

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

October 10, 2021 at 11am | Ordinary Time, Proper 23

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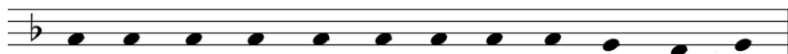
PRELUDE

Melody from "Three Short Pieces for Organ" Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please stand as the bell sounds. The Celebrant intones:

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.



The People's responses are in bold.

THE OPENING COLLECT

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of wisdom, whose word probes the motives of our hearts, with you all things are possible. Let worldly treasure not keep us from Jesus, who looks on us with love. Free us to leave all things and follow him, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph..

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 90: 1-8, 12, sung by the choir

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Walter Parrett

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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THE GOSPEL HYMN

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878); alt.
 Liebster Jesu, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch, 1687;
 harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, She* is worshipped and glorified. She has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word, and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray now to God, who hears our prayers even before we ask.

Holy One, inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.
Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.
That the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble.
In your presence may they find strength.

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.
Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Make us alive to the needs of our community.
Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.

We remember those who have died, especially those we now name...
Particular names may be offered aloud or in silence.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for the needs and thanksgivings of those gathered here.
Particular intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered aloud or in silence.

Hear us, O God
For we put our trust in you
The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace with a distanced gesture to those nearby.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

If Ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

words: John 14:15-17

music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

1 God him - self is with us; let us all a - dore him,
 3 Thou per - vad - est all things: let thy rad - iant beau - ty
 4 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -
 light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der
 be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing

in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -
 flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light
 Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or

ly draw near him. Now his own who have known
 calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly
 will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,

God, in wor - ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.
 in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.
 let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world, You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wonderous are you. Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

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The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you, now and forever.



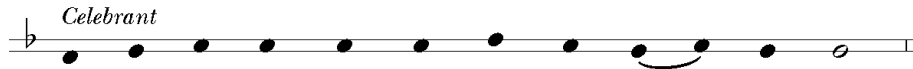
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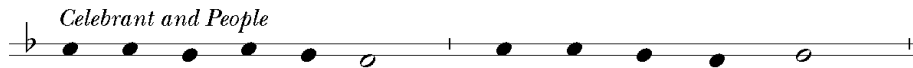
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

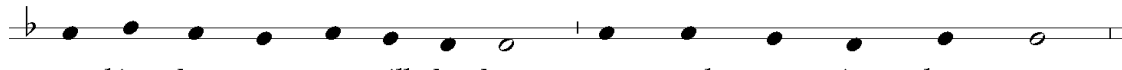


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

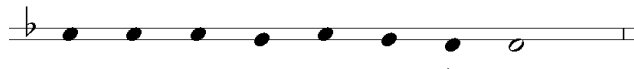
Celebrant and People




Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



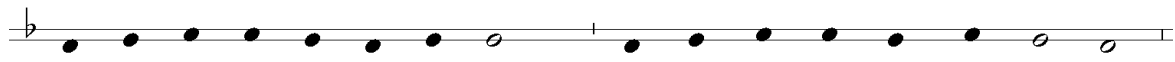
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



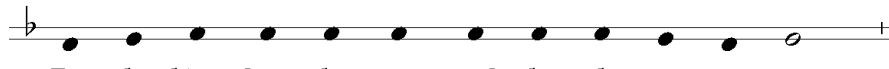
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.




For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

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The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to communion, saying

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.



This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be
 whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to Gods' word,
 cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

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THE COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion at St. Paul's. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
 2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
 4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
 great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
 un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944).
 music *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)
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THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and to serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major David Johnson

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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