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Sending Eucharist & Reaffirmation of Vows
Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
Hosted by St. Paul’s Cathedral – Des Moines, Iowa
with streaming available – www.iowaepiscopal.org

Organ Voluntary
Hymn

Variations on ‘A Mighty Fortress is Our God’
I Bind Unto Myself Today

Jan Zwart
Hymn 370

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA *(in the front section of the Hymnal)* S236

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*
Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven,
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you!

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading Exodus 33:12-23

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.


People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited

Mode 1

Refrain



Pro-claim the great-ness of the Lord our God! who is the Ho-ly One.

from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

REFRAIN

"O mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God

and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One.

REFRAIN

Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *

they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

REFRAIN

"O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

REFRAIN

The Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Alleluia

The cantor will sing the Alleluia first, followed by the congregation.



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The Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya, Bishop
Episcopal Church in Minnesota

THE NICENE CREED

Stand as you are able.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

A LITANY OF GOD'S MISSION FOR THE CHURCH

The Leader and People pray responsively

Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
Have mercy on us.

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

From blind hearts and petty spirits that refuse to see our need for your love,
Savior, deliver us.

From pride, self-sufficiency, and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,
Savior, deliver us.

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,
Savior, deliver us.

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,
Savior, deliver us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry.
Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.
Hear us, O Christ.

Open our eyes, that we may see your glory in all creation.
Hear us, O Christ.

Open our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.
Hear us, O Christ.

Open our lips, that we may tell in every tongue the wonderful works of God.
Hear us, O Christ.

Open our hearts, that we may discern the work to which you call us.
Hear us, O Christ.

Send us with your Good News into our neighborhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.
Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen us, that we may each accomplish the work you give us to do.
Hear us, O Christ.

Sustain and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous, and unresponsive places.
Hear us, O Christ.

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bishop

Living God, whose Son our Savior Jesus is known to us in broken bread and wine poured out for reconciliation: Grant us courage to take up your mission; that we, too, may be broken, poured, and shared to feed a hungry world; through him who died and rose again, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (BOS 263)

REAFFIRMATION OF DISCIPLESHIP AND RENEWAL OF ORDINATION VOWS

The Bishop addresses the people, saying

Beloved in Christ, through baptism we were all called to new life in the risen Lord. In baptism, we promised to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; according to the gifts given to us, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take our place in the life, worship, and governance of the church. I call upon you, therefore, to reaffirm your commitment to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

Bishop Do you reaffirm the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, renouncing all that seeks to corrupt and destroy the creatures of God, and promising to serve God faithfully as the Body of Christ in the world?

All **We do.**

Bishop Will you bear witness to Christ wherever you may be and, according to the gifts given you, carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world?

All **We will, with God's help.**

All are seated.

A lay person addresses the Bishops, saying

My sister and my brothers, you have been called to be one with the apostles in proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of all.

So I ask:

Lay Person Will you continue to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

Bishop I will, with God's help.

Lay Person Will you continue to celebrate and provide for the administration of the sacraments of the New Covenant?

Bishop I will, with God's help.

Lay Person Will you continue to ordain priests and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops?

Bishop I will, with God's help.

Lay Person Will you continue to be in all things a faithful pastor and a wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ?

Bishop I will, with God's help.

The priests stand. The Bishop addresses the priests, saying

My colleagues, each of you has been called by God to work as a pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church. And so I ask:

Bishop Will you continue to proclaim by word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Priests I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you continue to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts?

Priests I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you continue to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor?

Priests I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you continue to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebrations of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you?

Priests I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you continue to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and the life to come?

Priests I will, with God's help.

The deacons stand. The Bishop addresses the deacons, saying

My fellow workers, each of you has been called by God to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. And so I ask:

Bishop Will you continue to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them and to model your life upon them?

Deacons I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you continue to make Christ's redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship?

Deacons I will, with God's help.

All clergy stand. A lay person addresses the Bishop and clergy, saying

Dear friends in Christ, each of you is called to be a faithful servant for the ministry of God's Word and Sacraments. And so I ask:

Lay Person Will each of you continue to be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life?

Clergy I will, with God's help.

The Bishop then says

May Almighty God who has given us the will to do these things, give us the grace and power to accomplish them. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

OFFERING DESIGNATION:

As this bulletin goes to press, we have learned about the explosion at Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Please give generously to support their ministry and mission in this uncertain time.

Please give in support of this important humanitarian mission and help Ahli Hospital in response to the current horrific humanitarian crisis.

American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem / AFEDJ ensures that 100% of designated funds go directly to the specified institution.



Secure online donations to support Ahli Hospital may be made at www.afedj.org/give/give-online or by check to AFEDJ, 25 Old Kings Highway North, Suite 13, Darien, CT.

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Anthem

Almighty and Everlasting

Orlando Gibbons

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

(in the front section of The Hymnal)

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with Saint Paul and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

INVITATION *The Celebrant says* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION *Ushers will direct you.*

All who seek a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive holy communion by moving forward to the altar rail or by remaining in your place and indicating to an usher that you would like to receive. Wine is offered by sipping from the chalice or by dipping your host wafer into the intinction bowl. Alternatively, you are welcome to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are not yet baptized and feel drawn to receive holy communion, please speak with a priest after the service about baptism.

The ministers deliver the Sacrament to the people either at the altar rail or in place, as desired. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen]

After the people receive Communion a period of silent reflection is kept.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love You above all things, and long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Anthem

Where Can I Turn for Peace?

Mack Wilberg

Hymn

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Hymn 649

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

The Bishop blesses the people, first saying

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People

The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop

Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People

From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

Hymn 544

DISMISSAL *The Deacon dismisses the people.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Organ Voluntary

Fantasia on 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God'

Jan Zwart