

St. Clement's Church
Holy Eucharist

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 9, 2011

Organ Prelude

Chaconne in C Minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

Processional Hymn 382

King of glory, King of peace

General Seminary

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.

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed

it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’?”

“Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’”

And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD
or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice
and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people,
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance.

- 6 We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
- 19 Israel made a bullcalf at Horeb
and worshiped a molten image;
- 20 And so they exchanged their Glory
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
- 21 They forgot God their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
- 23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

The Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Gradual Hymn 481

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Gospel

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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*Rejoice in the Lord Always*
Adult Choiratt. John Redford
Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.
 Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand.
 Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
 let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
 keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

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.

Communion Hymn 316

This is the hour of banquet and of song

Canticum refectioinis

Ablutions Anthem

Blessed Are They
Youth & Adult Choirs

Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Psalm 106:3

Blessed are they that always keep judgement
and do righteousness: they are blessed.

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 515

Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness

Geneva

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley