The Holy Eucharist
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2016 • 10:00 am
WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The people’s responses are in bold.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

*Te Deum Laudamus*

Roy Hamlin Johnson (b.1929)

ORGAN PRELUDE

*Benedictus*

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

INTROIT

*Love bade me welcome*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back, guitle of dust and sinne. But quickey'd Love observing me grow slack from my first entrance in, drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything. A guest, I answered, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he. I, the unkinde, ungratefull? Ah, my deare, I cannot look on thee. Love took my hand and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I? Truth, Lord but I have marr’d them: let my shame go where it doth deserve. And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame? My deare, then I will serve. You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat: so I did sit and eat.  

(George Herbert, 1593-1663)

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*New every morning is the love*

Dunedin

1. New ever--morn-ing is the love our wak-en-ing and up-ri-sing prove;
2. New mer-cies, each re-turn-ing day, a-round us hov-er while we pray;
3. If on our dai-ly course our mind be set to hal-low all we find,
4. The tri-ival round, the com-mon task, will fur-nish all we ought to ask:
5. On-ly, O Lord, in thy dear love, fit us for per-fect rest a-bove;

through sleep and dark-ness safe-ly brought, re-stored to life and power and thought,
new per-ils past, new sins for-given, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven,
new trea-sures still, of count-less price, God will pro-vide for sac ri-fice,
room to den-y our-selves; a road to bring us dai-ly near-er God.
and help us, this and ev-ery day, to live more near-ly as we pray.
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be our God.
For ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s 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.

Robert Powell (b. 1932)
THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

Chant: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

One measure of music is sung for each half verse, changing pitch on the underlined syllable.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.
Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 604

When Christ was lifted from the earth

San Rocco

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

The people stand.
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:
   by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each intercession,
   God of grace and mercy,
   hear our prayer.

The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The presider offers absolution and the people respond, Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God’s peace and then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is received to support the Cathedral’s ministry of sharing God’s love with the world.
The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

The presider offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ, and in response we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Gary Davison (b. 1961)

Richard Proulx (b. 1937)
The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ’s passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Peter and Paul, our patrons, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater uner...

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

The people are seated.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine from the chalice, guiding it gently to your lips; or you may dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying Amen. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

During the administration of Holy Communion the laying on of hands and prayers for healing is offered in St. John’s Chapel. Please enter the chapel by the ramp to the right of the pulpit.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

Bread of the world

Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed, and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed. (Reginald Herbert, 1827)

The people stand.
THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS
In the name of God and this Cathedral Church, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.
We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING
The presider blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN • 334
Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing
Alles ist an Gottes Segen

THE DISMISSAL
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Trumpet Tune in E-flat
David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

FLOWER GIFTS Flowers throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God: High Altar: in honor of the employees of Washington Cathedral and the Cathedral Foundation; altar in Children's Chapel: in memory of Earl Mountbatten of Burma and his grandson, The Honorable Nicholas Knatchbull; altar in W ar Memorial Chapel: in memory of Clausen Francis Stekl; altar in Bethlehem Chapel: in memory of Stephen Mitchell Hoyt.