

## The Holy Eucharist

*Voluntary: Adagio & Allegro (Concerto No. 1 in G Major), Johann Ernst/J.S. Bach*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn #7** – “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *See red book in the pews; the people stand, as able*

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
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—S278, Hymnal 1982

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

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of  
godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in  
the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *The people may be seated.*

First Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
    he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
    he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
    judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
    I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
    and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
    I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,  
    and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
    he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;  
    righteousness, but heard a cry!

*After the reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*   **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-18   *responsively by half verse*

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
    **shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**  
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
    **stir up your strength and come to help us.**  
You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
    **you cast out the nations and planted it.**  
You prepared the ground for it;  
    **it took root and filled the land.**  
The mountains were covered by its shadow  
    **and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**  
You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea  
    **and its branches to the River.**  
Why have you broken down its wall,  
    **so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**  
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
    **and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**  
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;  
    **preserve what your right hand has planted.**  
They burn it with fire like rubbish;  
    **at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.**  
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
    **the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. >>**

And so will we never turn away from you;  
    **give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**  
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
    **show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading—Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*After the reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*   **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #552**—“*Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might*” *please stand, as able*

**Gospel** Luke 12:49-56

*Before the Gospel,*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ... *People*   **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

    father against son and son against father,  
    mother against daughter and daughter against mother,  
    mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
    and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” >>

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

*After the Gospel,*

The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** *The people sit.*

*Dean Twila Smith*

**The Nicene Creed** *The people stand, as able; in unison*

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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Leader* Let us offer our prayers to God, from whom comes every gift, saying, Holy God, hear our prayer.

For the Church: including Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop; for the St. Paul's pastoral  
care team meeting today and for the Vestry meeting this week, that we may run with perseverance  
the race that is set before us. Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

For that Great Cloud of Witnesses, especially our common ministry in this Cathedral community, that  
we, through our words and actions, may show the love of God in the world and see that love reflected  
in the lives of others. Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

For this city of Buffalo, for hospitality and transit workers, and for all who pass through, that they be  
met with generosity at every turn. Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

For our downtown neighborhood, for the Garden of Love ministry, and for all who are troubled  
or alone, that empowered by the Spirit, we may bear witness to the Risen Christ who calls us to be  
people of reconciliation and love. Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all in need of our prayers, remembering especially Elaine, Donna, Sharon, Henry, Jeremy, Reagan, Ryan, Diane, Frank, Don, Caroline, Marcia, Barb, Lenore, Sue, Powell, Nancy, Rosie, Peg, Martha, Robert, Carol, Ashlee, Steve, Lisa, and Larry, and for the people of Ukraine and Russia, that God will keep them safe and give them hope. Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all the departed, remembering Faith Stewart, Tim Morduant, Elvyn Perry Adams, all who we hold in our hearts and those known to God alone, that they may rejoice in that great company who sing God's praises. Holy God,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider*

Holy and merciful God, hear the prayers we offer this day; kindle the fire of your passion in us and baptize all creation with your vision of justice and truth; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Confession**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider* Most merciful God,

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 neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of our Savior 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.

*The Priest offers absolution*

**The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Hymn #483 – “The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns”**

**The Great Thanksgiving** *The people stand. The Presider, facing them, says,*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*All        Sanctus—S128*

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, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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 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 Breaking of the Bread**    *After a period of silence is kept, the Presider says,*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.        *People*    **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Fraction Anthem—S165*

*All*        Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
              Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
              Jesus, redeemer of the world: grant us your peace.

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You are welcome at Christ's table. An usher will invite you to a single-file line in the main aisle for communion.*

*If you do not wish to partake, you may come forward to receive a blessing—indicate your desire by crossing your arms in front of your chest. If you would like to make a financial offering, please place it in the offering plate.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

*All*        **God of abundance**, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.  
Amen.

**Blessing**

**Hymn #635**—*"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"*

**Dismissal**    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.        *People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude in D Major, William Mathias*

**New or visiting today?** Everything you need to follow the worship service is in this bulletin. We invite you to join in singing hymns and you will find hymn numbers in this bulletin and hymnals (red book) in the pews. Greeters are available to assist you.

If you would like a hearing enhancement device, see a greeter.



Restrooms are available near the kitchen on the lower level.  
A handicapped accessible restroom is located near the Walker Room.  
*Please ask a greeter for directions.*

### TODAY'S LITURGY PARTICIPANTS

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