

## THIRD SUNDAY OF CREATIONTIDE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

# **ORGAN PRELUDE**

Aria Sebaldina with Variations Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

# 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.
- 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.

# 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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

A reading from the Book of Lamentations:

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.' <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ... <sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not reject for ever. <sup>32</sup> Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup> for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

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

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  $\cdot$  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 Corinthians 4:16-5:5

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

<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. <sup>1</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling—<sup>3</sup> if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

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

### **GRADUAL HYMN 698 (I)**

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- King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and, that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.
- Wherefore with my utmost art
  I will sing thee,
  and the cream of all my heart
  I will bring thee.
  Though my sins against me cried,
  thou didst clear me,
  and alone, when they replied,
  thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee: e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

### GOSPEL

John 6:35-40

Alleluia, alleluia.

'It is the will of him who sent me', says the Lord, 'that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day'. *All* **Alleluia.** 

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

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup> for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

'It is the will of him who sent me', says the Lord, 'that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day'. *All* **Alleluia.** 

#### **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, 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 816 (I)

- 1 Thy kingdom come, O God, thy rule, O Christ, begin; break with thine iron rod the tyrannies of sin.
- 2 Where is thy reign of peace and purity and love? When shall all hatred cease, as in the realms above?
- 3 When comes the promised time that war shall be no more, and lust, oppression, crime shall flee thy face before?
- 4 We pray thee, Lord, arise, and come in thy great might; revive our longing eyes, which languish for thy sight.
- 5 Men scorn thy sacred name, and wolves devour thy fold; by many deeds of shame we learn that love grows cold.

6 O'er lands both near and far thick darkness broodeth yet: arise, O Morning Star, arise, and never set!

### 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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because through him you have given us the hope of a glorious resurrection; so that, although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life; for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away; and when our mortal flesh is laid aside an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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. Eucharistic Prayer C

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion,

the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; 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.

### ANTHEM

#### **HYMN 811**

1 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown, when thou earnest to earth for me; but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for thy holy nativity: O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for thee.

- Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming thy royal degree; but in lowly birth didst thou come to earth, and in great humility:
  O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for thee.
- The foxes found rest, and the bird had its nest in the shade of the cedar tree; but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God, in the desert of Galilee: O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for thee.
- 4 Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word that should set thy people free; but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn they bore thee to Calvary:
  O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for thee.
- 5 When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing, at thy coming to victory, let thy voice call me home, saying, 'Yet there is room, there is room at my side for thee:'
  O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for thee.

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son 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:

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

### HYMN 218

- 1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay. *Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*
- Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting: *Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*
- <sup>3</sup> No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

### DISMISSAL

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

### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

*Praeludium in G Major* Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

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