

St. Clement's Church
Holy Eucharist

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2009

Organ Prelude

Pensiero Musicale VIII

Giovanni Maria Casini

Processional Hymn 404

We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord

Old 124th

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.

All stand.

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 art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from

walking up and down on it.” The Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.” Then Satan answered the Lord, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.” But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with *integrity*;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not *faltered*.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and *try me*;
examine my heart and my *mind*.
- 3 For your love is before my *eyes*;
I have walked faithfully *with you*.
- 4 I have not sat with the *worthless*,
nor do I consort with the *deceitful*.
- 5 I have hated the company of *evildoers*;
I will not sit down with the *wicked*.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your *altar*,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of *thanksgiving*
and recounting all your wonderful *deeds*.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you *dwell*
and the place where your glory *abides*.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with *sinners*,
nor my life with those who thirst for *blood*,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil *plots*,
and their right hand full of *bribes*.

- 11 As for me, I will live with *integrity*;
redeem me, O LORD, and have *pity on me*.
- 12 My foot stands on level *ground*;
in the full assembly I will bless the *LORD*.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

Gradual Hymn 452 Glorious the day when Christ was born *Frohlockt mit Freud*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

The Sermon

Michelle Meech
Seminararian

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.

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*Exsultate Justi in Domino*
Adult ChoirLudovico Viadana
Psalm 33:1-3*Exsultate justi in Domino, rectos decet collaudatio.
Confitemini Domino in cithara, in psalterio decem chordarum.
Psallite illi, cantate ei, canticum novum, bene psallite ei in vociferatione.*Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.
Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**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.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**

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 360

Only-begotten, Word of God eternal

Rouen

Ablutions Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus
Youth & Adult Choirs

Edward Elgar

Ave verum Corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine: Hail, true Body, born of Mary, born of Mary, Virgin mild.
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Truly suffered, immolated, on the cross for all mankind.
Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine: From thy pierced side did water, with thy blood did water
Esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine. flow; let it be for us a foretaste of death's final test of woe.
O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae. O clement, O pious, O sweet Jesus, son of Mary.

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 539

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

Tidings

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Small Prelude & Fugue in B Flat

attr. Johann Tobias Krebs
or Johann Sebastian Bach