



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: EARTH DAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

APRIL 22, 2012

ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Reverend Dr. Francis H. Wade, celebrant
The Reverend Gina Gilland Campbell, gospeller
The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope, assistant
Dr. Matthew Sleeth, preacher
The Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls

CARILLON PRELUDE

Ciacona en Fuga voor beiaard over het Paaslied "O Filii et Filiae"

Albert de Klerk (1917-1998)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Cantilène, from Troisième Symphonie, Op. 28

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

WELCOME

INTROIT

All creatures of our God and King

William Harris (1883-1973)

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, Alleluia. Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him. Alleluia. And all ye men of tender heart forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, Alleluia. Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care. And thou most kind and gentle Death, waiting to hush our latest breath, O praise him, Alleluia. Thou leadest home the child of God, and Christ our Lord the way hath trod, Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness; O praise him, Alleluia. Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION - 492

Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness

Sung by all, standing.

Finnian

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE - 400; STANZA 1

All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

The celebrant prays the collect, and the people respond Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the reading and psalm.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 7:15–21; 8:1, 8, 13–19

They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered; the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; then Noah sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100

chant: Hancock

The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.



The choir sings the psalm.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

All sing the antiphon.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 22:1–5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE - 709

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

Dundee

THE GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-33

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

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

Dr. Sleeth

THE NICENE CREED *Said by all, standing*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for our world,
the heavens tell of your glory;
for our land, its beauty and its resources,
for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly;
for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry, that all may
enjoy the fruits of their labors
and marvel at your creation;
for artists, scientists and visionaries,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

We thank you for giving us life;
for all who enrich our experience.

We pray for all who through their own or others' actions are deprived of fullness of life,
for prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick;
for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,
for all who seek to bring life to others.

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.

We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.

God, Creator, bring us new life.
Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.
Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

God of peace, let us your people know, that at the heart of turbulence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace may come compassion, a thirst for justice in all creation, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ. 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

Let all the world in every corner sing Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly. The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King! The church with psalms must shout! No door can keep them out! But above all the heart must bear the longest part! Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!

George Herbert (1593-1633)

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

PRESENTATION HYMN - 205; STANZAS 1 AND 3

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

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 right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We

thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God. In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy

A Community Mass

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

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

Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus Christ has taught us,

Our Father..., Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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.

INVITATION *The people are seated.*

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free 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 Memorial Chapel after receiving Holy Communion or immediately following the service.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

Praise the Spirit in creation

Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921–2003)

Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of God, life's origin: Spirit, moving on the waters, quickening words to life within, source of breath to all things breathing, life in whom all lives begin. Praise the Spirit, close companion of our inmost thoughts and ways; who, in showing us God's wonders, is himself the pow'r to gaze; and God's will, to those who listen, by a still small voice conveys. Praise the Spirit who enlightened priests and prophets with the word; his the truth behind the wisdoms which as yet know not our Lord; by whose love and power, in Jesus God himself was seen and heard. Tell of how the ascended Jesus armed a people for his own; how a hundred men and women turned the known world upside down, to its dark corners by the wind of heaven blown. Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit, on our lives descend in might; let your flame break our within us, fire our hearts and clear our sight, till, white-hot in your possession, we, too, set the world alight. Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit, praise the Father, praise the Word, Source, and Truth, and Inspiration, Trinity in deep accord: through your voice which speaks within us, we your creatures, call you Lord.

Michael Hewlett (b. 1916)

The people stand.

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION - 305

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Rosedale

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 celebrant offers a blessing and the people respond **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE CLOSING - 182 *Sung by all.*

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Truro

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Grand Choeur Dialogue

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925)

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