

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

**The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 14, 2011**

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**Organ Prelude**

*Sonata II: Ruhig bewegt*

Paul Hindemith

**Processional Hymn 537**

Christ for the world we sing!

*Moscow*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**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.

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15**

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it,

and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

“Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.”

Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

### **Psalm 133**

- 1    Oh, how good and pleasant it is,  
      when brethren live together in unity!
- 2    It is like fine oil upon the head  
      that runs down upon the beard,
- 3    Upon the beard of Aaron,  
      and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4    It is like the dew of Hermon  
      that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5    For there the LORD has ordained the blessing:  
      life for evermore.

**The Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

**Gradual Hymn 470**

There's a wideness in God's mercy

*Beecher*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28**

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit."

But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Justin Cannon

### **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**

*Ecce Quam Bonum*  
Adult Choir

L. B. Est (Stefan Stoker)  
Psalm 133:1

*Ecce quam bonum et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum.*  
Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity.

**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.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

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.*

**Organ Voluntary***Intermezzo II*

Hermann Schroeder

**Communion Hymn 318**

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

*Nyack***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 556**

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
*(verses 1-5)*

*Marion***Dismissal**

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Organ Postlude***Hindemith, Sonata II: Lebhaft*

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