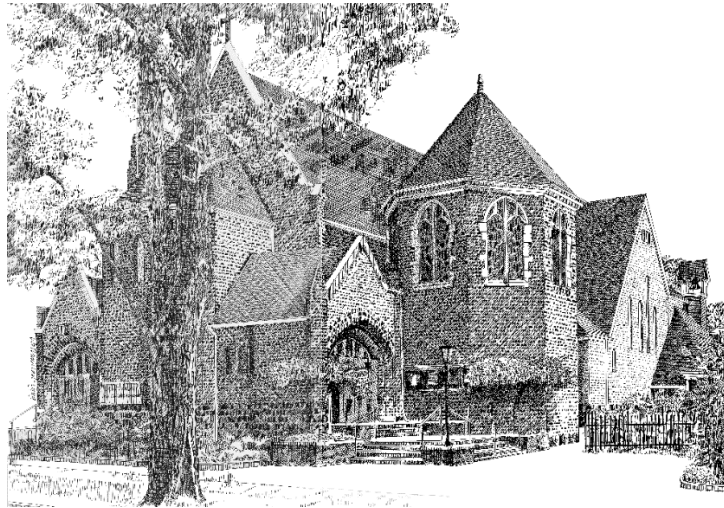




The Sunday After Ascension Day
Sunday, May 16, 2021

Sung Eucharist at 9:30 am
livestreamed



The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:

They are in memory of George and Bertha Heldt, from George Heldt;

and

In loving remembrance of Lilian We-Chee Goh, from her husband Swee Chua.

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr Shire
Cantor: David Yung
Reader: Rob Rogers
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

MUSIC OF THE MASS – A Unison Communion, *Herbert Sumson*

PRELUDE: *Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père, Olivier Messiaen*

GREETING

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: *May he fill our hearts with joy.*

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.

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, “Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsab’bas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthi’as. And they prayed and said, “Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two thou hast chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthi’as; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 1



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. *R/*.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. *R/*.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5.9-13

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life. I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17.6-19

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.*

Jesus said, "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth. As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.

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: Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

silence

Lord, in your mercy,
R / **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop and for all who serve and minister to God's people. May all who have received your word abide in your love.

silence

Lord, in your mercy,
R / **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our nation, province, and city; that the nations of the earth may be sanctified by the doing of your will in the ways of justice and peace.

silence

Lord, in your mercy,
R / **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all those in need, for the sick_____, and all those suffering from the coronavirus, for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all for whom our prayers are asked_____, that God's will be present with all who call upon his name.

silence

Lord, in your mercy,
R / **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the souls of the departed awaiting the final resurrection, 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, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

silence

Lord, in your mercy,
R / **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do, so that your realm will come to fruition in glory. Through Jesus Christ, your son our Lord. **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.*

HYMN 397 – Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

- 1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
JESUS out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Thou on earth our Food, our Stay:
Alleluia! here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me.
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

- 4 Alleluia! King Eternal,
Thee the LORD of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary
Earth thy footstool, Heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.
- 5 Alleluia! sing to JESUS!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
JESUS out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

HYFRYDOL
Rowland Hugh Prichard, (1811-1887), 1831

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898), 1867

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *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; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you 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 & 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: Lord, we died with you on the Cross
All: ***Now we are raised to new life.***

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.
All: ***Now we share in your resurrection.***
Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God
All: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Cantor sings:

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, give us your 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, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord. ***Amen.***

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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*

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

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia.*

CONCLUDING HYMN 389 – Look, ye saints! the sight is glorious!

- 1 Look, ye saints! the sight is glorious!
See the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious,
Every knee to him shall bow;
Crown him! Crown him!
Crowns become the Victor's brow.
- 2 Crown the Saviour! Angels, crown him!
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of power enthrone him,
While the vault of heaven rings;
Crown him! Crown him!
Crown the Saviour King of kings!
- 3 Sinners in derision crowned him,
Mocking thus Messiah's claim;
Saints and angels throng around him,
Own his title, praise his Name;
Crown him! Crown him!
Spread abroad the Victor's fame.
- 4 Hark, those bursts of acclamation!
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station;
O what joy the sight affords!
Crown him! Crown him!
King of kings and Lord of lords.

REGENT SQUARE
Henry Thomas Smart 1813-1879

Thomas Kelly 1769-1854

POSTLUDE: Fugue in C Major, BWV 547ii, *J.S. Bach*