



Prelude

Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme
(Sleepers, wake! a voice astounds us)
J.S. Bach

Welcome

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral; we are so glad you are here. St. Paul's is a safe and welcoming place for all people. If you are new to St. Paul's we encourage you to get connected with our weekly email newsletter. You can sign up online at stpaulsokc.org.

A friendly reminder to those who are worshiping in-person, please have your mask on (covering your mouth and nose) and maintain social distancing at all times during the service. Additionally, we cannot have congregational singing at this time, so during the hymns we invite you to listen to the choristers and follow along with the words printed in the bulletin. We thank you in advance for adhering to these Diocesan protocols which keep us all safe and allow for us to worship in-person.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 61

[Please stand as you are able]

1. "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us,
the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"

Midnight's peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
"The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light;
the Bridegroom is in sight.
Alleluia!

Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share."

2. Zion hears the watchman singing;
her heart with joyful hope is springing,
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.

Now come, most worthy Lord,
God's Son, Incarnate Word,
Alleluia!

We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.

3. Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:
through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.

No eye has known the sight,
no ear heard such delight:
Alleluia!

Therefore we sing to greet our King;
for ever let our praises ring.

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.

Canticle 13

*A Song of Praise
Hymnal S 236*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Collect of the Day

BCP 236

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and

led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7

S 415

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



1996, Jerome Webster Meachen.

Hear my teaching, O my / people; *
incline your ears to the words of my / mouth.

I will open my mouth in a / parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient / times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have / told us, *
we will not hide from their / children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the / Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has / done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for / Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach
their / children;

That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet un/born; *
that they in their turn might tell it to
their / children;

So that they might put their trust in / God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his com/mandments;

Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from the First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 436

[Please stand as you are able]

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.
2. O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King of triumph comes!
3. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.
5. O come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

✠ ✠ ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Tim Sean Youmans

“St. Hilda’s and Locker Room Talk”

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

[Please stand as you are able]

**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
he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Prayers

Let us pray for the church and the world.

Refrain

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name, may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world; especially for Justin of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Daniel, Bishop of Uruguay; and the clergy and people of the diocese of Oklahoma and our companion diocese of Uruguay.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good; especially for Donald, our President; Kevin, our Governor; and David, our Mayor.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

[Special Intentions]

And we pray that we may share with all your saints, in the joy of your Eternal Kingdom.

Refrain

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Confession

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

[You may stand or kneel as you are able]

[Silence is kept]

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

[Please stand as you are able]

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

**[You may share a greeting of peace
with those near you]**

Announcements

Children's Sermon

[You may be seated]

Offertory

Text: Isaiah 52:7

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (St. Paul)

How lovely are the messengers that
preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth
the sound of their words.

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface BCP 377

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

Sanctus

Hymnal S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the Highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 367

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction

Hymnal S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

[You may be seated]

During this season of coronavirus we will have communion in one kind only (the bread). The celebrant will consume the consecrated wine on behalf of the congregation. While this may feel incomplete to some, our tradition tells us that to receive communion in one kind (bread or wine) is to receive communion fully. We will return to communion in both kinds when we can safely do so.

To receive, move toward the front of the church when the usher indicates it is your turn. Please maintain social distancing from others in the communion line. When it is your turn to receive, you can extend your hands and receive the host, walk away from the priest, and then quickly pull down your mask to consume. Please replace your mask immediately after receiving.

If you wish to refrain from communion, you can come forward to receive a contact free blessing. Cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like a blessing.

If you require a gluten-free wafer please tell the priest when you come forward.

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 324

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.
4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Post-communion Prayer

BCP 365

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living
members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; To be understood, as to understand; To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

The Blessing

BCP 339

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 620

[Please stand as you are able]

1. Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?
2. Thy saints are crowned with glory great;
they see God face to face;
they triumph still, they still rejoice
in that most happy place.
3. There David stands with harp in hand
as master of the choir:
ten thousand times would one be blest
who might this music hear.
4. Our Lady sings Magnificat
with tune surpassing sweet,
and blessed martyrs' harmony
doth ring in every street.
5. Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same
partaker ever be!

Postlude

*Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme
(Sleepers, wake! a voice astounds us)
Paul Manz*

Today's Music

Today's organ pieces are based on our opening Hymn 61, "Sleepers, wake!". The prelude is by Johann Sebastian Bach (1785-1650) and is his own transcription for organ of a movement from Cantata 140. The chorale tune is heard by a trumpet stop while the accompaniment is played using warm stops on the organ. Bach was a German composer and musician of the Baroque period. He is known for instrumental compositions such as the Brandenburg Concertos and the Goldberg Variations, and for vocal music such as many cantatas, the St Matthew Passion, and the Mass in B minor. Since the 19th-century Bach Revival he has been generally regarded as one of the greatest composers of all time.

The postlude is a great setting by 20th century American composer Paul Manz (1919-2009). This music is a dialogue between the full organ sound and the solo Tuba stop. Paul Manz long served the church as recitalist, composer, teacher and leader in worship. He was Cantor Emeritus at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saint Luke, Chicago, Illinois; as well as Cantor Emeritus of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was the director of the newly established Paul Manz Institute of Church Music, and was Professor Emeritus of Church Music at Christ Seminary Seminex at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

The Anthem is an extract from a larger oratorio, St. Paul, by Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847). Mendelssohn, was a German composer, pianist, organist and conductor of the early Romantic period. His compositions include symphonies, concertos, piano music, organ music and chamber music. His best-known works include the overture and incidental music for A Midsummer Night's Dream, the Italian Symphony, the Scottish Symphony, the oratorio St. Paul, the oratorio Elijah, the overture The Hebrides, the mature Violin Concerto and the String Octet. The melody for the Christmas carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" is also his. Mendelssohn's Songs Without Words are his most famous solo piano compositions.

Hymn Notes

"Sleepers, awake!" A voice astounds us - Hymnal 61
Sometimes called the "King of Chorales," this hymn is based on Matthew 25:1-13 with other references to Revelation 19:6, Revelation 21:21, I Corinthians 2:9, Ezekiel 3:17, and Isaiah 52:8. Nicolai, who also composed the famous melody, wrote his hymns as meditations on death and eternal life in the midst of the plague in Westphalia in which over 1,300 people died in 6 months.

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates - Hymnal 436
This is a famous paraphrase of Psalm 24, and reveals a spirit of praise and hope unexpected from the depths of the dreadful Thirty Years' War. Its theme is the preparation for the Messiah's coming.

Jerusalem, my happy home - Hymnal 620
This text, whose author is listed only as F.B.P., seems to be based on a meditation on the peace of Jerusalem found in the Liber Meditationum. Many attempts have been made to establish F.B.P.'s identity but all are speculative. The music is a beautiful American folk tune adapted and harmonized by Annabel Buchanan.

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