



CHRIST CHURCH

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN VIENNA

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
18 JUNE 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

Impression Grégorienne

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

HYMN 445 (VERSES 1-3)

- 1 **God is here! As we his people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of his Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**
- 2 **Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**
- 3 **Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here, as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore**

**what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.**

GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We come together in the name of Christ our Lord
**to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,**
to pray for the needs of the world,
to seek the forgiveness of our sins
and to break bread together
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the love and service of God.

**O Lord, creator of all, you call us to open our eyes to beauty, our minds to
wonder, our ears to the needs of others and our hearts to you.
Amen.**

Let us call to mind our wrong doing, our failure to value the love of others and
our failure to love as Christ loves us.

You, Jesus, know us by name.
We fail to live as your children.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You, Jesus, call us to do good.
We seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You, Jesus, hear us when we cry for help.
We ignore the cries of others.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COLLECT

The celebrant prays the collect set for the day.

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LESSON

Genesis 18:1-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis:

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰ Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And

Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.' ¹⁶ Then the men set out from there, and they looked towards Sodom; and Abraham went with them to set them on their way. ¹⁷ The LORD said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 100

The congregation responds with:

'We are his people, the sheep of his pasture'.

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness and
come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious;
his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' ¹ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The appointed preacher offers a sermon.

CREED

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

A member of the congregation offers prayers.

PEACE

The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange an appropriate sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN 537 (TUNE I)

- 1 **For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***
- 2 **For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***
- 3 **For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

4 **For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

5 **For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.***

EUCCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer E

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*:

**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 praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,

send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, 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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,

for ever and ever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

INVITATION

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.
Amen.

The celebrant distributes communion.

ANTHEM

Come Down, O Love Divine
Hilary Tadman-Robins

COMMUNION HYMN 556

***Alleluia! Alleluia!
Raise the Gospel over the earth!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Peace and justice bringing to birth!***

- 1 **Blessed those whose hearts are gentle.
Blessed those whose spirits are strong.
Blessed those who choose to bring forth
right where there is wrong!**

***Alleluia! Alleluia!
Raise the Gospel over the earth!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Peace and justice bringing to birth!***

- 2 **Blessed those who work for justice.
Blessed those who answer the call.**

**Blessed, those who dare to dream of
lasting peace for all!**

***Alleluia! Alleluia!
Raise the Gospel over the earth!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Peace and justice bringing to birth!***

- 3 **Tremble, you who build up riches.
Tremble, you with opulent eyes.
Tremble, when you meet the poor and
see Christ in their eyes!**

***Alleluia! Alleluia!
Raise the Gospel over the earth!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Peace and justice bringing to birth!***

- 4 **Tremble, you who thirst for power.
Tremble, you who live for acclaim!
Tremble, when you find no comfort
in your wealth and fame.**

***Alleluia! Alleluia!
Raise the Gospel over the earth!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Peace and justice bringing to birth!***

- 5 **Glory like the stars of heaven,
Glory like the sun in the sky.
Glory shines upon all people
equal in God's eyes!**

***Alleluia! Alleluia!
Raise the Gospel over the earth!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Peace and justice bringing to birth!***

- 6 **Glory to the Word of Justice.
Glory to the Spirit of Peace.
Glory to the God of Love whose
blessings never cease!**

***Alleluia! Alleluia!
Raise the Gospel over the earth!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Peace and justice bringing to birth!***

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

BLESSING

**...and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.**

HYMN 652

- 1 **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.**

2 **Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Théodore Salomé (1834-1896)

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