The Holy Eucharist

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | MAY 22, 2022 - 9:00 & II:00AM

PRELUDE

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C Major, Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

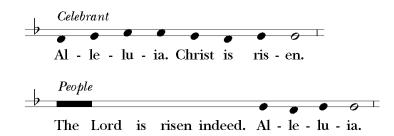


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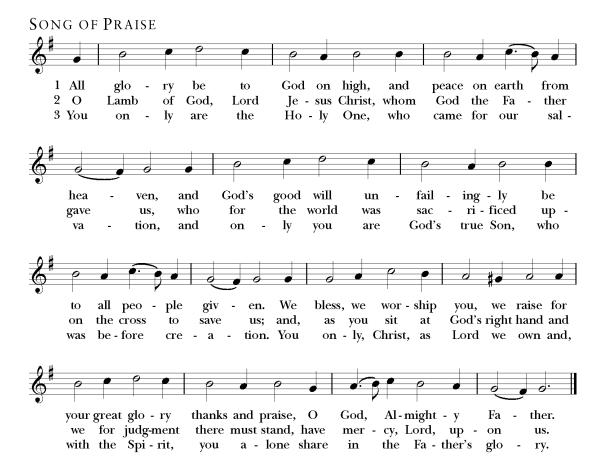


and praise him evermore.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Great and loving Father, your will for us in Jesus is the peace the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us in steadfast love and faithful to your word, that we may be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people. Thanks be to God.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, * show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

- Let your ways be known upon earth, * your saving health among all nations.
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; * let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; * may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, * and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

J. Camidge (1734-1803

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People. Thanks be to God. standing; all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People



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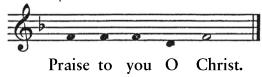
The Deacon or Priest intones:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Paul Carling

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

During the season of Eastertide, we will use the Affirmation of Faith (Creed) from one of our companion churches in the Anglican Communion, the Church of New Zealand. The prayers of this branch of the church are beloved throughout the Communion for their simple, direct, and creation-centered language in liturgy.

You O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love to us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of new creation, you promise to hear and answer when we pray to you in faith.

With confidence and trust we pray now for the world:

Lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it. Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the Church:

Spirit of truth, enliven the Church for its mission that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people. Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for this community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others, that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need, and especially those who have asked for our prayers... *Please add your own prayers, aloud or silently.*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion. Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn: [especially for...] *Please add your own prayers, aloud or silently.*

Give comfort, O God, to those who grieve.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We give thanks for the faithful in every generation. May their example inspire our witness in our own day.

The Celebrant concludes

Generous Giver, you pour forth your extravagant bounty without measure upon your whole creation: Teach us such generosity, that the fruit of our prayer and the work of our hands may build your commonwealth of blessing; we pray this in the name of the risen Christ, who empowers us through the Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you. And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY (sung by the Choir at 11:00 am)

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. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you. ^{Words: John 14:15-17} Music: Philip Wilby (b. 1949) HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY standing



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



We do indeed give thanks to you, O God, who created everything that is.

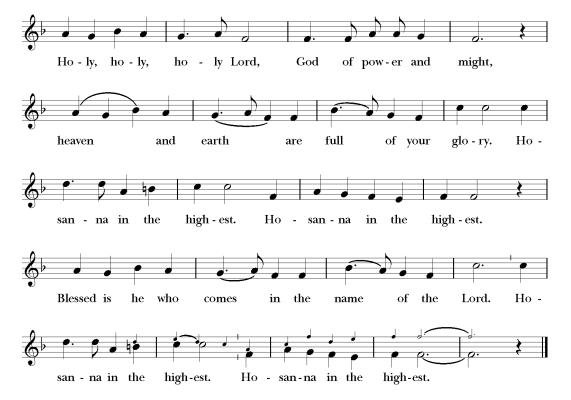
Praise to you for the earth and all its creatures.

Praise to you for revealing yourself to our ancestors in faith.

Praise to you for the gift of Jesus, your Son.

Praise to you for being, even now, present among us.

With great joy we join the saints and angels to acclaim you, O God:



From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Celebrant continues

In these fifty days of Easter celebration, we recall the glorious death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. And we, being redeemed by him, are made a new people by water and the Holy Spirit.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Here, with our gifts of bread and wine, we proclaim our assurance of eternal life:



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O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts. Be present at our table, revealing yourself to us in bread and wine. Raise us up to be the body of Christ for the world. With the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and your holy ones throughout time, we praise and honor you, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever.



Will Doreza

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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The Communion

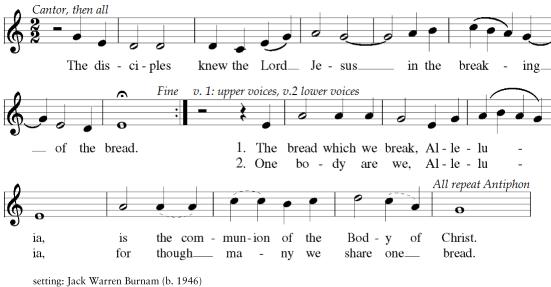
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

Alleluia. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.

These are the gifts of God for you, the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. 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.

All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.



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HYMN AT THE COMMUNION

(sung by the Choir at 11:00 am)

God of mercy, God of grace

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THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

standing

The People join the Celebrant for the final part of the prayer, in bold.

Ever-living God, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and revealed the way to life in his name. Dying and rising, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope that you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The wonder and wildness of God, who shakes heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the Gospel.

And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and remain with you always. Amen.

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THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Gigue Fugue, Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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