

# HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I ~ SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

THE PRELUDE

Variations on *Slane*  
Eric Pickford, *violin*; Elise Pickford, *piano*

Jan Bender (1909-1994)

THE INTROIT

Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord

Thomas Mudd

THE OPENING HYMN 356

At the Name of Jesus

*King's Weston*

At the Name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.  
Humbled for a season to receive a Name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;  
Bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
To the throne of God-head, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.  
In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
Crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour: Let his will enfold you in its light and power.  
Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, o'er the earth to reign;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

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.**

Philippians 2:1-13

THE GRADUAL HYMN 337

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Rockingham*

When I survey the wondrous cross where the young prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.  
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Were the whole realm of nature mine that were an off'ring far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

THE GOSPEL (*Standing*)

Matthew 21:28-32

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

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

THE SERMON

*A Divine Descent*

The Rev. Justin C. Hare

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

*Jesu, Dulcis Memoria*

Thomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1549-1611)

### THE DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.        *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 worshipping from home are participating 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

HYMN 204 Humbly I Adore Thee

*Adoro Devote*

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hidest, 'neath these shadows mean;  
Lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.  
Taste, and touch, and vision, to discern thee fail; faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.  
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told; what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.  
O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; Living Bread, that givest all thy creatures breath,  
Grant my spirit ever by thy life may live, to my taste thy sweetness never failing give.  
Jesus, whom now veiled, I by faith descry, what my soul doth thirst for, do not, Lord, deny,  
That thy face unveiled, I at last may see, with the blissful vision, blest, my God, of thee.

HYMN Be Thou My Vision

*Slane*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be naught to me, save that thou art,  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.  
High king of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

HYMN Before the Throne of God Above

Vicki Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great high priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see him there who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.  
Behold him there, The risen Lamb, my perfect spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable "I AM," the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die: my soul is purchased with his blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.  
I bow before the cross of Christ, and marvel at this love divine,  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed to make me righteous in God's eyes.  
This river's depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood,  
The Lord Most high has bowed down low, and poured on me His glorious love,  
And poured on me His glorious love.

## 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 ever lasting 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As thou has been thou for ever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL

*The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:*  
***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

THE POSTLUDE

*Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten*, BWV 642  
Chris Walchesky, *organ*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)