



THROUGH THE CHURCH THE SONG GOES ON HYMNS FOR LIFE'S JOURNEY

A HYMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATING
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

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Friday, September 29, 2023 — 7:00 P.M.

ELW — Evangelical Lutheran Worship (cranberry hymnal); ACS — All Creation Sings (purple supplement)

Welcome

The Rev. Tina Melusky

Prelude

Reflection on "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

Robert A. Hobby

The congregation stands in body or in spirit.

Opening Versicles *(Leader; All)*

Creating voice of God,
Awaken in us a song of beauty.

Loving Word of God,
Lift up in us a song of wisdom.

Burning Spirit of God,
Arouse in us a song of justice.

May our hearts beat in wonder;
May our voices astound in praise.

Gathering Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
GROSSER GOTT

ELW 414

Stanza 1: All in unison; Stanza 2: All in harmony;

Stanza 3: Treble voices begin in unison; lower voices join at "Prophets swell..."

Stanza 4: All in unison

Prayer

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

WE JOURNEY WITH ALL CREATION

Reading

“Worship and Music”

Hymn

Oh, Sing to God Above

ELW 555

ROSAS

Stanzas 1 and 2: All in English

WE JOURNEY THROUGH EACH DAY OF LIFE

Reading

“Rhythms of Life”

Hymn

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW 808

LES PETITES SOEURS

Stanza 1: Choir; Stanza 2: Treble voices; Stanza 3: Lower voices; Stanza 4: All

WE JOURNEY IN THE SALVATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Reading

“Incarnation”

The congregation stands.

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ELW 270

MENDELSSOHN

Stanzas 1-3: All in unison

The congregation is seated.

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW 666

WONDROUS LOVE

Stanza 1: All in harmony; Stanza 2: Treble voices in unison

Stanza 3: Lower voices in unison; treble voices join on “while millions join the theme...”

Stanza 4: All in unison (please stand during the interlude)

The congregation is seated.

WE JOURNEY WITH CONFIDENCE IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Reading

“The Present Pilgrimage”

Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

FOUNDATION

Stanza 1: All in unison;

Stanza 2: Choir in canon (treble voices begin, lower voices start one measure later);

Stanza 3: All in canon (treble voices begin, lower voices start one measure later);

Stanza 4: All in unison

WE PROCLAIM THE KINGDOM’S JOURNEY WITH OTHERS

Reading

“Inasmuch as You Have Done It”

Hymn Beloved, God's Chosen ELW 648
ANDREW'S SONG
Stanza 1: Choir; Stanzas 2-3: All (an interlude will precede each stanza)
The congregation stands.

Hymn Come, Share the Spirit ACS 1045
ST PAUL'S, ARDMORE
Stanza 1: All in unison; Stanza 2: Treble voices; lower voices join at "Christ speaks..."
Stanza 3: Lower voices; treble voices join at "Christ speaks..."; Stanza 4: All in unison
The congregation is seated.

WE ANTICIPATE THE JOURNEY HOME

Reading "Praise and Twilight"

Anthem *Jesus Loves Me/We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus* Robert A. Hobby
JESUS LOVES ME/OUIMETTE
See insert for congregational part.

Hymn Abide with Me ELW 629
EVENTIDE
Stanza 1: All in unison; Stanzas 2-4: All in harmony;
Stanza 5: All in unison (please stand during the interlude)
Please remain standing for the prayer and hymn.

Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all, we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn O God Beyond All Praising ELW 880
THAXTED
Please be seated for the postlude.

Postlude *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* Robert A. Hobby

PARTICIPANTS

Robert A. Hobby — *Worship Leader/Organist*
The Trinity Lutheran Church Chancel Choir
and Festival Guests

The Rev. Tina Melusky — *Pastor*

Geoffrey Bell — *Director of Music Ministries*

Jeremy Garnett — *Trumpet*

Patricia Fielding — *Flute*

Anne Obara and William Solomon — *Readers*

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Robert A. Hobby is Director of Music at Trinity English Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, where his responsibilities include playing for many of the worship services, overseeing a graded choral program and instrumental ensembles, and managing the church's concerts. During his tenure, Trinity English has established a choral series with seventeen composers commissioned thus far, hosted conferences for several music organizations, produced four recordings, and expanded the opportunities for music ministry.

Mr. Hobby received his bachelor's degree in Music (Church Music) from Wittenberg University in 1985 and a master's degree in Music (Organ Performance) from the University of Notre Dame in 1987. He received an honorary doctor of music degree from Wittenberg University at its 2014 spring commencement.

Over two hundred and fifty of Mr. Hobby's compositions are in print with numerous publishers. A representation of his writing for organ, choral, and instrumental forces can be found on "Thine Is the Glory," a recording produced by MorningStar Publishers. In 2006, Mr. Hobby premiered a major work entitled *The Good Shepherd*, which is scored for tenor solo, adult and children's choirs, and orchestra; and his thirteen movement choral/instrumental Christmas work entitled *Holy Light* (published in 2010) is performed throughout the country during the holiday season. His music appears in hymnals of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and, more recently, in the hymnals of the Presbyterian and Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints church bodies.

His compositions have been featured nationally on TV (CBS) and syndicated radio programs such as "The Lutheran Hour," "Sing for Joy," and "Pipe Dreams;" in concert settings at national venues, including the National Cathedral and the Meyerson Symphony Hall; in festival worship services, including that of the national convention of the American Guild of Organists in Los Angeles, the installation services of the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and the Archbishop of Philadelphia, and the anniversary mass of Sacred Heart Basilica at the University of Notre Dame; and on recordings, including by the National Lutheran Choir, organ duo artists Raymond and Beth Chenault, and concert organist James Welch.

As a performer and clinician, Mr. Hobby keeps an active schedule throughout the United States. He has played for the national conventions of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, Organ Historical Society, and National Pastoral Musicians; and regional conventions of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) and ELCA. He has been a featured artist with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, performing Poulenc's *Organ Concerto* and Haydn's *Organ Concerto #2 in C*, and in 2005 he conducted the premiere of Andrew Carter's *Concerto in C* for organ and orchestra, with David Higgs at the organ. For several years he chaired "Young Lutherans Sing," a national summer choral program for children, sponsored by the ALCM. In 1996, he designed and coordinated a hymn festival that was performed simultaneously at one hundred sites around the United States and Canada to commemorate the tenth anniversary of ALCM.

Robert and his wife, Jennifer, are the proud parents of three daughters: Hannah, Lydia, and Elizabeth.