

**St. Clement's Church**  
**Holy Eucharist**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 2, 2010**

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**Organ Prelude** *A Substantial Verse* Thomas Tomkins

**Processional Hymn 180** He is risen, he is risen! *Unser Herrscher*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**The Collect for Purity**

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 Summary of the Law**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo, S-202** Healey Willan

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Reading: Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely

I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 148**

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD;  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens,  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord,  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

**The Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 583**

O holy city, seen of John

*Morning Song*

**The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35**

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*        Glory be to thee, O Lord.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Michelle Meech

## **The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

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## **Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Absolution and Comfortable Words**

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## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase;  
bless and guide them wherever they may be,  
keeping them unspotted from the world.  
Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them  
when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall;  
and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding  
abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Anniversary Prayer

O God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony  
that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity  
between Christ and his Church; look mercifully upon these thy servants,  
that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together  
in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness,  
that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee  
and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

## Announcements

### Offertory Anthem

*If Ye Love Me*  
Adult Choir

Thomas Tallis  
John 14:15-17

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may bide with you for ever, e'en the spirit of truth.

### Presentation Hymn 205, verse 1

*Gelobet sei Gott*

### The Great Thanksgiving

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

*Celebrant*

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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

**Sanctus, S-114**

Healey Willan

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God... BCP p. 341

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.

*People* AMEN.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

*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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Agnus Dei, S-158**

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**Prayer of Humble Access**

*Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.  
But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*At St. Clement's all who seek Christ are invited to receive communion.*

**Postcommunion Prayer***People and Celebrant*

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 Saviour 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.

**Blessing****Recessional Hymn 182**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

*Truro***Dismissal***People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**Organ Postlude***Voluntary in C Major*

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