

Church of the Ascension

August 2, 2020

10:00am Holy Eucharist

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Season of Pentecost, Proper 13

Prelude

O Lord Most Holy

Cesar Franck

Processional Hymn vs 1-2

How great thou art

From Lift Every Voice and Sing No. 60

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - or -

1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art. —

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior, God, to Thee; — How great Thou

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: 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 S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. 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. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray the collect of the day:

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31 *Old Testament*

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the

day is breaking.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go, unless you bless me.’ So he said to him, ‘What is your name?’ And he said, ‘Jacob.’ Then the man said, ‘You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.’ Then Jacob asked him, ‘Please tell me your name.’ But he said, ‘Why is it that you ask my name?’ And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, ‘For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.’ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 17:1-7, 16 **Old Testament**

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my | cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying | lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your | presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on | justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by | night, *
melt me down; you will find no im- | purity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as | others do; *
I have heeded the words of your | lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your | law; *
in your paths my feet shall not | stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my | words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving- | kindness, *
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up a- | gainst them.

16 But at my vindication I shall see your | face; *
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your | likeness.

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5 **New Testament**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 554

Tis a gift to be simple

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
When true sim - plic - i - ty is gained to
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.
Music: *Simple Gifts*, Shaker melody

Irr. with Refrain

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.
***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21 ***New Testament***

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring

them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 554 Tis a gift to be simple (*see hymn above*)

Homily: The Rev. Leo Crawford

Silence is kept after the homily.

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

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us pray.

Intercessor: May Christ be seen in the life of the Church. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

People: Jesus, healer of all life, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: You have called us to be children of God, one family in faith. Strengthen our love for each other. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

People: Jesus, healer of all life, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: You have called us, through baptism, to live our lives filled with the Holy Spirit. Give us willing hands and loving hearts so that our lives will reflect

your holiness. We pray for all who are celebrating their birthday this week, especially, **Justice** Anderson, **Molly** Lea, **Ben** Brown, **Phillip** Tavano, **Jaxen** Peterson, **Ian** Ford, **Mark** Jones, **Bill** Barnes, **Sam** Pilato, **Megan** Maguire, **Eileen** Magidson, **Tara** Sheldon, **Crockett** Farnell, **Paul** Taylert; and we pray for those who are celebrating their anniversaries **Andy & Linda** Mink, **Bill & Debbie** Both, **Robin & Pam** Rilling, **Owen & Susan** Roberts, **Ken & Linda** Fullerton, **John & Helen** Avers. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

People: Jesus, healer of all life, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: You have called us to be holy examples of the life Jesus lived. By your grace, let others, who do not know you, see you in us and desire your presence in their lives. We pray for those who have died, especially _____. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

People: Jesus, healer of all life, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: You have called us to listen to your Holy Spirit, raise up for Ascension, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

People: Jesus healer of all life, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: You have called us to pray at all times and you promise to hear and answer our petitions. We pray that your comfort and healing power will bring hope and healing to those for whom we pray, especially _____. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

People: Jesus healer of all life, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Jesus Lord of the Church, you have called us into fellowship with all your saints. We unite our prayers with theirs and ask for grace to serve you with joy in this life and the next. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Meditation

Paul writes that we are called to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. When we meet those that differ from us and do not see God, we must not miss Christ's light within them. The gifts we bring help this church not only to be light to the world, but light to each other when the world tries to blind us.

Offertory Anthem

Sound an alarm!

George Frederic Handel

Soloist: Ryan Kosinski

My arm! Against this Gorgias will I will go! The idumean governor shall know how vain, how ineffective his design, while rage his leader, and Jehovah mine.

Sound an alarm, sound and alarm! Your silver trumpets sound, and call the brave, and only brave, and only brave, around, call the brave, call the brave, and only brave around! (Repeat)

Who listeth, follow: to the field again! Justice with courage, is a thousand men, is a thousand men, justice with courage, justice with courage is a thousand men, is a thousand men is a thousand men, is a thousand men.

Sound an alarm, sound and alarm! Your silver trumpets sound, and call the brave, and only brave, and only brave, around, call the brave, call the brave, and only brave around! (Repeat)

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, pg. 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. —

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (Bells) After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (Bells)

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. (Bells) Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and

daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.** (Bells)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: If you are celebrating with us at home, we know and affirm that God is near to each person and meets us where we are. Please pray this communion prayer; a reminder that God is present with us always.

Holy Communion

Communion Music

Bye and Bye

William Smith

Meditation *During the Communion, please meditate on this thought.*

Before me in the planned shape of this day I look for unexpected surgings of new life. Around me in the people whom I know and love, I look for unopened gifts of promise. Within me in the familiar sanctuary of my own soul, I look for shinings of the everlasting light. Before me, around me, within me, I look for your life-giving mystery, O God, before me, around me within me.

– Philip Newell, Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Wisdom of God the Love of God
and the Grace of God strengthen you
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world;
and the Blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Keep you and those you love in life everlasting. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 690

Guide, me, O thou great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Dismissal

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Organ Postlude

I Danced in the Morning

Emma Lou Diemer