

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
Proper 25, Year A
Christ Church Cathedral
Nashville, Tennessee



VOLUNTARY

Concerto no. 3 in B^b
- Andante

William Felton [3'16"]
(1713-1769)

Pre-Liturgy of the Word announcements

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The procession from the side door to the sanctuary pausing to reverence the altar individually

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.**

TRISAGION

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One
Have mercy upon us.
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Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

[Dave Goetz and Katy Varney]

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
 nor lingered in the way of sinners,
 nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
 and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
 everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

[Denise Bentley]

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON –Matthew 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet?”’

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

SERMON – The Reverend Lissa Smith
A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE , FORM VII

[French Ball]

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, You bid us to choose between living now in false comfort or with division by walking in the newness of Christ. Keep us grounded and honest, strong in our faith, willing to bear the cost in this life for the promise of Jesus in the next.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, lift the hearts and souls of those anointed to guide your Church through these trying times. Grant them unceasing energy to inspire discipleship worthy of Christ. We pray especially for: *Michael*, the Presiding Bishop; *John*, the Bishop of Tennessee; and the clergy of Christ Church Cathedral—*Timothy*, *Lissa*, *Matthew*, *Anna Russell*, *Roger*, and *Richard*.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, give us the courage to be what we expect and demand of political leaders in this world, across this country, in Tennessee and in Nashville. Strengthen us to work in large and small ways to end quarreling, power plays, personal and institutional racism, and violence that separates and destroys us here and across the world. We pray especially for: *Donald*, the President of the United States; *Bill*, the Governor of Tennessee; and *John*, the Mayor of Nashville.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, We pray for the Church in Wales, *the Most Reverend John Davies*, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember the Church of the Messiah, Pulaski.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, we *pause* in this moment to remember all who have suffered for the sake of conscience; save them from despair and give us grace that our society may be cleansed and strengthened.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, comfort and help all who are seriously ill, struggling with addiction, or experiencing homelessness, and grant an extra blessing on all who provide support and assistance. For all in need of comfort, companionship, and healing, especially *Susan, Geoffrey, Patti, Tom, Rachel, Laura, John, Kadijah, Tallu, Madeline, Sage, Paul, Dickie, Nancie, Andy, Bill, Mimi, Debbie, Mary, Ken, Art, Flora, Hugh, Rosemary, Rutbie, Mary, Marion, Debbie, Peter, Sophia, Ardon, Ellen, Joe, Gilbert, and Jeff.*

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, for the missions of this congregation in Bolivia, Iraq, and Haiti, especially St. Andre's Church, Hinche, Haiti, and *the Reverend Noé Bernier*

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, we give thanks for the marriage of *Samantha Singer* and *Alex Duke*, married on October 17.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, we *pause* in this moment to offer You our other heartfelt thanksgivings, intercessions, petitions, and memorials [*silence*]. We pray for our _____, for their companionship and witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

O Lord, compassionate and forgiving, we for the faithful departed, for the repose of their souls and the consolation of their families. We pray for especially *the Right Reverend William A. Jones, Jr.* husband of *Maggie Jones.*

O God of the cross and empty tomb: **hold our hearts in the hands of your mercy.**

Celebrant: O Lord, our God, rescue us from the desert of denial, open our eyes to the wellspring of the Spirit, awaken our hearts to live first for Christ, and compel us to walk without shame or fear in your light and love. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus, the Sin-Bearer; and in the name of the Holy Spirit, the Fount of all Wisdom; who together with you are One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Then the Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Then the Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon 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.

Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive † you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



*Touch or scan the QR code above to leave your tithe and offering this morning.
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SOLO AT THE OFFERTORY

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Johann Sebastian Bach [3'14"]
(1685-1750)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, Celebrant proceeds

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

The Celebrant then says the Proper Preface

Celebrant and People

**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.

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.

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 wine to be consecrated.

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.

The Celebrant continues.

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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Then may be said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. † Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
The Sacrament is distributed.

HYMN AT THE DISTRIBUTION

Where cross the crowded ways of life

Gardiner [2'32"]

You are invited to sing along at home.

1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the
 3 The cup of wa-ter given for thee still holds the
 4 O Mas-ter, from the moun-tain side, make haste to
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol-low

1 cries of race and clan, a-bove the noise of
 3 fresh-ness of thy grace; yet long these mul-ti-
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a-mong these rest-less
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo-rious from thy

1 self-ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 3 tudes to see the true com-pas-sion of thy face.
 4 throgs a-bide, O tread the ci-ty's streets a-gain;
 5 heaven a-bove, shall come the ci-ty of our God.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in D

Craig Sellar Lang [2'58"]
(1891-1971)

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of Fred H. Harris, Elizabeth Ann Harris Cumming, and Novice Irene Sellers; husband, daughter, and mother of Patti Harris.

2021 ANNUAL GIVING DRIVE

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

-John 1:5

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