

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

MAY 10, 2009

AT ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Reverend Canon Carol L. Wade, presider
The Reverend Canon Preston B. Hannibal, gospeller
The Canon Stephen Huber, assistant
The Reverend Dr. Walter Brueggemann, preacher
The Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls

CARILLON PRELUDE

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise Lux eoi; arr. Frank P. Law

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Clair de lune, Op. 53, No. 5

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

WELCOME

THE ENTRANCE RITE

INTROIT

Cantate Domino

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Cantate Domino, canticum novum, cantate Domino, omnis terra. Et benedicite nomini ejus. Annunciate de die in diem salutare ejus. Annunciate inter gentes, gloriam ejus, in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

O sing unto the Lord, sing ye a new song. O sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth. Praise him and bless his Name now and forever. Proclaim his glory this day to all people, and declare his power. Proclaim his glory to all people, now and forever.

Psalm 96:1-3

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 191

Sung by all, standing.

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise

Lux eoi

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

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

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the reading and psalm.

THE READING Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:24–30 chant: Smart

The choir sings the antiphon, then all repeat.



The choir sings the verses.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

All sing the antiphon.



THE READING I John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The people stand to sing and remain standing for the Gospel.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 513

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom

THE GOSPEL John 15:1–8

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

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON Dr. Brueggemann

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED Said by all.

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,

Gracious God, May we abide in your love.

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 then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support the Cathedral's work of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

O love of God, how strong and true

Michael McCarthy (b. 1966)

O love of God, how strong and true! Eternal, and yet ever new; uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought. O love of God, how deep and great! Far deeper than man's deepest hate; self-fed, self kindled, like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite. O heavenly love, how precious still, in days of weariness and ill, in nights of pain and helplessness, to heal, to comfort, and to bless! O wide embracing, wondrous love! We read you in the sky above, we read you in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow. We read you best in Him who came to bear for us the cross of shame; sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your power to bless and save, even in the darkness of the grave, still more in resurrection light, we read the fullness of your might. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way! Eternal love, in you we rest forever safe, forever blest. We will exalt you, God and King, and we will ever praise your name; we will extol you every day, and ever more your praise proclaim!

Horatius Bonar

The people stand for the presentation acclamation and remain standing through the Great Thanksgiving.

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION



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:





The presider gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 AND THE FRACTION ANTHEM



INVITATION

The people are seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. Glutenfree wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you desire to receive prayers for healing, you are invited to proceed to the high altar after receiving Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

O sacrum convivium

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur, recolitur memoria, passionis eius. Mens impletur gratia, et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received: the memory of his passion is renewed in us. Our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

Antiphon for the Feast of Corpus Christi

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The presider offers a blessing and the people respond **Amen**.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 195

Sung by all.

Jesus lives!

Mowsley

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Festival

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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