



you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 112:1-10**

- 1    Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2    Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3    Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4    Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5    It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6    For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7    They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.
- 8    Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

- 9 They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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

**Gradual Hymn 511**

Holy Spirit, ever living

*Abbott's Leigh*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

“Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Bruce D. O'Neill

### **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**

*Eins bitt' ich vom Herren*  
Adult Choir

Heinrich Hartmann  
Psalm 27:5-6

*Eins bitt' ich vom Herren, das bitt' ich gern,  
dass ich im Hause des Herren bleiben möge mein Lebenlang;  
zu schauen die schönen Gottesdienste und seinen Tempel zu besuchen.*

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold the fair beauty of God and to visit his temple.

**Presentation Hymn 380, verse 3**

*Old Hundredth*

**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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our  
hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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-130**

Franz Schubert

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

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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.

