

biblical MONSTERS

Midweek #6

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Holy, Holy, Holy” [LW 168, v. 1-3]

INVOCATION

P: In your baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the crucified.

C: The sign of the cross always reminds us who we are and to Whom we belong.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We are marked with God’s name, and we now live under the sign of the cross! Amen.

SCRIPTURE Revelation 4:1-11 [NIV]

¹After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” ²At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. ³And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. ⁴Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. ⁵From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. ⁶Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. ⁷The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. ⁸Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come.”

⁹Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: ¹¹“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE “Holy, Holy, Holy” [*LW 168, v. 4*]

SERMON “GRIFFINS”

OFFERING

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Dan Miller

Piano & Organ

PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN “Doxology”

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

POSTLUDE “Postlude in F Major”

Heinrich Scheidemann

SERMON: *Rev. James L. Mueller*



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