tayong kanyang mga kapatid. (Heb 2:11)

Congregation, let us remember this..

The incarnation of Christ, that is, the Son of God becoming flesh, **was physical and real**. Remaining what He was, the **Son of God** became what He was not. **Remaining true and eternal God, He became true**

man. Fully God and fully man at the same time. One Person. One Deliverer. One Mediator. For us and our salvation. Amen.

Let us Pray...

Almighty God, graciously grant that Your Word, which we have heard, may be inscribed inwardly on our hearts.

As we receive Your Word meekly with pure affection, may our hearts be filled with love and reverence for You.

Cause us to bear the fruit of the Spirit and to live in holiness, diligently following Your commandments.

And may it please You to use us to lead those who are lost, wandering, and confused into the way of truth.

All this we pray for the honor and praise of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* Song of Consecration **“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” #446:1-4**

* Doxology (unannounced) **“Gloria Patri” #491**

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.

* Benediction **Jude 1:24 (Ang Biblia 2001)**

24 Ngayon sa kanya na may kakayahang mag-ingat sa inyo mula sa pagkatisod, at sa inyo'y makapaghaharap na walang kapintasan sa harapan ng kanyang kaluwalhatian na may malaking kagalakan,

25 sa iisang Diyos na ating Tagapagligtas, sa pamamagitan ni Jesu-Cristo na ating Panginoon, sumakanya nawa ang kaluwalhatian, ang karangalan, ang kapangyarihan at ang kapamahalaan, bago pa ang lahat ng panahon, at ngayon at magpakailanman. Amen.

* Amen! **“Three-Fold Amen”**

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