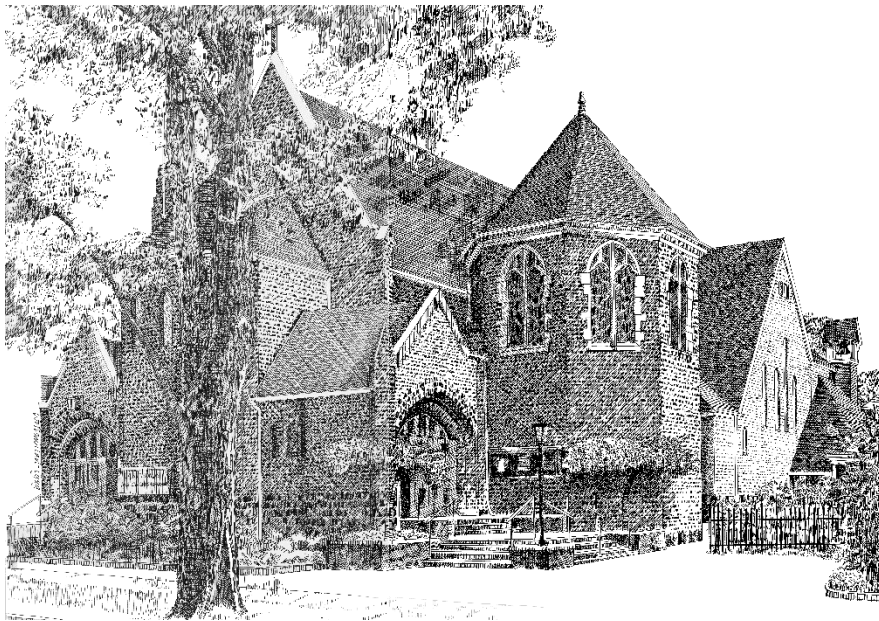




**The Twenty-Third Sunday After Trinity  
Sunday, November 15, 2020**

**Sung Eucharist at 9:30 am**



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**MUSIC OF THE MASS** – Communion Service in E Minor, *René Becker*

**PRELUDE:** Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639, *J.S. Bach*

**INTROIT:** Psalm 121

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: / O whence cometh my help?
- 2 My help cometh even from the Lord, / who hath made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: /  
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel / shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself is thy keeper: /  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
- 6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, /  
neither the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: /  
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, /  
from this time forth for evermore.

**GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; / As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: / O whence cometh my help?

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## KYRIE ELEISON

*Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Celebrant: Glory be to God on high,

All: **and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

V / The Lord be with you;  
R / *And with thy spirit.*

*Please remain standing for the Collect*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are thickening upon their lees, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards,

they shall not drink wine from them.” The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring distress on men, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the Lord; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the Lord. In the fire of his jealous wrath, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full, yea, sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

**PSALM 90.1-8, 12**

- 1 Lord, thou hast been our refuge, / from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever the earth and the world were made, /  
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
- 3 Thou turnest man back to the dust, /  
and thou sayest, “Return, ye children of men.’
- 4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, /  
and as a watch in the night.
- 5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood, and they are even as a sleep; /  
in the morning they are like grass that groweth up.
- 6 In the morning it is green and groweth up, /  
but in the evening it is cut down and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in thy displeasure, /  
and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
- 8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, /  
and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
- 12 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath, /  
or feareth aright thine indignation?

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11**

But as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But, since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 25.14-30**  
R / *Glory be to thee, O Lord*

"For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good

and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'

The Gospel of Christ  
R / *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

## SERMON

### THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: I believe in one God

**All: 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 the 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; Through 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, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped 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.**

### INTERCESSIONS

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

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

R / *We beseech thee, 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. We pray especially for Nathan Orsag who will be baptized into Christ's Holy Catholic Church this day.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

R / *We beseech thee, 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 thy mercy

R / *We beseech thee, 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 thy mercy

R / *We beseech thee, 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, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

R / *We beseech thee, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only that which is in accordance with thy will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness we cannot ask, grant us for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### INVITATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**All: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. 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 honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord . *Amen.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

R / *And with thy spirit.*



**OFFERTORY HYMN 238** – O God, unseen, but ever near

- 1 O God, unseen, yet ever near  
Thy presence may we feel;  
And thus, inspired with holy fear,  
Before thine altar kneel.
- 2 Here may thy faithful people know  
The blessings of thy love;  
The streams that through the desert flow,  
The Manna from above.
- 3 We come, obedient to thy word,  
To feast on heavenly Food;  
Our meat, the Body of the Lord;  
Our drink, his precious Blood.
- 4 Thus may we all thy word obey,  
For we, O God, are thine;  
And go rejoicing on our way,  
Renewed with strength divine.

*S<sup>t</sup> FLAVIAN*  
*Edward Osler, 1836*

*Day's Psalms, 1562*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of thy majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to thee and gain us the prize of ever-living happiness. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

V / The Lord be with you;  
R / *And with thy spirit.*

V / Lift up your hearts;  
R / *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

V / Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;  
R / *It is meet and right so to do.*

*The Celebrant sings the preface*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.  
Blessèd is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all

other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us we are bold to say:

**All: 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*V / Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us*

*R / Therefore let us keep the feast.*

### HOLY COMMUNION

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy 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.  
We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what thy Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord *Amen*

## BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### CONCLUDING HYMN 377 – O for a thousand tongues to sing

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!
- 2 Jesus – the Name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3 He speaks – and, listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.
- 4 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 5 My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad  
The honours of thy name.

*RICHMOND*  
*Rev. Charles Wesley, 1740*

*adapted from T. Haweis by S. Webbe (the younger), 1770-1843*

**POSTLUDE:** Herr Gott nun schleuß den Himmel auf, BWV 1092, *J.S. Bach*