



# CHRIST CHURCH

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN VIENNA

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## PRELUDE

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Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

## HYMN 4

- 1 **New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.**
- 2 **New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**
- 3 **If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.**
- 4 **The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we need to ask,  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.**
- 5 **Only, O Lord, in thy dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.**

## GREETING

In the name of the living God: Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The celebrant welcomes those in attendance.*

## THE DECALOGUE

God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God  
[who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery];  
you shall have no other gods but me.  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol,  
whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,  
or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.  
You shall not bow down to them or worship them.  
[For I the Lord your God am a jealous God,  
punishing children for the iniquity of parents  
to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,  
but showing steadfast love to a thousand generations of those who love me  
and keep my commandments.]  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain  
[for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain].  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.  
For six days you shall labour and do all your work.  
But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.  
[You shall not do any work –

you, your son or your daughter,  
your slaves, your livestock,  
or the foreigner who lives among you.  
For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
but rested the seventh day;  
therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day and consecrated it.]  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honour your father and your mother  
[so that your days may be long in the land  
that the Lord your God is giving you].  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not murder.  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not steal.  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not bear false witness [against your neighbour].  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

You shall not covet [your neighbour's house;  
you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or slaves, or ox, or donkey,  
or anything that belongs to your neighbour].  
**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these your laws in our hearts.**

## CONFESSION

*The officiant uses an invitation to confession.*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence,  
through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
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.*

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 12:1-4a*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

<sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' <sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM**

*Psalms 121*

**I lift up my / eyes · to the / hills:  
but / where · shall I / find / help?**

**My help / comes · from the / Lord:  
who has / made / heaven · and / earth.**

**He will not suffer your / foot to / stumble:  
and he who watches / over · you / will not / sleep.**

**Be sure he who has / charge of / Israel:  
will / neither / slumber · nor / sleep.**

**The Lord him-/self / is · your / keeper:  
the Lord is your defence up-/on your / right / hand;**

**The sun shall not / strike you · by / day:  
nor / shall the / moon by / night.**

**The Lord will defend you from / all / evil:  
it is / he · who will / guard your / life.**

**The Lord will defend your going out and your / coming / in:  
from this time / forward · for / ever-/more.**

**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 READING**

*Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed

God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’<sup>4</sup> Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due.<sup>5</sup> But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ...<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.<sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.<sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.<sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,<sup>17</sup> as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GRADUAL HYMN 675 (OMIT \* VERSES)

- 1 **Immortal Love for ever full,  
for ever flowing free,  
for ever shared, for ever whole,  
a never-ebbing sea.**
- 2 **Our outward lips confess the name  
all other names above;  
love only knoweth whence it came  
and comprehendeth love.**
- 3 **We may not climb the heavenly steps  
to bring the Lord Christ down;  
in vain we search the lowest deeps,  
for him no depths can drown:**
- 6 **Through him the first fond prayers are said  
our lips of childhood frame;  
the last low whispers of our dead  
are burdened with his name.**

- 7 **Alone, O Love ineffable,  
thy saving name is given;  
to turn aside from thee is hell,  
to walk with thee is heaven.**

#### GOSPEL

*John 3:1-17*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## CREED

*The Nicene Creed*

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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.

## INTERCESSIONS

*A member of the congregation offers prayers.*

## PEACE

*The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## HYMN 791 (VERSES 1-5)

- 1 **The God of Abraham praise  
who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love:  
Jehovah, great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confest;  
we bow and bless the sacred name  
for ever blest.**
- 2 **The God of Abraham praise,  
at whose supreme command  
from earth we rise, and seek the joys  
at his right hand:  
we all on earth forsake  
its wisdom, fame, and power;  
and him our only portion make,  
our shield and tower.**
- 3 **Though nature's strength decay,  
and earth and hell withstand,  
to Canaan's bounds we urge our way  
at his command:**

**the watery deep we pass,  
with Jesus in our view;  
and through the howling wilderness  
our way pursue.**

- 4 **The goodly land we see,  
with peace and plenty blest:  
a land of sacred liberty  
and endless rest;  
there milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life for ever grow,  
with mercy crowned.**
- 5 **There dwells the Lord our King,  
the Lord our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world of sin,  
the Prince of peace:  
on Sion's sacred height  
his kingdom he maintains,  
and glorious with his saints in light  
for ever reigns.**

## **EUCCHARIST**

### *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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 and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline

we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever 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.]**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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.*

## INTERLUDE

### HYMN 437 (TUNE II)

- 1 **'Come to me', says Jesus,  
'all who are distressed;  
take my yoke upon you,  
I will give you rest.**
- 2 **I am meek and humble,  
find, with me, release  
from false airs and graces;  
come, and be at peace.'**
- 3 **Hear the call of Jesus,  
come, be deeply blessed;  
his the invitation,  
you the honoured guest.**
- 4 **Here, where bread is broken,  
here, where wine is poured,  
thankfully receive him,  
find your faith restored.**
- 5 **Pardon, feed and heal us,  
humble, courteous Lord,  
gracious host, for ever  
honoured and adored.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

*The celebrant may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing:*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;

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

**Amen.**

## HYMN 827

- 1 **Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol:  
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**
- 2 **God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**
- 3 **Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**



- 4 **Then let us adore, and give him his right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
and honour and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Praeludium from the Organ Sonata in C Minor, Op.27,*  
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