

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

**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 9, 2009**

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**Organ Prelude** *Ut, re, mi fa, sol, la* John Bull

**Processional Hymn 408** Sing praise to God who reigns above *Mit Freuden zart*

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

**The Collect for Purity** BCP p. 323

**The Summary of the Law** BCP p. 324

**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.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; 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: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33**

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite

answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.” The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

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

### **Psalm 130**

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

### **The Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25—5:2**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

**The Holy Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51**

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Bruce D. O'Neill

**The Nicene Creed**

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**Prayers of the People**

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**Confession of Sin**

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**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.

**Birthday & Anniversary Prayers**

**Announcements**

**Offertory Anthem***Recitative, Aria and Chorus from Elijah*  
Adult Choir with Wendell Brooks, bass

Felix Mendelssohn

*Draw near, all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, this day let it be known that Thou art God, and that I am Thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! Oh show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word. Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, oh hear me and answer me, and show this people that Thou art Lord God. And let their hearts again be turned!* 1 Kings 18:36-37

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed, that wait upon Thee!* Psalm 55:22

**Presentation Hymn 380, verse 3***Old Hundredth**The people remain standing.***The Great Thanksgiving**

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "And with thy spi - rit." The third staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God." The fifth staff is for the Priest, with lyrics: "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.

Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in 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**

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*All kneel.**Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God... BCP p. 341By 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**

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**The Breaking of the Bread***Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**Agnus Dei**

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**Prayer of Humble Access**

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*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.*At St. Clement's, all who seek Christ are invited to receive communion.***Communion Anthem***Fili Mi, Absalom*

Lodovico Grossi da Viadana

Adult Choir

2 Samuel 18:33

*Fili mi, Absalom, fili mi, fili mi Absalom!**Quis mihi tribuat, ut ego moriar pro te, Absalom, fili mi!*

My son, Absalom, my son, my son Absalom!

Would that I had died instead of you, Absalom, my son!

**Postcommunion Prayer**

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**Blessing****Recessional Hymn 460**

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

*Hyfrydol***Dismissal***People* Thanks be to God.**Organ Postlude***Small Prelude & Fugue in D Minor*attr. Johann Tobias Krebs  
or Johann Sebastian Bach