

The Holy Eucharist

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day
and *Anglican Communion Sunday*



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ANGLICAN COMMUNION SUNDAY

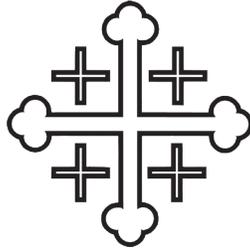
Today, Washington National Cathedral celebrates being part of the Anglican Communion, one of the world's largest and most diverse Christian communities. While the word "Anglican" originates in *ecclesia anglicana*, a medieval Latin phrase dating to at least 1246 A.D. and meaning the "English Church," the tradition has been adopted around the world over the past two centuries.

The Communion is a global family with over 500 cultures and ways of looking at the world. Eighty-five million people in over 165 countries call themselves Anglicans, and between them they speak more than 2,000 languages. The Communion is spread across 39 autonomous churches, which are all in communion/reciprocal relationship with the Archbishop of Canterbury, currently The Most Reverend Justin Welby, who is the Communion's spiritual head.

We welcome as our guest preacher today, The Very Reverend Dr. Robert Willis, Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Communion. Washington National Cathedral and Canterbury Cathedral have a long history and warm relationship. One special connection is the Cathedral's Canterbury Pulpit. Before construction on the pulpit began, Bishop Henry Yates Satterlee, the first Bishop of Washington, acquired from the Archbishop of Canterbury stone that had been part of the Bell Harry Tower of Canterbury Cathedral, which had recently undergone repair.

The pulpit was carved from the stone in England and depicts the history of English translations of the Bible. Each of the three paneled sections depicts an illustrious church leader: the Venerable Bede (672/673-735), Stephen Langton (1150-1228), and William Tyndale. The center panel depicts Langton, the Archbishop of Canterbury, handing the Magna Carta to King John for his signature. The Canterbury Pulpit is a symbol of the continuing prophetic voice of the Gospel and an ever-present reminder of the ties that bind our two cathedral communities.

The Cathedral also joins with the Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, in supporting the worldwide Anglican Communion in *Thy Kingdom Come*, a campaign initiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury calling for prayer by individuals, congregations, and families. *Thy Kingdom Come* is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day (May 10) and Pentecost (May 20) for more people to come to know Jesus.



The people's responses are in bold.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE

Crown him with many crowns

Diademata; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père
(*Majesty of Christ praying that His Father should glorify him*)

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Prière du Christ montant vers son Père
(*Prayer of Christ ascending to His Father*)

O. Messiaen

INTROIT

I will not leave you comfortless

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again: Alleluia. And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.
(*John 14:18*)

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 494

Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
 re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR ANGLICAN COMMUNION SUNDAY

Almighty God, you call disciples from every nation and people, language and culture. We thank you for the witness of the worldwide Anglican Communion, for our common history, and the common life we share in you. Strengthen the Communion in the bonds of love that the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed to the ends of the earth. Grant that enriched by our diversity, the Communion may become a beacon of truth and compassion with deeds of justice and 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

ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

chant: Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856)

The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.



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.

All repeat the antiphon.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 483

The head that once was crowned with thorns

St. Magnus

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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 Dr. Robert Willis

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 petition,

Hear us, O God,
For your mercy is great.

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

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

THE OFFERTORY

An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

God is gone up

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:
Sing Praise, sing Praises out, unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their Music, making every string
More to enravish as they this tune sing. (*Edward Taylor, c. 1642-1729*)

The people stand.

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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

W. Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

The presider 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 unser...,

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 presider breaks the bread in silence.

Douglas Major (b. 1953)

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - - - ia.

The people are seated.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY 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 stairs or ramp to the right of the pulpit.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

Ascendo ad patrem meum

Jacob Handl (1550-1591)

Sung in Latin. I ascend unto my Father and your Father, Alleluja, and to my God and your God. Lifting up his hands he blessed them and was carried up into heaven. (John 20:17; 15:26; 16:22)

The people stand.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN • 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

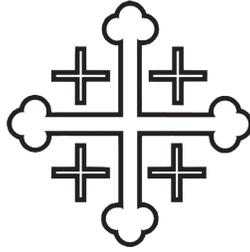
THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Transports de joie d'une âme devant la gloire du Christ
(Outburst of joy from a soul before the Glory of Christ)

O. Messiaen



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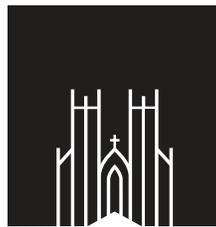
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