

**Trinity Sunday**  
**June 11, 2017, Year A**  
**St. Dunstan's Anglican Church, Largo, FL**

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

From our psalm this morning, we heard David offer these words of praise: “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.”

The greatness of God is so awesome. His greatness is so far above anything we can imagine that it is almost incomprehensible. In our day when science fiction takes us to new galactic frontiers where humans battle with alien races for control of the universe, we serve a God who is even bigger than the wildest dreams of mankind.

David was praising this God, the God who had created everything, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God who rescued his people from slavery in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea, the God who led them in battle to occupy the Promised Land, and the God who had personally selected him to be king over Israel. This was and still is an awesome God.

And this is the same God we worship today. Worship is an appropriate response for a divine and eternal being who has chosen to call us his own and adopt us as his children to live with him forever in heaven. Worship is also a thankful response to a God who did everything to create a relationship with us. We brought nothing to the table. We had no voice at all to negotiate terms. We were lost, but now we are saved.

Isaiah waxed eloquently about the amazing power, presence and goodness of our Lord. In our first reading, we heard these words: “Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, ... and weighed the mountains in scales. ... Who taught [God] the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, ... All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.”

Isaiah is telling us what we all know but can still from, and that is that our God is bigger than anything we can imagine: he “measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,” meaning all the oceans and seas of the earth, “and weighed the mountains in scales,” like he was building sand castles at the beach.

And who “taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?” This is an important bit of logic to understand. God gave humans the use of logic to understand things, so let’s apply it here as Isaiah did. If another entity had taught God everything he knows, then would it not be a logical assumption that such an entity would be greater than God? And if that were true, then would not this other entity be God?

Turning that around, what Isaiah is saying is that the God we worship is by his own nature the entity who has made everything, knows everything, and rules over everything because there is no one greater than him, even from another galaxy.

So David reflected on this understanding of God, even though he predates Isaiah, when he wrote Psalm 8, our psalm this morning. David wrote, “O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” What a great God you are. Thank you for being our God. And David continues with a comparison between God and man; he wrote, “When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him?”

There is no way we can compare to God. How small we are compared to God. How could he ever give any mind or place to us? We are nothing. But David continued. “Yet you have made him [man] a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet.” God has called us to rule over the earth until he returns. He obviously does notice us and know us, and he delegates his authority to us to take dominion and rule in his name.

Mission is what we call the act of taking dominion and ruling in his name. We are not supposed to just sit here in our holy enclave and wait for God to call us home to eternal life with him. As David said, he has created us for a purpose, and Jesus restated that purpose for us in today’s gospel reading. Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

When we fully comprehend the truly awesome nature of God and appreciate the incredible honor he has given us by calling us to work along side of him and go out in front of him with his power and authority to make disciples, how could we do anything other than offer him our praise and worship as we go?

We have been given something of immeasurable value, and all we have to do is go share the gift with somebody else. We don’t have to work for it – it’s free for the asking. Even though it is of immeasurable value, we don’t have to hide it away in a vault to protect it – we have the assurance of the creator and master of the universe that his gift to us is irrevocable.

“So let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

And now unto you, O Lord, be ascribed all might, majesty, power and dominion. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.