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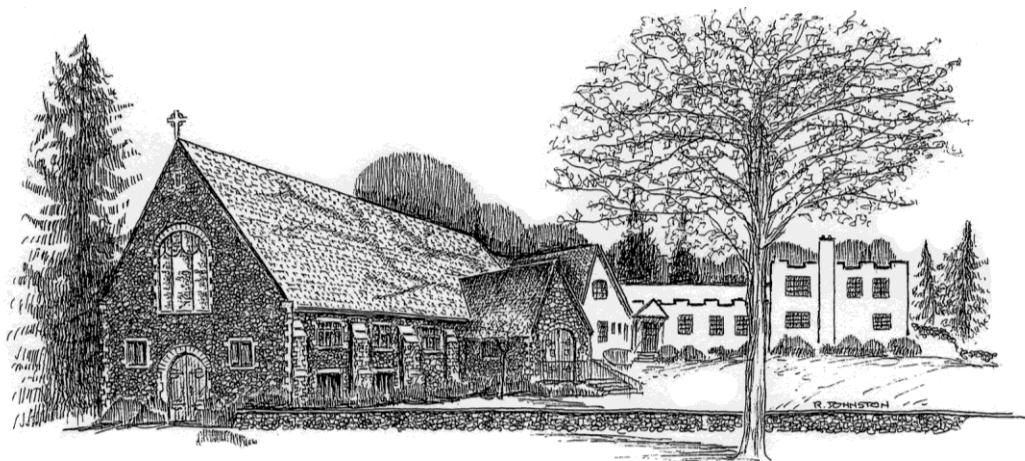


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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Word of God

Prelude: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

arr. D. Wood

Opening Hymn: "The God of Abraham Praise" vs. 1-3

Hymn #401

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - umphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,

1 we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
2 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
3 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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

Hymnal S280

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Reader: Lenny Gutierrez

First Reading: **Genesis 22:1-14**

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 13

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: "Search Me O God"

From *Worship & Rejoice*

1 Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day; try me, O
2 I praise thee, Lord, for cleans - ing me from sin; ful - fill thy
3 Lord, take my life and make it whol - ly thine; fill my poor
Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wick-ed
Word and make me pure with - in. Fill me with fire where once I
heart with thy great love di - vine. Take all my will, my pas-sion,
way in me; cleanse me from ev - ery sin and set me free.
burned with shame; grant my de - sire to mag - ni - fy thy name.
self, and pride; I now sur - ren - der, Lord—in me a - bide.

Gospel Announcement

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to you, Lord Christ.”**

Sermon

Seminarian George Dredden

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer page 358

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.

Prayers of the People *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: We stand before God in awesome fear, as the power of divine grace is revealed through the mystery of word and sacrament. Trusting in his grace, we offer our prayers responding “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Leader: That we may respond to the needs of others before we are ready, and give of our bounty when we have yet to be generous, that in companionship of the apostles we will grow in grace and discover our holiness; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: That we may be softened by the remembrance of personal darkness and despair and give generously to the relief of the hungry and fearful, the sick and those who have lost their jobs and struggle to provide for the basic necessities of life; Let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all who hold positions of public trust and responsibility, that they may serve the common good with integrity and sound moral judgement;

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who are being cast out of their native land through political chaos, religious persecution, war and famine, natural disasters, and reasons that remain unknown, that they may find receptive countries as they search for a new homeland; let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Hold in your arms of mercy those who are ill: we pray for **Edward Fienga, Alan Lucibello, Catherine McFarland Dickson, Steve O'Grady, Leslie Narain, Joyce Lawrence, Michael Cronin, Victor Smith, Joseph DeBiase, Richard Bayley, Neville DeCosta, Donna Paley, Ruth Dredden, Nancy Pignatello, Jim Trimiglozzi, Rich Eresman, Nesim Atkas, Arlene Aspell, Eileen Berrios, Lawrence Larsen, Jack Christal, Nancy Nickens, Ray Rogers, Kevin, Dana, Jack, Judy, Cicely, Dylan, Carl, Doug and Elyse, and those affected by COVID -19 around the world.**

Leader: For those who have died, that they may join the community of saints, in whose fellowship we will one day reside; Let us pray.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us endure faithfully in the practice of intercession as we continue our petitions. For the St. Peter's Church Family and in particular today Janet Wilson and the Yarnall Family: for those celebrating birthdays this week: Gabrielle Roth, Brendan Roth and Morgan Healy; and for our Mozambican friends Eugénio, Alberto & António. Let us pray.

People: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Leader: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept*)

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Solo "The Lord's Prayer" **Lenny Gutierrez, Baritone**

H. Malotte

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Closing Prayer

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O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn:

“O Jesus I have promised”

Hymn #655

1 O Je-sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end;
2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still;
3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,
be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
and, Je - sus I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Theme from 1st Symphony”

J. Brahms