

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 16 OCTOBER 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Jesu, Meines Lebens Leben" Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

HYMN 99 (VERSES 1, 3, 4)

- Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
 He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
- He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth: before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing:

to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

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.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

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.

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 Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour 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 32:22-31

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

²² The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

PSALM Psalm 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

2 Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy:

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 383

Lord, thy word abideth, and our footsteps guideth; who its truth believeth light and joy receiveth.

- When our foes are near us, then thy word doth cheer us, word of consolation, message of salvation.
- 3 When the storms are o'er us, and dark clouds before us, then its light directeth, and our way protecteth.
- Who can tell the pleasure, who recount the treasure by thy word imparted to the simple-hearted?
- 5 Word of mercy, giving succour to the living; word oflife, supplying comfort to the dying.
- 6 O that we discerning its most holy learning, Lord, may love and fear thee, evermore be near thee!

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

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

her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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

SERMON

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,

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant

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:

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN 293

- Lord of all your love's creation, present in each time and place, may this earthly house of worship be a source of heavenly grace. Spirit, who at Christ's baptizing came upon him as a dove, come, renew for us that symbol, seal us in God's faith and love.
- 2 Word of God, made flesh in Jesus, help us read, mark, learn and feed on your written word of power, reaching to our every need. For the preaching of the gospel, making known your word to all, Lord, we pray, and for the preachers humbly answering your call.

- When we meet around your table,
 Lord, be here in bread and wine,
 real to us who find your presence
 in the world as in this sign.
 Christ, whose cross is foolish wisdom,
 teach us sacrificial ways
 to reveal your truth to strangers,
 welcome them in pilgrims' praise.
- Praise to God whose power within us helps us more than we can say, in the church, and in Christ Jesus, in each age, and day by day.

 So we join in common worship, sharing in this house of prayer; come, Lord God, among your people: may all say that 'God is here!'

EUCHARIST

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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.

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

Lord, in thy Mercy Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

HYMN 459

O food to pilgrims given,O bread of life from heaven,O manna from on high!

We hunger; Lord, supply us, nor thy delights deny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.

- O stream of love past telling,
 O purest fountain, welling
 from out the Saviour's side!
 We faint with thirst; revive us,
 of thine abundance give us,
 and all we need provide.
- O Jesus, by thee bidden, we here adore thee, hidden in forms of bread and wine. Grant, when the veil is riven, we may behold, in heaven, thy countenance divine.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you 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

The celebrant may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable 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 671

- I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, how he left the realms of glory for the cross of Calvary.

 Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me—sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.
- I was lost, but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray, raised me up and gently led me back into the narrow way.
 Days of darkness still may meet me, sorrow's paths I oft may tread; but his presence still is with me, by his guiding hand I'm led.
- 3 He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet; then he'll bear me safely over, made by grace for glory meet. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me—sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

DISMISSAL

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D Minor John Bennett (1735-1784)

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Your contributions make a difference, and we are thankful for them.