

Service of Installation

October 17, 2021, 3:00 pm
21st Sunday after Pentecost

A warm welcome to our worship!

A. GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Greeting

P: The Grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

Introduction of Rev. Marcus Garras, Greetings from EKD

Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

**¹⁰no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

**¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

**¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue
and honor them.

**¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Ehre sei dem Vater...

Prayer of the Day

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God our comforter:

A: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see
scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice
and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy
and greed. Free us from our sin,
gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for
help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our
neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

Kyrie

Allein Gott in der Höh'...

B. WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
preaching, and song.*

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them."⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father**

**Ich glaube an Gott,
den Vater,**

**almighty,
creator of
heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus
Christ,
God's only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit,
born of the
virgin Mary,
suffered under
Pontius Pilate,
was crucified,
died and was
buried;
he descended to
the dead.
On the third day
he rose
again;
he ascended
into heaven,
he is seated at the
right hand of the
Father,
and he will
come
to judge
the living and
the dead.
I believe in the
Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian
church,
the communion of
saints,
the forgiveness of
sins,
the resurrection of the
body,
and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

**den Allmächtigen,
den Schöpfer des
Himmels und der Erde.
und an Jesus Christus,
seinen eingeborenen
Sohn,
unsern Herrn;
empfangen durch den
Heiligen Geist,
geboren von der
Jungfrau Maria,
gelitten unter
Pontius Pilatus,
gekreuzigt,
gestorben und
begraben,
hinabgestiegen in das
Reich des Todes,
am dritten Tage
auferstanden
von den Toten,
aufgefahren
in den Himmel;
er sitzt zur Rechten
Gottes, des
allmächtigen Vaters;
von dort wird er
kommen
zu richten
die Lebenden und
die Toten.
Ich glaube an den
Heiligen Geist,
die heilige christliche
Kirche,
Gemeinschaft der
Heiligen,
Vergebung der
Sünden,
Auferstehung der
Toten
und das ewige
Leben. Amen.**

**Hymn: Praise to the Lord ELW 858 / Lobet
den Herren den mächtigen König der Ehren
EG 317**

Sermon

**Hymn: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
ELW 533 / Tut mir auf die schöne Pforte
EG 166**

C. INSTALLATION OF PASTOR ANNIKA KLAPPERT

Introduction by Pastor Marcus Garras

Dear Pastor Annika Klappert, dear Mr. Tim Büchner, dear congregation,
You both look exhausted and have flushed faces- in the photo that Iris Schweiger sent us by e-mail to the church office in Hanover on the day of your arrival in Toronto. Flushed and exhausted...yes...but above all relieved and also happy...finally we are here!

Because your start to life and ministry here in the Martin Luther congregation in Toronto had really been anything but smooth.

At first everything went according to plan: There was the farewell from your work as a student pastor in Münster, the departure course of the EKD in Berlin, then in July, the packing for the move and the certainly not easy parting from the people who are especially close to you: the friends and of course from the family - and all this in these times of Corona, where we cannot reliably plan visits to other countries with the same ease as before, where with Covid a new uncertainty additionally resonates. And then with these mixed feelings to the airport: pain of parting on the one hand and anticipation of what is to come. Well, and then a little later the "cold shower" of realization: This is not going to work today. There will be nothing with our departure. We can turn around and have to start all over again with the church council of the congregation in Canada and the EKD and see how we can enter the country at all. And who knows if and if so, when an exit to Canada can take place at all.

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Dear Pastor Klappert
the watchword for the day of your arrival in Canada is in the prophet Haggai chapter 2, v.4

and reads:

Be of good cheer, all the people of the land,
says the LORD, and work! For I am with you.

(Haggai 2:4)

What a beautiful and fitting word for this transition, for this new chapter of life that you may now open and begin in these weeks. And there are several new chapters in your life at the moment:

After the two years of vicariate in Hamm and the years as a student pastor in Münster, you are now on the road as a parish pastor for the first time.

After the experiences abroad in studies and vicariate in Ireland and Israel, now the new experience of several years of service in Canada.

And finally, the new chapter in your life, the marriage you entered into with your husband Tim a few months ago.

A lot of new things await you, with a lot of potential and certainly a lot of treasures to be unearthed on the road ahead.

And despite your young age, you are not embarking on this journey unprepared.

On the contrary, you bring a great deal of know-how and experience with you:

On the one hand, of course, there is your experience in the field of community and here especially the experience with a young, student and multicultural community and the associated opportunities and challenges of living and working together. I was impressed by your innovative, and at the same time, missional attitude, which is expressed in your application when you write, in retrospect, of your work as a student pastor in Münster: "I applied for the position as a student pastor because the young adults, in particular, do not appear in the "normal" church work.

I wanted to come into contact with this target group, which is so important for the future of the church, to develop new spiritual offerings together with students from all disciplines, and to try out what the church can look like in the 21st century.

Taking courageous steps along the way and exploring this question of what the church of Jesus Christ can look like in the 21st century. My impression is that you, Pastor Klappert, and the congregation of Martin Luther, in this multicultural and modern metropolis that is Toronto, have found a good match and that

you will be able to walk this path together in a good way.

And certainly, your experience in the area of budget and finances, where you were responsible for the management and controlling of budgets in the higher six-digit euro range in recent years, will be just as useful to you as your experience in the area of social counseling and pastoral care.

Dear Pastor Klappert,

Many challenges and opportunities lie ahead of you on this journey that officially begins today with your installation as pastor of Martin Luther congregation in Toronto. You bring with you many things that will help you on this journey - some of which I have just mentioned.

AND: You are not walking this path alone, neither privately, with your husband at your side, for which I would like to thank you very much at this point, Mr. Büchner, nor in your ministry, where you are working together with people who are with you in search of how the Church of Jesus Christ can be believed and lived in the 21st century here in Toronto on Lake Ontario.

And finally, you will not go this way alone, because you may know that you are secure in God's promise, which is so beautifully visible and audible in the motto for the day of your arrival in Toronto:

Be of good cheer, all the people of the land,
says the Lord, and work! For I am with you.
(Haggai 2:4)

To be confident in your work - and to know God is with you.

May this promise of God be over your ministry and during your time here in Canada.

Amen!

Address and Questions

Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

Pastor Tin:

People of God, will you receive Pastor Annika Klappert as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

A: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Pastor Tin:

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

A: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Pastor Tin:

Annika Klappert, the office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: **Amen.**

Blessing

D. SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our father who art in heaven

Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel,

**Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power,
and the glory,
Forever and ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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