ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

June 13, 2021
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II, Proper 6
9:00 AM

Welcome

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Prelude

J.S. Bach

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele
(Deck thyself, O my soul, with gladness)

[Please stand as you are able]

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 657

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

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.**

The Gloria

Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

[You may be seated]

Lesson

Ezekiel 17:22-24

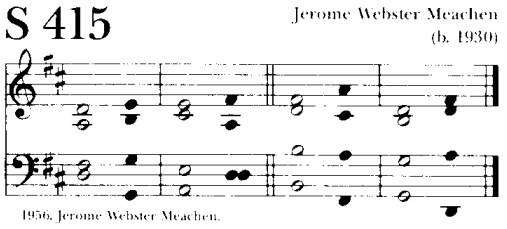
[You may be seated]

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14



It is a good thing to give thanks to the / Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most / High;

To tell of your loving-kindness early in
the / morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night / season;

On the psaltery, and on the / lyre, *
and to the melody of the / harp.

For you have made me glad by your acts, O / Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of
your / hands.

The righteous shall flourish like a / palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of / Lebanon.

Those who are planted in the house of the / Lord *
shall flourish in the courts of our / God;

They shall still bear fruit in old / age; *
they shall be green and / succulent;

That they may show how upright the / Lord is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no / fault.

Lesson *2 Corinthians 5:6-10,11-13,14-17*

[You may be seated]

A Reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

[Please stand as you are able]

Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 533

1. How wondrous and great
thy works, God of praise!
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

2. To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
thy truth and thy judgments
shall spread all abroad,
till earth's every people confess thee their God.

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

[You may be seated after
the sermon opening prayer]

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 of the People *Form IV, BCP 388*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

[special intentions]

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died *(names)*, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

[The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.]

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

[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. If you prefer to share the peace without physical contact with others, please hold your hands together in a prayer position or cross your arms over your chest]

Children's Message

[You may be seated]
[Children are invited to come forward]

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

[Please place your offering in the alms basin, or send a text message to 73256 and enter Stpaulsokc$ and an amount.]

Offertory Anthem

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

Text: Collect, Book of Common Prayer
Music: Farrant/Hilton

Presentation Hymn *Hymnal 365, St. 4*

To Thee, great One in Three,
the highest praises be,
hence evermore;
thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

Great Thanksgiving *BCP 367*

[Please stand as you are able]

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.

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.

[Please stand or kneel as you are able]

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Anthem *Hymnal S153*

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

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[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.

Please sanitize your hands before and after receiving.

If you wish to refrain from communion, you can come forward to revive 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 711*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu, alleluia!

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!

Post-Communion Prayer *BCP 365*

Let us pray.

[Please stand or kneel as you are able]

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.

Blessing

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

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

Closing Hymn *Hymnal 525*

[Please stand as you are able.]

1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Postlude

J.S. Bach

Komm, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist
(Come, Creator, Holy Ghost)

TODAY'S MUSIC

The organ music of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) will be heard today. The prelude is one of his lovliest chorale preludes, "Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele (Deck thyself, O my soul, with gladness)" which is based on our Hymnal No. 339. The melody is presented with a solo stop on the organ while being accompanied by warm sounds and beautiful harmonies.

The postlude, as also the prelude, comes from the collection of Bach's chorale preludes known as the "Leipzig" Chorales. This postlude is based on the great Pentecost hymn "Komm, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist (Come, Creator, Holy Ghost)" which in turn is based on the plainsong "Veni, Creator Spiritus". The melody is first presented in the top voice and later in the pedals.

Although there is no definitive evidence attributing "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake" to either of them, this jewel of a piece is often said to be by Richard Farrant or John Hilton. Farrant (ca. 1525-1580) was a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal before becoming Master of the Choristers and one of the organists at St. George's Chapel, Windsor in 1564. He served during the reigns of Edward VI, Mary Tudor, and Elizabeth I. As Master of the Choristers, Farrant was responsible for both housing and feeding the boys of the choir, a significant financial burden not always sufficiently supported by the church authorities. There were two composers named John Hilton. This anthem is also attributed to John Hilton, the elder (1565-c.1609), who made his career at Lincoln Cathedral and later at Trinity College, Cambridge. His son, John Hilton (1599-1657), was also a composer.

HYMN NOTES

Love divine, all loves excelling - Hymnal 657
The idea for this hymn was taken from a popular song by the poet Dryden, "Fairest isle, all isles excelling." After a prayer addressed to Christ to dwell within our lives, the hymn turns to the theme of sanctification. Thus we are "going on to perfection," being "changed from glory into glory" (II Corinthians 3:18).

The Church's one foundation - Hymnal 525
A mid-19th century controversy over a new way of studying and interpreting scripture by Bishop Colenso of Natal was the source of this hymn, a defense of the traditional way of interpretation. Christ is the foundation (I Corinthians 3:11), its members are his "new creation" (II Corinthians 5:17), and they are his holy bride for whom he gave his life (Ephesians 5:25). It is the most familiar statement about the church in hymn literature.

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