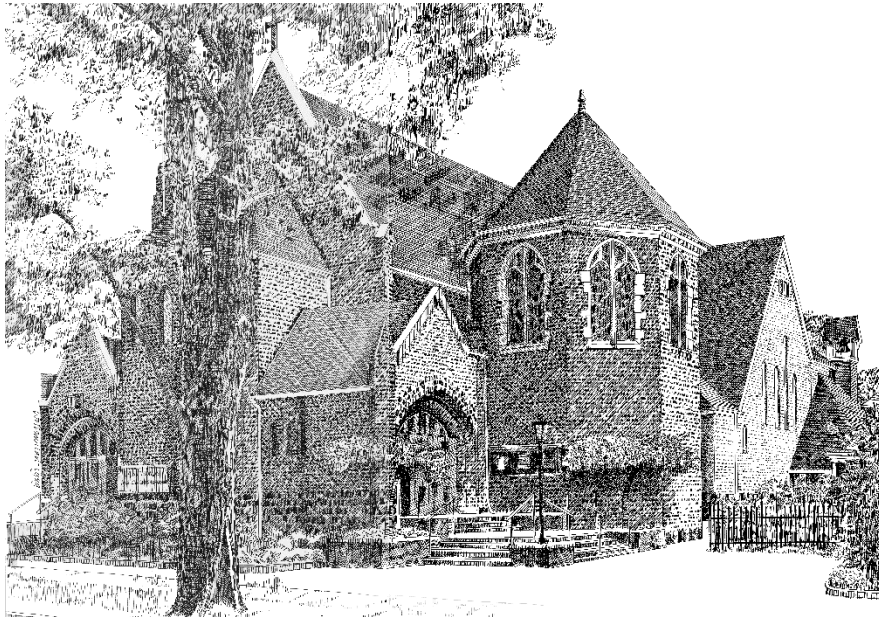




The Feast of Saint John the Evangelist
Sunday, December 27, 2020

Sung Eucharist at 9:30 am
livestreamed



Celebrant & Homilist: Fr James Shire
Cantor: Mark Wood-Salomon
Reader: Bruce McEachern
Organist: Elizabeth Anderson

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan

PRELUDE: In dulci júbilo, *Marcel Dupré*; and
Of the Fathers Love Begotten, *Flor Peeters*

GREETING

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: *And also with you.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: *To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Celebrant: 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may walk in the light of your truth, and come at last to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Genesis 1.1-5, 12-19

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

The word of the Lord

R / *Thanks be to God*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 92.1-2, 11-14; *Tone I, 2*



- 1 It is / a good thing to give our thanks to **the** Lord,
* and to sing praises to your **Name**, O Möst High.
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the **morn**-ing,
* and of your faithfulness in **the** night sēa-sön.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a **palm** tree,
* and shall spread abroad like a ce-**dar** of Lē-ba-nön.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of **the** Lord
* shall flourish in the **courts** of öür Göd;
- 13 They shall bear fruit in **old** age;
* they shall be **green** and süc-cu-lënt.
- 14 That they may show how upright the **Lord** is,
* my Rock, in **whom** there is no fault.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1.1-9

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The word of the Lord
R / *Thanks be to God*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. The word of the cross is the power of God to us who are being saved. Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20.1-8

V / The Lord be with you.

R / *And also with you.*

V / The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

R / *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Now on the first day of the week Mary Mag'dalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.

The Gospel of Christ

R / *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: *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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

silence

Lord, in your mercy

R / *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for Andrew our bishop, Jenny our area bishop, and for all the clergy and laity who serve God's people, especially in this parish; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and Linda our Primate.

silence

Lord, in your mercy

R / *Hear our prayer.*

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the Queen, and for all in authority in our country, province and city; for all entrusted with promoting and protecting our health and safety during the pandemic; for justice and peace among all people.

silence

Lord, in your mercy

R / ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for all those in need: for the sick, especially _____; for the elderly and isolated; for prisoners; for those who mourn and all for whom we have been asked to pray, especially _____

silence

Lord, in your mercy

R / ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: I bid your prayers for the departed, especially _____ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for _____; that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, Blessed John, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

silence

Lord, in your mercy

R / ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of your servant John, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last we may with him attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

INVITATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

V / The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R / *And also with you.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 84 – An exile for the faith

- 1 An exile for the faith
Of his incarnate Lord
Beyond the stars, beyond all space,
His soul in vision soared:
- 2 There saw in glory him
Who liveth, and was dead,
There Judah's Lion, and the Lamb
That for our ransom bled:
- 3 There of the kingdom learned
The mysteries sublime;
How, sown in martyrs' blood, the faith
Should spread from clime to clime.

- 4 Lord, give us grace, like him,
In thee to live and die;
To spurn the fleeting things of earth,
And seek for joys on high.
- 5 Jesu, our risen Lord,
We praise thee and adore,
Who art with God the Father One
And Spirit evermore.

NARENZA
Tr (1849) from the Latin of Rev. N. le Tourneaux (1686) by Rev. E. Caswall

Catholische Kirchen-Gesäng, Cologne, 1619

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal Light, receive all we offer you this day, that we may share in the wisdom of your eternal Word revealed at this eucharistic table. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word. *Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

V / The Lord be with you.

R / And also with you.

V / Lift up your hearts.

R / We lift them to the Lord.

V / Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R / It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of salvation in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name. *Amen.*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*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.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to his command:

*People: 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, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

People: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesu, hear me.

Within thy wounds hide me.

**Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, your apostle and evangelist John proclaimed the Christ, your Word made flesh among us. May we who have shared the bread of life remain for ever your children, born according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen*

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CONCLUDING HYMN 736 – See amid the winter’s snow

- 1 See amid the winter’s snow,
Born for us on earth below;
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Refrain:

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn;
Hail, redemption’s happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

- 2 Lo, within a manger lies –
He who built the starry skies;
He who throned in height sublime
Sits amid the cherubim!

- 3 Say, ye holy shepherds, say
What your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?
- 4 'As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing "Peace on Earth"
Told us of the Saviour's birth.'
- 5 Sacred Infant, all Divine,
What a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this!
- 6 Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble thee,
In thy sweet humility.

SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW
Rev. E. Caswall, 1851

Sir John Goss, 1870

POSTLUDE: In dulci jubilo, BWV 729, *J.S. Bach*