

The Holy Eucharist

Voluntary: "Sleepers, wake!" A Voice Astounds Us— Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn #699 – "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" *See red book in the pews; the people stand, as able*

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider 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—S280, Hymnal 1982

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *The people may be seated.*

First Reading – Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.
When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me. >>

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation –
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.
When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers, I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes;
cease to do evil, learn to do good;
seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

After the reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 *responsively by half verse*

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
 God reveals himself in glory.
Our God will come and will not keep silence;
 before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
He calls the heavens and the earth from above
 to witness the judgment of his people.
“Gather before me my loyal followers,
 those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
 for God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your offerings are always before me.

Consider this well, you who forget God,
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Second Reading—Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

After the reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn #68—*"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"* please stand, as able

Gospel Luke 12:32-40

Before the Gospel,

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ... *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you,

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he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

After the Gospel,

The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *The people sit.*

Dean Twila Smith

The Nicene Creed *The people stand, as able; in unison*

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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us offer our prayers to God, from whom comes every gift, saying, Holy God, hear our prayer.

For the Church: including Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Bishop; for all in ministry in this
Cathedral community, that God will renew and deepen our faith, that we who have been given many
gifts may be found faithful and bearing much fruit. Holy God,

Hear our prayer.

For those whose lives are affected by heat, drought, fire and floods, and for better stewardship of the
earth and its resources, that we may recognize the need to safeguard the integrity of God's creation.
Holy God,

Hear our prayer.

For this city of Buffalo, for those who call this home, and for all who are traveling through, that they
might find respite when weary, and be met with generosity at every turn. Holy God,

Hear our prayer.

For our downtown neighborhood, for the Garden of Love ministry, and for all who are troubled or lonely, that empowered by the Spirit, we may bear witness to the Risen Christ who calls us to be people of reconciliation and love. Holy God,

Hear our prayer.

For all in need of our prayers, remembering especially Donna, Sharon, Henry, Jeremy, Frank, Don, Caroline, Marcia, Barb, Lenore, Sue, Powell, Nancy, Rosie, Peg, Martha, Robert, Carol, Ashlee, Steve, Lisa, and Larry, and for the people of Ukraine and Russia, that God will sustain and strengthen them. Holy God,

Hear our prayer.

For all the departed, remembering Lisa, Mervin Deems, Larry Fioretto, Ruth Miles, all who we hold in our hearts and those known to God alone, that they may rejoice in God's eternal care. Holy God,

Hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the marriage of Ashley Darling and Jack Durkin, and their family and friends who witnessed their commitment and support their life together. Holy God,

Hear our prayer.

Presider

God of Abraham, whose people are like the stars in the heavens, empower our faith and hear our prayers, that we may live in the blessed expectation of your promises and be alert for you when you come to us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider 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 our Savior 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 Priest offers absolution

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #61 – “*Sleepers, Wake!*”

The Great Thanksgiving *The people stand. The Presider, facing them, says,*

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

All *Sanctus—S129*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

All **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 *After a period of silence is kept, the Presider says,*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. *People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem—S163

All 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.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome at Christ's table. An usher will invite you to a single-file line in the main aisle for communion.

If you do not wish to partake, you may come forward to receive a blessing—indicate your desire by crossing your arms in front of your chest. If you would like to make a financial offering, please place it in the offering plate.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

All **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

Hymn #636—*“How Firm a Foundation”*

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

“Festival Voluntary,” Flor Peeters

New or visiting today? Everything you need to follow the worship service is in this bulletin. We invite you to join in singing hymns and you will find hymn numbers in this bulletin and hymnals (red book) in the pews. Greeters are available to assist you.

If you would like a hearing enhancement device, see a greeter.



Restrooms are available near the kitchen on the lower level.
A handicapped accessible restroom is located near the Walker Room.
Please ask a greeter for directions.

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