

St. Clement's Church
Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 2012

Organ Prelude

Larghetto, Op. 39

Joseph Jongen

Processional Hymn 437

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Birmingham

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 and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that

the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

- 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD!
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor,
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to

an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

St. Matthew

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples went into Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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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All kneel.

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

Come to the Feast
Youth & Adult Choirs

Hyun Kook

Come into the feast that our Lord has provided,
brothers and sisters who gather in this place.
Come savor this meal as you savor this moment.
Come giving thanks as you meet him face to face.
Bread of redemption, cup of salvation,
served by our Savior, this sweet celebration;
Glory and honor, praise, adoration unto our Lord,
for his table set with grace.

Come offering your hearts to be bathed in his mercy,
humble and open to follow after Christ.
Come, laying aside all your strife and your anger.
Come in repentance to the One who offers life.
Bread of redemption...

Partake of this bread: for you it is broken.
Come drink this wine: for you, it has been poured.
Then, brothers and sisters, who meet at his table,
go out to service in the name of our Lord.
Bread of redemption...

Presentation Hymn 288, verse 1

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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

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. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it) or by dipping the wafer of bread into the cup.

Communion Hymn 339

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

*Schmücke dich***Ablutions Anthem**

Tebé Poyém
 Adult Choir

Pyotr Ilyick Tchaikovsky

Tebé poyém. Tebé blagoslovim. We sing to thee. We bless thee.
Tebé blagodarim, Ghospodi, We give thanks to thee, O Lord,
i molimtisja Bozhe nash. and we pray to thee, O God.

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 535**

Ye servants of God

*Paderborn***Dismissal**

People Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude*March Religieuse, Op. 38*

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