

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY

SUNDAY 30 MAY 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 362 “Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Nicaea

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
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The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Song of Praise: S-236 (Canticle 13)

John Rutter

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.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from Isaiah (6:1–8)

Commentary:

The death of King Uzziah, who had reigned for 52 years, introduced a period of anxiety within Israel. The nation's enemies were increasing in power and ambition. At this time, Isaiah received a vision of Israel's true King, who was more than capable of caring for His people. Fiery angels attended the Lord, whose glory was manifested in His holiness. God's glory was not restricted to the throne room or to heaven, it filled the whole earth. Isaiah, finding himself in the presence of utter purity, was terrified. In seeing God for who He is, Isaiah was also able to assess himself accurately. God showed grace to Isaiah, cleansing him from sin, and this ignited Isaiah's desire to be God's willing servant.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29:1–4, 10–11

Antiphon (*The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all*)



Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness.

All sing the psalm verses and repeated antiphon.



Ascribe to the Lord, you / **gods,** *
ascribe to the Lord glory and / **strength.**
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his / **Name;** *
worship the Lord in the beauty of / **holiness.**

ANTIPHON

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory / **thunders;** *
the Lord is upon the mighty / **waters.**
The voice of the Lord is a powerful / **voice;** *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of / **splendor.**

ANTIPHON

The Lord sits enthroned above the / **flood;** *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever-/ **more.**
The Lord shall give strength to his / **people;** *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of / **peace.**

ANTIPHON

A reading from Romans (8:12–17)

Commentary:

Because of what God has done for us (see Romans 8:1-11), believers have an obligation to respond appropriately. However, we can only do so with the Holy Spirit's help and we must choose every day to follow God's will instead of giving in to the sinful human nature. The Holy Spirit leads people to Christ and then continues to lead them in the moral will of God. The Spirit does not compel or force anyone to do God's will as slaves of God. Rather, He appeals to us to submit voluntarily, as children of God. Being adopted children of God makes us His heirs along with Jesus Christ, our brother. We share Jesus' sufferings now and will share His glory in the future.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn "How wondrous great, how glorious bright"

St. James



1 How won - drous great, how glo - rious bright must our Cre - a - tor be,
2 Our soar - ing spi - rits up - wards rise to reach the burn - ing throne
3 Our rea - son stretch - es all its wings, and climbs a - bove the skies;
4 While all the heaven - ly powers con - spire e - ter - nal praise to sing,



who dwells a - midst the daz - zling light of vast e - ter - ni - ty.
and long to see the bless - ed Three in the Al - might - y One.
but still how far be - neath thy feet our ground - ling know - ledge lies!
let faith in hum - ble notes a - dore the great my - ste - rious King.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (3:1–17)

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Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever

believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Michael Singer

The Nicene Creed

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Ever living Spirit, be with us.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Officiant and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *Sung by the choir*

tune: *Julion*, David Hurd

Holy Father, great Creator, source of mercy love, and peace,
look upon the Mediator, clothe us with his righteousness;
heavenly Father, heavenly Father, through the Savior hear and bless.

Holy Jesus, Lord of glory, whom angelic hosts proclaim,
while we hear thy wondrous story, meet and worship in thy Name,
dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer, in our hearts thy peace proclaim.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, come with unction from above,
touch our hearts with sacred fire, fill them with the Savior's love.
Source of comfort, Source of comfort, cheer us with the Savior's love.

God the Lord, through every nation let thy wondrous mercies shine.
In the song of thy salvation every tongue and race combine.
Great Jehovah, Great Jehovah, form our hearts and make them thine.

Alexander Viets Griswold, alt.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - - - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Communion Hymn 324: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Picardy

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, not to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God make the doorway of this house the gateway to thine eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

(from the door of St. Stephen's Church, London, England)

Hymn 608: “Eternal Father, strong to save”

Melita

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walkedst on the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, thy children shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Prayer for Memorial Day and the playing of “Taps”

The clergy together with the people proceed to the church graveyard for a brief prayer to honor those who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces and for the playing of “Taps.”

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Michael Singer

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Duncan Murray Barefoot, Sr. and Duncan Murray Barefoot, Jr.*

Our Message to Visitors

Please know we appreciate so much that you have decided to worship with us today at St. James. Our Mission is to welcome all to grow in love of God and neighbor. So no matter where you come from or where you are going, no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you feel or don't feel today, you are welcome at St. James to be met by a God who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind, and who wants to have a relationship with you.

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