

Thursday, November 24, 2021

Thanksgiving Eve

The Holy Eucharist Rite I

7:00 pm

PRELUDE: "Prelude on 'St. George's Windsor' tune"

Mary McDonald

HYMN: #433 "We gather together"

Kremser

PRaise to God

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:  
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

**THE ACCLAMATION:** p. 323

*Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY:** p.323

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen..

**THE LESSONS**

**THE FIRST LESSON:** Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.  
*Response* Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM:** Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,\*  
then were we like those who dream.  
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,\*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
3 Then they said among the nations,\*  
"The Lord has done great things for them."  
4 The Lord has done great things for us,\*  
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord,\*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.  
6 Those who sowed with tears\*  
will reap with songs of joy.  
7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,\*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**THE SECOND LESSON:** 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*Reader*            The world of the Lord.

*Response:*        Thanks be to God.

1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest - home:  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest - home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

*Descant*

4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence  
 1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to  
 2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn  
 3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the  
 4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels  
 be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,  
 shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that  
 tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to  
 to a - bide; come, with all thine come an - gels

come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.  
 come, raise the song of har - vest - home.  
 we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

**THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 6:25-33

*Response*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

*Priest*            The Gospel of The Lord  
*Response*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Brad Mullis

**THE NICENE CREED:** p.326

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 LITANY OF THANKSGIVING: p. 836**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.  
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

***We thank you, Lord.***

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

***We thank you, Lord.***

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

***We thank you, Lord.***

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus  
our Lord;

***To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.***

#### **THE CONFESSION OF SIN p. 330**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and people*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned  
against thee in thought, word, and  
deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of  
sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon  
you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **THE PEACE**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY: "After the Harvest"**

Lani Smith

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II: p. 340**

*The people stand and the Celebrant says*

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with thy spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them up unto the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
<i>People</i>	It is meet and right so to do.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places,  
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*A proper preface is said here.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of  
the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER: p.336**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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, p.337**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **THE SHARING OF BREAD**

### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER: p. 339**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

*The People pray together*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

HYMN: 397 "Now thank we all our God"

*Nun danket alle Gott*

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); m. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878); etc.

## THE DISMISSAL

Response Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: "Hymn to Joy"

arr. Donald Hustad

*The cornucopia on the altar is given to the glory of God in thankfulness for all God's blessings.*