



harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

[6:1-5, 12b-19]

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 24**

*This psalm celebrates two crucial elements of Israel's religious tradition: the whole creation as the possession of God alone and the Temple as the visible symbol of God's presence within creation.*

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.

**For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

**"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

**Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

**"Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

**"Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."**

**The Second Reading:** (*Lector*) A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

*It has been suggested that this letter began as a prayer of blessing and a sermon to new converts preparing for baptism at Pentecost. Jesus Christ is the central figure of this passage, as he was for all of Paul's teaching.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through

Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. [1:3-14]

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:**

Hymnal # 488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art –  
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

**THE GOSPEL** *(Please stand)*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*The execution of John the Baptist was only one of many acts of extreme violence attributed to Herod Antipas, the Roman's puppet-king of Galilee and Petrea. This story plays a large part in Mark's narrative because it reflects the king's guilt and his fear that Jesus and his disciples would start a rebellion threatening his shaky hold on power.*

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. [6:14-29]

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gradual:**

Hymnal # 488

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word, I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in my dwelling, and I one with thee.

**SERMON** *(Please be seated)*

**NICENE CREED** *(Please stand)*

**We believe in one God, the Father the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE VI** *(please stand or kneel)*

*The Leader:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For Joe our President, Ron our Governor, our county commissioners and those who advise them.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Dabney our Bishop, Tom our Rector; for this Church of St. Paul's, our vestry, staff, people, and our ministries, and for all bishops and other ministers.

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] and] all those on our parish prayer list.

*(Silence, the people may add their own petitions)*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those having birthdays this week: especially Edward Lebida, Vera Stegmaier, Jean Hayes, Barbara Pike, Marilyn Schrowang, Stephanie Griffith, Richard Ewing, and all those celebrating anniversaries: especially William & Stephanie Griffith, and Leon & Mary Ellen Wieber.

*(Silence, the people may add their own thanksgivings)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray [especially for \_\_\_\_\_, who died recently and] for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(Silence, the people may add their own petitions)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**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 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.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** *(Please stand)*

### **OFFERTORY** *(Please be seated during hymn)* Hymnal # 683

*O for a closer walk with God*

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?  
Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and his word?

The dearest idol I have known, what-e'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Doxology *(Please stand)*

Hymnal #380 v 3

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...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.

## **SANCTUS**

Hymnal # S 130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The people kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**GREAT AMEN** *Amen, Amen, Amen*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to pray.

***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.***

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant & People sing:*

Fraction Anthem      *Eat This Bread*      Worship # 697 (ref x 2)

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.***

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.***

For those unable to worship with us in person we pray:

O most blessed Savior, in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving, I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart; I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Amen

***People: Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart.***

## **COMMUNION**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead, please fold your hands across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Instrumental*

## **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** *(Please stand or kneel)*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*Celebrant:* And finally my brothers and sisters, live in harmony and with compassion. Show kindness and humility. Return no evil nor slander but return blessings to all. Bless and do not curse for such is your call in Christ Jesus our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit shall be with you this day and all the days of your life.

## **CLOSING HYMN** *(Please stand)*

Hymnal # 450

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call,  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!  
the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!!

***Celebrant and People: Almighty and everlasting God, make our parish of St. Paul's truly a community of prayer and belonging. Raise up in our midst the resources and leadership which will enable us to act upon what you would have us do, in this place and in a ministry of love and***

**concern for others. Open my mind and heart to discern what you would have me do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The Celebrant issues the DISMISSAL*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*March in D*

G. F. Handel

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***Welcome visitors!*** We are glad you have joined us for worship today. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Trinity Hall, after the service.

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**Today's 9:00 a.m. Worship Leaders:** *Celebrant & Homilist:* The Rev. Kathy Schillreff, *Eucharistic Ministers:* Judy Cimaglia, *Lector & Intercessor:* Judy Cimaglia, *Music Director / Organist:* Eleanor Phelps, *Usher:* Judy Martin, *Greeter:* Katie Judnich

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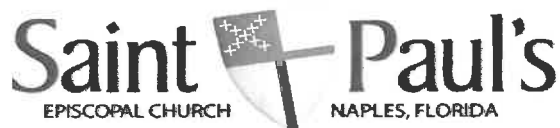
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