

Rogation Sunday - The Fifth Sunday After Easter Day Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sung Eucharist at 9:30 am *livestreamed*



MUSIC OF THE MASS - A Unison Communion, Herbert Sumsion

PRELUDE: Prelude in C Major, BWV 547i, J.S. Bach

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.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

FIRST READING: Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was still saying this, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can any one forbid water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 98.1-10



Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. R/.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. R/.

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. R/.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5.1-6

Every one who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God, and every one who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15.9-17

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, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another."

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 the church produce the fruits of love and service for all the world to see and behold God's presence.

silence

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

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our country, province, and city; that the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace and justice.

silence

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

Intercessor: I bid 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_____. We pray this day for all mothers and their ministries in our lives and throughout the world. May God's wings spread to catch us all and carry us upon his pinions.

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: Almighty God, accept the prayers of your people. Grant that we may bear fruit acceptable in your sight by doing all that you command us to do. We ask all these things in your name, through Jesus Christ 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 171 – Lord, in thy Name thy servants plead

- Lord, in thy Name thy servants plead, And thou hast sworn to hear; Thine is the harvest, thine the seed, The fresh and fading year.
- 2 Our hope, when autumn winds blew wild, We trusted, Lord, with thee: And still, now spring has on us smiled, We wait on thy decree.
- 3 The former and the latter rain, The summer sun and air, The green ear, and the golden grain, All thine, are ours by prayer.
- 4 Thine too by right, and ours by grace, The wondrous growth unseen, The hopes that soothe, the fears that brace, The love that shines serene.
- 5 So grant the precious things brought forth By sun and moon below, That thee in thy new heaven and earth We never may forego.

6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom we adore, Be glory, as it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Ascribed to J. Randall, 1780

UNIVERSITY Rev. John Keble, 1856

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. *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 for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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 CrossAll: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 GodAll: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.

Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 172 – To thee our God we fly

- To thee our God we fly For mercy and for grace;
 O hear our lowly cry, And hide not thou thy face.
 O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand, And guard and bless our native land.
- 2 Thy best gifts from on high In rich abundance pour, That we may magnify And praise thee more and more.
- 3 The Church of thy dear Son Inflame with love's pure fire, Bind her once more in one, And life and truth inspire.
- 4 The powers ordained by thee With heavenly wisdom bless; May they thy servants be, And rule in righteousness.
- 5 Give peace, Lord, in our time; O let no foe draw nigh, Nor lawless deed of crime Insult thy Majesty.

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POSTLUDE: Moto Ostinato, *Petr Eben*