

Morning Prayer ECIC 24
Budolfi Church in Aalborg

May 14, 2019

Prelude

Opening

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"

Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning
God's recreation of the new day

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Luther's Morning Prayer

My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You kept me safe from all evil and danger last night. Save me, I pray, today as well, from every evil and sin, so that all I do and the way that I live will please you. I put myself in your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your holy Angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen.

Reflection

Psalm 8

1 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings² and crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

ALL: 9 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Reflection

- British mathematician Alan Turing (1912 – 1954): Turing test
- Today machines pass the Turing test
- Machines can beat humans with artificial intelligence
- There is even debate on artificial consciousness.
- What does this mean for humans? Are machines the better humans?

Psalm 8:

“you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.”

- Where do machines fit in in this sequence?
- Machines which can be more powerful than humans?
- What does make us human?

It is not our mind, our physical strength, our mental capacity, our consciousness, it is nothing we own or have – because there are humans who lack whatever we use to define our humanity. But it is us being created in God’s image – or as Psalm 8 puts it: that we are in Gods mind and God cares for us.

What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? (KJV)

That we are in Gods mind and God cares for us – this makes us human

Laudate omnes gentes

Laudate omnes gentes,
Laudate Dominum.

Moment of Silence

Lord's Prayer

The peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord,
The peace of the Lord
The peace of the risen Lord Jesus
The peace of the Lord is for you and for me
And also for all of God's children

The peace of the Lord
The peace of the Lord
The peace of the risen Lord Jesus
The peace of the Lord is among us right now
So open yourselves to receive it

The peace of the Lord
The peace of the Lord
The peace of the risen Lord Jesus
The peace of the Lord kept within can't live
So open yourselves now to share it

Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26 New King James Version (NKJV)

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 The Lord make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you;

26 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,

And give you peace.

Postlude

Links: <http://www.futur2.org/article/alan-turing-und-theologische-anthropologie/> and
<https://theonet.de/2017/12/12/alan-turing-und-theologische-anthropologie/>