

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

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 15, 2011**

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**Organ Prelude**

*Adagio in E Major*

Frank Bridge

**Processional Hymn 178**

Alleluia, alleluia! give thanks to the risen Lord

*Alleluia No. 1*

*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**

John Merbecke

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and

having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 23**

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### **The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

### **Gradual Hymn 708**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

*Sicilian Mariners*

### **The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10**

*Gospeller*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

*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**

*Alleluia*  
Adult Choir

Randall Thompson

**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**

John Merbecke

*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**

John Merbecke

**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.*

**Communion Hymn 343**

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

*St. Agnes***Ablutions Anthem**

*In Heavenly Love Abiding*  
 Junior Choir

John Ness Beck

In heavenly love abiding, my shepherd cares for me.  
 He watches over my loved ones, and longs for us to see  
 That heaven and earth are bound together by love in unity.  
 In heavenly love abiding, my shepherd care for me.

**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 180**

He is risen, he is risen!

*Unser Herrscher***Dismissal**

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Organ Postlude***Pastorale for Organ*

Ned Rorem