

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

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 29, 2011**

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**Organ Prelude**

*Voluntary No. 9 in E Minor*

Maurice Greene

**Processional Hymn 398**

I sing the almighty power of God

*Forest Green*

*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-280**

Robert Powell

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Reading: Acts 17:22-31**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as

though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

“From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

“While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

**Psalm 66:7-18**

- 7    Bless our God, you peoples;  
      make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8    Who holds our souls in life,  
      and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9    For you, O God, have proved us;  
      you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10   You brought us into the snare;  
      you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11   You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;  
      but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12   I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows,  
      which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13   I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;  
      I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14   Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
      and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15   I called out to him with my mouth,  
      and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16   If I had found evil in my heart,  
      the LORD would not have heard me;

- 17 But in truth God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his love from me.

**The Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

**Gradual Hymn 509**      Spirit divine, attend our prayers      *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*

**The Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21**

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my

commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

### **The Sermon**

Bonnie Stewart  
School for Deacons Student

### **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**

BCP p. 332

**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**

*I Will Not Leave You Comfortless*  
Adult Choir

Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless,  
I will come to you yet again: Alleluia.  
And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

**Presentation Hymn 205, verse 1**

*Gelobet sei Gott*

## The Great Thanksgiving

BCP p. 340

*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-129

Robert Powell

*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-163**

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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.*

**Communion Hymn 513**

Like the murmur of the dove's song

*Bridegroom*

**Ablutions Anthem**

*If Ye Love Me*  
Youth Choir

Carson Cooman  
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 abide with you for ever, e'en the spirit of truth.

**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 213**

Come away to the skies

*Middlebury*

**Dismissal**

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

**Organ Postlude**

*Voluntary No. 12 in E Major*

Maurice Greene