

The Holy Eucharist

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 7, 2016 • 11:15 am Washington National Cathedral

THE ENTRANCE RITE

CARILLON PRELUDE Songs of thankfulness and praise

ORGAN PRELUDE Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137

INTROIT *Eternal Light*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

OPENING ACCLAMATION

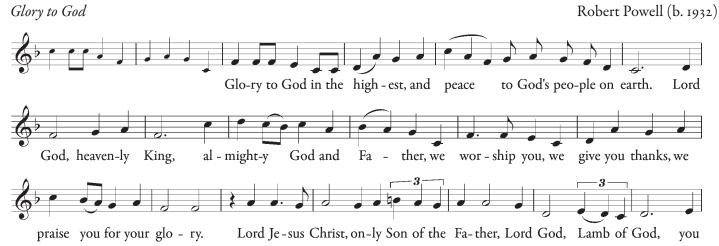
One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. To gaze on your beauty, O Lord, and to seek you in your temple. Blessed be the one, holy and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

Sung by all, standing.

SONG OF PRAISE

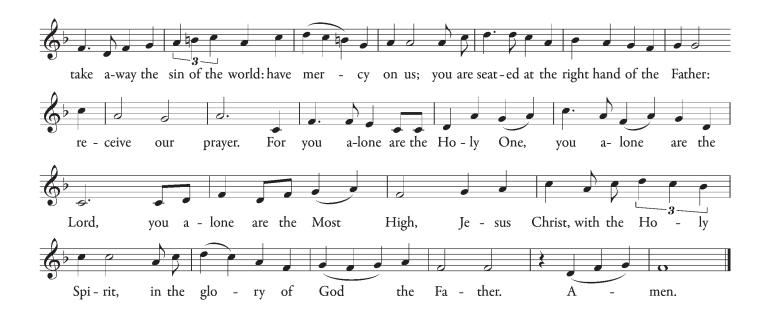


Salzburg; arr. Edward M. Nassor (b.1957)

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Wareham



The Word of God

THE COLLECT OF 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 people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

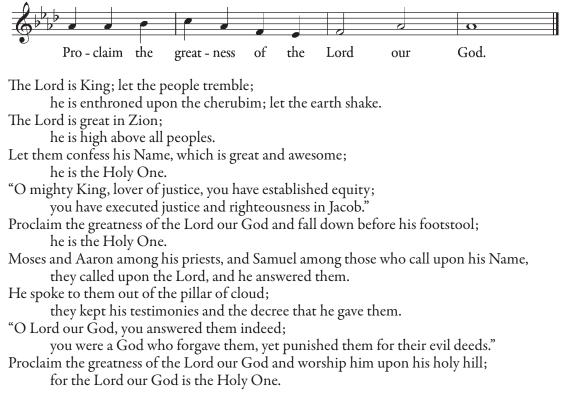
Exodus 34: 29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

The choir introduces the antiphon, then all repeat.



All repeat the antiphon.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12 -4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 129

Christ upon the mountain peak

Mowsley

THE HOLY GOSPEL

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge Dean, Seminary of the Southwest

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

After each intercession,

Take our lives, bless them, and break them open. That we may serve you all our days.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

O God, most holy and beloved: our companion and our guide: we repent of the wrongs we have done. We have wounded your love. Come and heal us. We stumble in the darkness. Light of the world, transfigure us. We forget that we are your home. Holy Spirit, dwell in us. Eternal God, forgive us and free us that we may love and praise you in word and in deed. 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.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Light of the world

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Light of the world, we know thy praise, the angels and archangels raise and all the host of Heav'n; more worthily than our faint hymns, whose jarring sound that glory dims, which God to thee has giv'n. But thou didst not disdain to take our low estate, or e'en to make the tomb thy resting place; so thou might bring into our night the dawn of thine eternal light to shine upon our face. Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, is Lord, but thou, O Son of God. Thy Word is now our sov'reign law. Therefore we thank thee, and we pray thy light may shine unto the perfect day, on us for evermore.

The people stand for the presentation hymn and remain standing.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

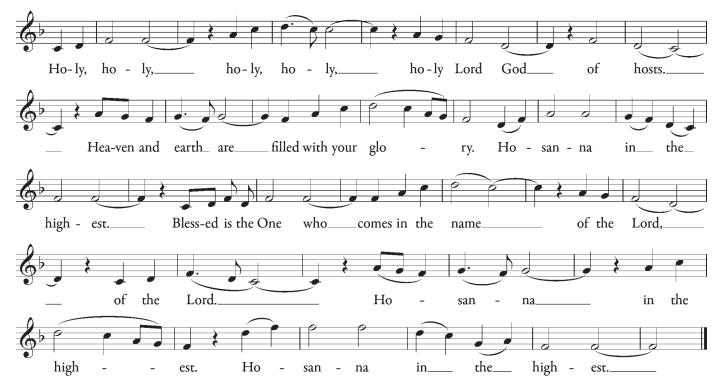


THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 God 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.

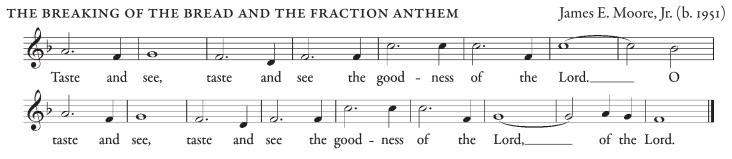
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

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

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 people are seated.

INVITATION

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 War Memorial Chapel after receiving Holy Communion.

ANTHEM DURING THE COMMUNION

The Transfiguration

The people stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER Said by all

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

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

CLOSING HYMN • 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

WORSHIP LEADERS The Rev. Canon Gina Gilland Campbell, The Rev. Canon Jan Naylor Cope, The Rev. Stuart Kenworthy, The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, The Cathedral Choir of Men and Girls

FLOWER GIFTS Flowers throughout the Cathedral are given to the glory of God. High Altar: celebration of the wedding of Dorothea and Robert Jeffrey; altar in Children's Chapel: in memory of Mrs. Leah Bennett Laycock; altar in Bethlehem Chapel: to the Glory of God and in loving memory of The Reverend Frederick H. Arterton, late Canon of this Cathedral; Frederick Henry Prince tomb: on the anniversary of his death.

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Sung by all

Salzburg

Jeremy Filsell (b. 1964)