



# CHRIST CHURCH

THE ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VIENNA

FOURTH SUNDAY OF CREATIONTIDE  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
26 SEPTEMBER 2021

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*The celebrant introduces the service.*

## HYMN 696

- 1 Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy-seat;  
where'er they seek thee thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.
- 2 For thou, within no walls confined,  
inhabitest the humble mind;  
such ever bring thee when they come,  
and, going, take thee to their home.
- 3 Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
thy former mercies here renew;  
here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
the sweetness of thy saving name.
- 4 Here may we prove the power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.
- 5 Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

## 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's whole creation groans. The land produces thorns and thistle and longs to be set free. Our sin affects all around us. We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Creator God, we confess that we failed to honour and obey you.  
We have broken our relationships with one another,  
abused your fragile creation, wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.  
Father, forgive us. Lead us from apathy to love.  
Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people  
and of your glorious creation, for the sake of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, who died for us.  
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 in Jesus Christ  
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed:  
forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom  
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 God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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.**

## LESSON

*James 5:13-20*

A reading from the letter of James:

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM***Psalm 19:7-14*

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the simple.
- 8 **The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure  
and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter also than honey,  
dripping from the honeycomb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant taught  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 **Who can tell how often they offend?  
O cleanse me from my secret faults!**
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins  
lest they get dominion over me;  
so shall I be undefiled,  
and innocent of great offence.
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be forever. Amen.**

**GOSPEL***Mark 9:38-50*

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

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. <sup>42</sup>'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. <sup>49</sup>'For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

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

**SERMON**

*The appointed preacher offers a sermon.*

**CREED**

*(cf. Revelation 4.8,11; 5.9; 22.17, 20)*

We say together in faith  
**Holy, holy, holy  
is the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:

**for by his will they were created  
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:  
**for with his blood,  
he purchased us for God,  
from every tribe and language,  
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'  
Even so come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.**

#### **INTERCESSIONS**

*A member of the congregation offers prayers.*

#### **PEACE**

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

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.  
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.*

#### **HYMN 766**

- 1 **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the everlasting King.**
- 2 **Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
glorious in his faithfulness.**
- 3 **Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
widely as his mercy flows.**
- 4 **Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the high eternal One.**
- 5 **Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise with us the God of grace.**

## EUCCHARIST

### *Eucharistic Prayer G*

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.]**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

[Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace ...]

Bring us at the last with [*N and*] all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
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.*

#### **HYMN 358**

1 **Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found—  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.**

- 2 **Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight—  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.**
  
- 3 **Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place:  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.**

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
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.**

#### NOTICES

#### BLESSING

*The celebrants gives a suitable blessing:*

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon us his children,  
that we may use his gifts to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

#### HYMN 595

- 1 **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**
  
- 2 **Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**
  
- 3 **Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**
  
- 4 **Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

- 5 **High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

## **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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