The Holy Eucharist

Reign of Christ

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | NOVEMBER 20, 2022 - 9:00 & II:00AM

PRELUDE

Prière à Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique - Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

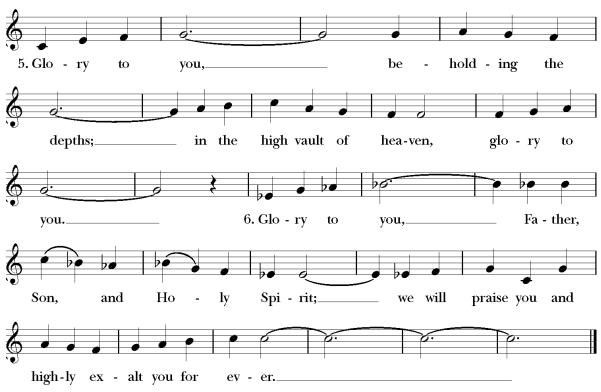


Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793)

OPENING ACCLAMATION *the Celebrant intones*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.





Setting: Benedictus es, Domine; John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Savior who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his reign illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages, and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

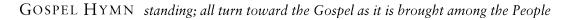
Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

PSALM	said at 9am; sung by the Choir at 11am	Psalm 46
	The Psalm is read reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk.	
	God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.	
	Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;	
	Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.	
	The God of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.	
	There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.	
	God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be overthrown; * God shall help it at the break of day.	
	The nations make much ado, and the realms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.	
	The God of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.	
	Come now and look upon the works of the Most High, * who does awesome things on earth.	
	It is God who makes war to cease in all the world, * who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields w	ith fire.
	"Be still, then, and know that I am God; * I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."	
	The God of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.	
	Anglican Chant: adapted from Ein feste Burg, Martin Luther	

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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Words: Anonymous, ca. 1757, alt.

Music: Moscow, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. The New Hymnal, 1916, based on Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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



When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

The Rev. Paul Carling, Associate Priest

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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. During the periods of silence, the people are invited to add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

We praise you, O God, for you love justice, protect the poor and forgotten, and hear the prayers of all who are humble and sincere. Hear now the prayers we offer for ourselves and the whole world.

Calm, O God, violence in every city and land. Visit this troubled earth, and make it a place where peace forever reigns.

O God, our all in all,

Hear our prayer.

Transform, O God, people of every economic circumstance. Tend to the poor, that they may receive what they need, and disturb the rich, that they may not rest in complacency.

O God, our all in all,

Hear our prayer.

Heal, O God, the suffering and the sick. Care for all those who struggle with pain of any kind, including those on our Prayer List and those we now name.

O God, our all in all, Hear our prayer.

Strengthen, O God, your fledgling Church. Grant us the foresight to embrace those we would prefer to ignore or forget.

O God, our all in all,

Hear our prayer.

Inspire us, O God, to give of our time and our resources. Remind us of how much we ourselves have been given, and show us what we can accomplish when we contribute generously to your mission.

O God, our all in all,

Hear our prayer.

Welcome the dead, O God, into your eternal heavens. Prepare us for our own end, and take us, in time, into Paradise with you.

O God, our all in all, Hear our prayer.

Holy God, our refuge and strength, you have redeemed your scattered children, gathering them from all corners of the earth through your firstborn, the Christ, in whom all things are held together. Make of us a just and righteous people, worthy by grace to inherit with him the kingdom of light and peace where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS seated

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY sung by the Choir at 11am

Coronation Anthem II: The King shall rejoice

Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759) Words: Psalm 21:1

The King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord!

At the time of the offering, please come up at will to the basin with your pledge card, your money gifts, or the yellow card to symbolize your gift. When all gifts have been received, we will bless them and give thanks to God, who blesses us with all good things.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY standing



Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), alt.

Music: East Acklam, Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Setting: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

The Celebrant continues

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, Jesus loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples, he took the bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. This is my body: it is broken for you. After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

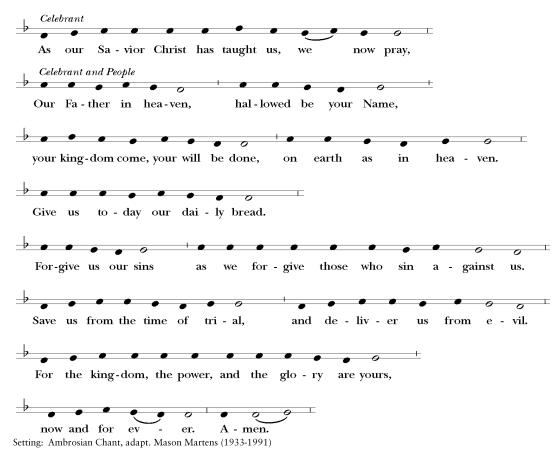
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come in glory.

We now recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the body and blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Paul, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

People A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



The Communion

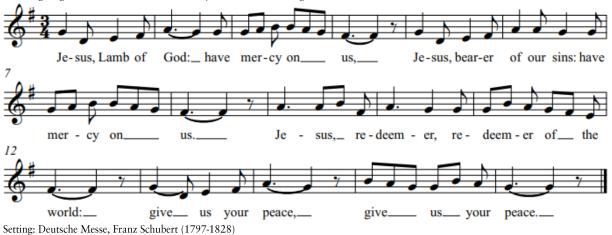
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request, grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups. 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.



Hymn: King of Glory, King of Peace

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633) Music: *General Seminary*, David Charles Walker (b. 1938)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION standing

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 m-ade 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

The blessing of God Almighty: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen. HYMN IN PROCESSION



Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
Music: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the name of Christ to love and to serve. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Menuet Gothique from Suite Gothique - Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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