

TRINITY SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

Andante in C Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

HYMN 276

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy, there is none beside thee\ perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? ¹³ Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? ¹⁴Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? ¹⁵ Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. ¹⁶ Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. ¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. ... ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 8

- O / Lord our / Governor: how glorious is your / name in / all the / earth!
- Your majesty above the heavens is / yet re-/-counted: by the / mouths of / babes and / sucklings.
- You have founded a strong defence a-/-gainst your / adversaries: to quell the / ene· my / and · the a-/-venger.
- When I consider your heavens the / work of \cdot your / fingers: the moon and the stars which / you have / set in / order,
- What is man that you should be / mindful / of him: or the son of / man that / you should / care for him?
- Yet you have made him little / less · than a / god: and have / crowned him · with / glory · and / honour.
- You have made him the / master · of your / handiwork: and have put all things in sub-/-jection · be-/-neath his / feet.
- All / sheep and / oxen: and all the / creatures / of the / field,
- The birds of the air and the / fish \cdot of the / sea: and everything that moves in the pathways / of the / great / waters.
- O / Lord our / Governor: how glorious is your / name in / all the / earth!
- 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.

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 272

- Father, Lord of earth and heaven, King to whom all gifts belong, give your greatest gift, your Spirit, God the holy, God the strong.
- 2 Son of God, enthroned in glory, send your promised Gift of grace; make your Church your holy temple, God the Spirit's dwelling-place.
- 3 Spirit, come in peace descending as at Jordan, heavenly dove; seal your Church as God's anointed, set our hearts on fire with love.
- 4 Stay among us, God the Father, stay among us, God the Son, stay among us, Holy Spirit: dwell within us, make us one.

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

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

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The appointed preacher offers a sermon.

INTERCESSIONS

A member of the congregation offers prayers.

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 Lask:

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Amen.

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 268 (TUNE 204)

- 1 Affirm anew the three-fold name of Father, Spirit, Son, our God whose saving acts proclaim a world's salvation won. In him alone we live and move and breath and being find, the wayward children of his love who cares for humankind.
- 2 Declare in all the earth his grace, to every heart his call, the living Lord of time and place whose love embraces all. So shall his endless praise be sung, his teaching truly heard, and every culture, every tongue, receive his timeless word.
- Confirm our faith in this our day amid earth's shifting sand, with Christ as Life and Truth and Way, a Rock on which to stand; the one eternal Son and Lord by God the Father given, the true and life-imparting Word, the Way that leads to heaven.
- 4 Renew once more the ancient fire, let love our hearts inflame; renew, restore, unite, inspire the Church that bears your name; one name exalted over all, one Father, Spirit, Son, O grant us grace to heed your call and in that name be one.

EUCHARIST

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord. All that you reveal of your glory, the same we believe of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality. We, your holy Church, acclaim you, Father of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Three Persons we adore, one in being and equal in majesty. And so with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, we sing for ever of your glory:

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.]

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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

O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace Christopher Tye (1505-1572)

COMMUNION HYMN 452

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture in the body and the blood he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.
- Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the 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 327 (TUNE II)

- 1 Awake, awake: fling off the night! For God has sent his glorious light; and we who live in Christ's new day must works of darkness put away.
- 2 Awake and rise, with love renewed, and with the Spirit's power endued. The light of life in us must glow, and fruits of truth and goodness show
- 3 Let in the light; all sin expose to Christ, whose life no darkness knows. Before his cross expectant kneel; his light will judge and, judging, heal.
- 4 Awake, and rise up from the dead, and Christ his light on you will shed. Its power will wrong desires destroy, and your whole nature fill with joy.
- Then sing for joy, and use each day; give thanks for everything alway.

Lift up your hearts; with one accord praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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