

Bowing to the Holy

Reverent Worship and Justice in an Irreverent Age

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and its three “daughter” churches** (all former Missouri Synod-English District congregations) share a similar DNA -- a commitment to both liturgical worship and social justice, among other “genes.” This ecumenical conference invites us to reflect together about these ancient inheritances of Christian communities, lived out as gifts and callings in our time.

Plenary speaker Bishop Melissa Skelton, Anglican Diocese of New Westminster, Anglican Church of Canada, will help us explore the liturgical experience of reverence. Four workshops will explore justice and holy in our music, worship and community organizing, cognitive inclusivity, and hospitality.

Daily Schedule

9:00-9:20	Morning Prayer
9:30-10:30	First Plenary
10:45-11:30	Workshops
11:30– 12:30	Lunch—soup and bread by Soup for You*
12:30-1:30	Second Plenary
1:45-2:30	Workshops
2:45-3:45	Panel Discussion
4:00-4:30	Evening Prayer

* About Soup for You!- Judah Nataf perfected his art of soup making at St. Martin’s Table restaurant, where he was Soup Master for 16 years. He focuses on fresh, local, simple, healthy, and delicious in his soup CSA business.



Saturday, November 22

9:00 am-4:30 pm

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

285 Dale St N

St. Paul, MN 55103

Registration

\$30 before November 15; \$35 if registering after Nov. 15 or at the door.

Please email your registration to 2014holyjustice@gmail.com.

Or, register by sending your check to:

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**** The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer – St. Paul ** Mt. Olive Lutheran Church – Minneapolis**

****Pilgrim Lutheran Church – St. Paul ** The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection – Roseville**

First Plenary

Bowing to the Holy: The Liturgical Experience of Reverence

In this first plenary address, Bishop Melissa Skelton will explore her understanding of reverence and what she has learned about how what we do in worship can support and enhance the experience of reverence for worshipers.

Second Plenary

Splendor Burning at the Heart of Things: Membership Growth in a Parish with Reverence at its Core

From 2005 to 2013 St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Seattle, Washington, the only Anglo-Catholic parish in the State of Washington tripled in size through deepening and expanding its identity, which had highly reverential worship at its center. Explore this case study with Bishop Skelton. How could such growth occur in an age with some believe is fundamentally irreverent.

Panel Discussion

Post-Moderns in Dialogue about Reverence

This panel of young adults will explore their experiences of reverence in worship and in parish life and its impact on their lives in the world. Are post-moderns drawn to reverence, and how and where do they experience it? If so, in what way does it make a difference in their everyday lives and in any actions they take on behalf of peace and justice in the world?

Bishop Melissa Skelton

Elected on November 30th, 2013, Bishop Melissa Skelton was Consecrated and Installed as the 9th Bishop of the

Anglican Church of Canada's Diocese of New Westminster in Vancouver, British Columbia on St. David's Day, March 1st, 2014. She is the first female diocesan bishop in the Diocese of New Westminster.

Bishop Skelton was born in the United States and educated at the University of Georgia (BA, 1973), The University of Chicago (MBA, 1989) and at the Protestant Episcopal Seminary, Alexandria, Virginia (Master of Divinity, 1990). She was ordained a priest in The Episcopal Church in 1993.

Bishop Skelton has worked at Proctor and Gamble as Brand Manager, at The General Theological Seminary as the Vice President for Administration, and at Tom's of Maine as Vice President for Brand and Systems Development. She was Rector of St Paul's Seattle, a parish with a deeply reverent worship life that tripled in size over the nine years she was its priest and leader.



Workshops

Justice and the Holy in Song

An exploration of this theme which is imbedded in the church's song: the holy God who loves justice expects no less from those who are graced with this holiness. Led by Dr. Paul Westermeyer, Emeritus Professor of Church Music and MSM Director with St. Olaf College and Luther Seminary

How Worship Leads to Justice: Where Community Organizing and Our Rituals Connect

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer has long had a liturgical focus to its worship and a commitment to outreach and racial equity in its surrounding neighborhood. In this workshop we will discuss how this commitment is rooted in our faith and worship. Led by Pastor James Erlandson and members of Redeemer's *Isaiah Core Team*.

Love is Now the Law (and the Gospel), and Cognitive Imperialism Can Be Overturned Too!

We have made great progress in matters of marriage equality. How about greater cognitive inclusivity? In worship, are we disembodied heads? How do we know what we know? We will reflect on some of Pilgrim Lutheran's work with Yale's Congregations Project this past summer and the journey of welcoming hungry pilgrims to embodied worship. Led by Pilgrim staff: Pastor Carol Tomer, Peter Spuit (Director of Shared Ministry and Faith Formation), and David Weiss (Theologian in Residence)

Hospitality into the Holy, In and With the World

A sense of hospitality can be a natural quality of a community or a worshipping assembly, or it may be something a community seeks to develop as a characteristic of their gathering in Christ. Through intentionally raising awareness of ways to increase the practice and grace of hospitality, it is possible to find ever deeper encounters with God - even though highly liturgical worship - and through this to discover further deep encounters with God in and with the world. Mount Olive Lutheran Church took on such an intentional experience some years ago, and Andrew Andersen, who was a part of that process, will share the outcome and results in the life of the community and how it continues to shape this congregation.