



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
on the
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

17 September 2023 at 10 a.m.

Organ Prelude

A Maidwell Meditation - *Colin Ashworth*

Hymn

577 God of grace and God of glory

All stand as the celebrant and assistants enter.

The Our Father

Collect for Purity

All. 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.

Summary of the Law

Celebrant. OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All. **Lord, have mercy upon us and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie Eleison

Merbecke

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in excelsis

GLORY be to God on high, 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant. The Lord be with you.

People. **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant. Let us pray.

All kneel.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

A Reading from the Book of Sirach (27:30-28:7)

Anger and wrath, these also are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. The vengeful will face the Lord's vengeance, for he keeps a strict account of their sins. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does anyone harbour anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord? If someone has no mercy towards another like himself,

can he then seek pardon for his own sins?

If a mere mortal harbours wrath,

who will make an atoning sacrifice for his sins?

Remember the end of your life, and set enmity aside;

remember corruption and death, and be true to the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook faults. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Psalm (103:1-5, 11-12)

PRAISE the LORD, O MY soul: / and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

2 Praise the LORD, O MY soul: / and forget not all his benefits;

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin, / and healeth all thine infirmities;

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction, / and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, / making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth, / so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west, / so far hath he set our sins from us.

A Reading from Letter of Paul to the Romans (14:7-9)

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel Acclamation

All stand.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Reader. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:31-35).

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

Please be seated.

The Creed

All stand.

I Believe in one God 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.

The Intercessions

At the end of each petition: Lord, in your mercy;
Response: Hear our prayer.

The Confession & Absolution

Minister. Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your
neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from
henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and
make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All. Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all: 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.

The celebrant gives the Absolution, at the end of which all respond, Amen.

The Comfortable Words

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Offertory

All stand. Gifts of bread and wine are set on the altar and the collection is brought forward.

614 Forgive our sins as we forgive

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant. Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever.
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

The Thanksgiving & Consecration

Celebrant. The Lord be with you;

People. And with thy spirit.

Celebrant. Lift up your hearts;

People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;
People. It is meet and right so to do.

The celebrant continues with the Preface.

All sing together the Sanctus & Benedictus.

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

All kneel. The priest continues with The Consecration.

At the end of the Consecration, all respond Amen.

The Our Father

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 Peace

Celebrant. The peace of the Lord be always with you;
People. **And with thy spirit.**

The Prayer of Humble Access *(together)*

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei *(sung together)*

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.

THE COMMUNION

If you have been baptised in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Please proceed to the altar rail or to the communion station at the side altar if you wish to receive. The chalice is now being offered at the high altar. If you do not wish to receive the chalice, cross your arms over your chest. Intinction (dipping the host into the chalice) is not permitted at St. Paul's. If you would like Holy Communion brought to your pew, please notify a sidesperson prior to the beginning of the liturgy.

Hymn during Communion

606 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant. Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant. 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.**

Hymn

466 How clear is our vocation, Lord

Organ Postlude

Fugue in F - *Johann Pachelbel* (1653-1706)

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