

HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I ~ NOVEMBER 29, 2020

THE PRELUDE Adagio in E major (Eric Pickford, *organ*) Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

THE INTROIT Matin Responsory Richard Marlow (1939-2013)

THE OPENING HYMN 5 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending *Helmsley*

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers;
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

THE ACCLAMATION (*Standing*)

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us. *People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.** *Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE LESSON *After the reading:* The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Romans 8:18-25

THE GRADUAL HYMN 3 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying *Wachet Auf*

Wake, awake, for night is flying; the watchmen on the heights are crying,
Awake, Jerusalem, arise! Midnight's solemn hour is tolling,
His chariot wheels are nearer rolling, He comes; prepare, ye virgins wise.
Rise up, with willing feet, go forth, the Bridegroom meet: Alleluia!
Bear through the night your well-trimmed light, speed forth to join the marriage rite.

Zion hears the watchmen singing, her heart with deep delight is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom: forth her Bridegroom comes, all glorious,
In grace arrayed, by truth victorious; her Star is risen, her Light is come!
All hail, Incarnate Lord, our crown, and our reward! Alleluia!
We haste along, in pomp of song, and gladsome join the marriage throng.

Lamb of God, the heav'ns adore Thee, and men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone. By the pearly gates in wonder
We stand, and swell the voice of thunder, that echoes round Thy dazzling throne.
No vision ever brought, no ear hath ever caught such rejoicing:
We raise the song, we swell the throng, to praise Thee ages all along.

THE GOSPEL (*Standing*) Mark 13:24-37

Priest begins The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark. *People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Priest concludes The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON *Night Is Flying* The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy

THE NICENE CREED (*Standing*)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,

and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *that we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *that your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; *that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *that there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *that our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *that they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; *let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *may we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE (*Standing*) Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you. People *And with thy spirit.*

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL OFFERING

Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing *from* Cantata 140
Sarah Lawrence, *violin*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750),
arr. John Shannon

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. *Continuing with ...*

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing. Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.* Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up unto the Lord.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. *It is meet and right so to do.*

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, HYMN 797

Healey Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE AGNUS DEI, HYMN 712

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Those worshiping from home may participate in the Eucharist by speaking the following words of the Prayer for Spiritual Communion .

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

ANTHEM Never Weather-Beaten Sail Charles Wood (1866-1926)

HYMN 391 Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee *St. Flavian*

“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee the passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom’s day.

But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong;
And for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear;
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:

The day to whose clear shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad;
The day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

HYMN By Faith K. Getty, K. Getty, S. Townend

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the pow’r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

Refrain: We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear
With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the Church was called to go in the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news in ev’ry corner of the earth. *Refrain*

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His Name. *Refrain*

HYMN How Great Thou Art *O Store Gud*

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” *Refrain*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 484

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near; the Saviour of the world is here.

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!

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.

Redeemer come! I open wide my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

John Cook (1918-1984)