

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 25 JUNE 2023

## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

Adagio from the Organ Sonata, Nr. 6 in G Minor Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach (1714-1788)

#### **HYMN 649**

- 1 God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of thy face; shine upon us, Saviour, shine, fill thy church with light divine; and thy saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.
- 2 Let the people praise thee, Lord; be by all that live adored; let the nations shout and sing glory to their Saviour King; at thy feet their tribute pay, and thy holy will obey.
- Let the people praise thee, Lord; earth shall then her fruits afford; God to man his blessing give, man to God devoted live; all below, and all above, one in joy and light and love.

#### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all and also with you.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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.

#### **COLLECT**

The celebrant prays the collect set for the day.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

## **ODL TESTAMENT LESSON**

Jeremiah 20.7-13

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. 8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. 10 For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' 11 But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

I have become a stranger / to my / brothers: an alien / to my· own / mother's / sons.

Zeal for zour house has / eaten me / up: and the taunts of those who taunt / you have / fallen· on / me.

I afflicted my / self with / fasting: and that was / turned to / my re / proach.

I made / sackcloth · my / clothing: and I be-/-came a / byword / to them.

Do not hide your / face · from your / servant: for I am in trouble / O be / swift to / answer me!

Draw near to me / and re-/-deem me: O / ransom me · be-/-cause of · my / enemies!

† You know / all their / taunts: my adversaries are / all / in your / sight.

Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son: and / to the / Holy / Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever / shall be: world without / end./ A-/-men.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS**

Romans 6:1b-11

Psalm 69:8-11,18-20

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans:

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united

with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

## **GRADUAL HYMN 335 (VERSES 1-3)**

- 1 My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always thine, that I from thee no more may stray, no more from thee decline.
- Before the cross of him who died, behold, I prostrate fall; let every sin be crucified, and Christ be all in all.
- Anoint me with thy heavenly grace, and seal me for thine own; that I may see thy glorious face, and worship near thy throne.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 10:24-39

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup>'So have no fear of them; for nothing is

covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother in-law; <sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household. <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

## **GRADUAL HYMN 335 (VERSES 4-5)**

- Let every thought and work and word to thee be ever given:
   Then life shall be thy service, Lord, and death the gate of heaven.
- All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.

#### **SERMON**

The appointed preacher offers a sermon.

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#### **INTERCESSIONS**

A member of the congregation offers prayers.

#### **HYMN 339**

- 1 We bring our children, Lord, today as once they did in Galilee, embrace them with your love, we pray, and bless each home and family.
- On their behalf and in their name our own commitment we renew, with them we die to sin and shame, with them we live again in you.
- 3 Help us in all our ways to show these growing souls your truth and grace, till they shall come themselves to know the beauty of our Father's face.

## **THE BAPTISM**

The candidate may be presented to the congregation.

Do you wish to be baptized? **I do.** 

Testimony by the candidate will follow. The president addresses the whole congregation.

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome *name*. and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ? With the help of God, we will.

## THE DECISION

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God? I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil? **I renounce them.** 

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour? **I repent of them.** 

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord? I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life? I come to Christ.

#### SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The president or another minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead, saying:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life. May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

#### PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The ministers and candidates gather at the baptismal font. The president stands before the water of baptism and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth, who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Itis right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith. Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

The president addresses the congregation.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *name* the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

#### **BAPTISM**

Is this your faith? This is my faith.

The president or another minister dips the candidate in water, or pours water on them, saying:

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

# The president says:

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.** 

#### THE WELCOME AND PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: By one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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.

## THE PEACE

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father. Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace. Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver. The peace of the triune God be always with you.

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 211**

- 1 Now is eternal life, if ris'n with Christ we stand, in him to life reborn, and held within his hand; no more we fear death's ancient dread, in Christ arisen from the dead.
- Man long in bondage lay, brooding o'er life's brief span; was it, O God, for naught, for naught, thou madest man? Thou art our hope, our vital breath; shall hope undying end in death?
- 3 And God, the living God, stooped down to man's estate; By death destroying death, Christ opened wide life's gate. He lives, who died; he reigns on high; who lives in him shall never die.
- 4 Unfathomed love divine, reign thou within my heart; from thee nor depth nor height, nor life nor death can part; my life is hid in God with thee, now and through all eternity.

#### **EUCHARIST**

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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Amen.

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**

Laudate Dominum Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) Suvi Väyrynen, Soprano

#### **COMMUNION HYMN 456 (TUNE II)**

- 1 Now let us from this table rise renewed in body, mind and soul; with Christ we die and rise again, his selfless love has made us whole.
- With minds alert, upheld by grace, to spread the word in speech and deed, we follow in the steps of Christ, at one with all in hope and need.
- To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care; the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.
- Then grant us grace, Companion-God, to choose again the pilgrim way and help us to accept with joy the challenge of tomorrow's day.

#### **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 135**

- 1 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said, if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.
- Take up thy cross: let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
- Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel: thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.
- 4 Take up thy cross then in his strength, and calmly every danger brave; 'twill guide thee to a better home, and lead to victory o'er the grave.
- Take up thy cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only they who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.
- To thee, great Lord, the One in Three, all praise for evermore ascend:
   O grant us in our home to see the heavenly life that knows no end.

## **DISMISSAL**

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

#### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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