



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 am and 11:15 am — August 31, 2025

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17 — Year C

PRELUDE Ciacona in E Minor, BuxWV 160

Dieterich Buxtehude 1637-1707

THE WORD OF GOD

Congregation stands.

HYMN 477



1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

— didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
— by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
— who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
— art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
— in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

— that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
— and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
— hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
— and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
— and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

— Al - le - lu - ia! 1. lu - ia! 2. A - men.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

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

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

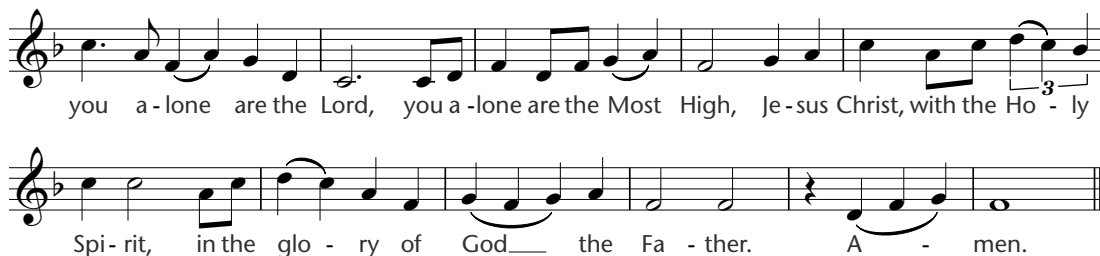
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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.*

THE GLORIA S-280

Robert Powell

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace__ to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al- mighty-y__ God and
Fa - ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,



Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*; Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025). rev.

THE COLLECTS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Congregation sits.*

The Epistle

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you

nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (read responsively by whole verse)

Exultate Deo

- ¹ Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- ¹⁰ *I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”*
- ¹¹ And yet my people did not hear my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.
- ¹² *So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices.*
- ¹³ Oh, that my people would listen to me!
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- ¹⁴ *I should soon subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.*
- ¹⁵ Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last for ever.
- ¹⁶ *But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.*

Hymn 656 Congregation stands.



1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give



se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1,3 John Keble (1792-1866) Sts. 2,4 William John Hall (1793-1861); Music: *Franconia*, Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758).

The Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Most Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fearon (9:00 am)

Dr. Kira Moolman Pettit (11:15 am)

THE NICENE CREED *Congregation stands.*

BCP 358

*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.*

Celebrant: Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Congregation kneels.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world, especially our ministry partners at Casa Mateo;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For Meredith, John, Sally, Carolyn, Lisa, Bruce, Mary, Karen, Cynthia, Madeleine, JB, Scott, Gray, Zoe, Dianne, Michelle, Andy, Bruce, and Mike.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, especially Bruce Castner, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: *Who put their trust in you.*

Celebrant: Awaken our hearts, O Lord, to love what you love.

Awaken our minds, O Lord, to think with the mind of Christ.

Awaken our souls, O Lord, to walk faithfully with your Spirit.

Awaken your Church, O Lord, to renewal and revival as we gather in Christ,
grow as disciples, and go bearing the Gospel as a light to the city.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: *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: 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 *Congregation stands.*

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ✠ *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory or*
- ✠ *By scanning the QR code with your phone.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem

Maurice Bevan 1921-2006

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in Heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

But we make His love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple, we should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Text: Frederick William Faber 1816-1863

PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (vs. 3) *Congregation stands.*

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

SANCTUS S 125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Congregation kneels.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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,

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.

Celebrant: 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.

- ✠ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- ✠ *If you are not baptized, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*
- ✠ *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact one of the clergy.*
- ✠ *Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.*
- ✠ *You may drink from the common chalice or intinct from the intinction cup.*
- ✠ *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail.*

Hymn 321



1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till

cup - with love doth o - ver - flow; be
 fur - nished well with joy - ful - guests; and
 count - less num - bers let them come and
 through the world thy truth has run, till

all thy chil - dren thith - er led, and
 may each soul sal - va - tion see, that
 gath - er from their Fa - ther's board the
 with this Bread shall all be blessed who

let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Phillip Doddridge (1702-1751), St. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748);
 Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, 1780, adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

Anthem

Richard Farrant 1525-1580

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
 but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.

To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
 that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,
 now and evermore. Amen.

Text: John Bull's Christian Prayers, 1568

Hymn 707



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879); Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Congregation stands.*

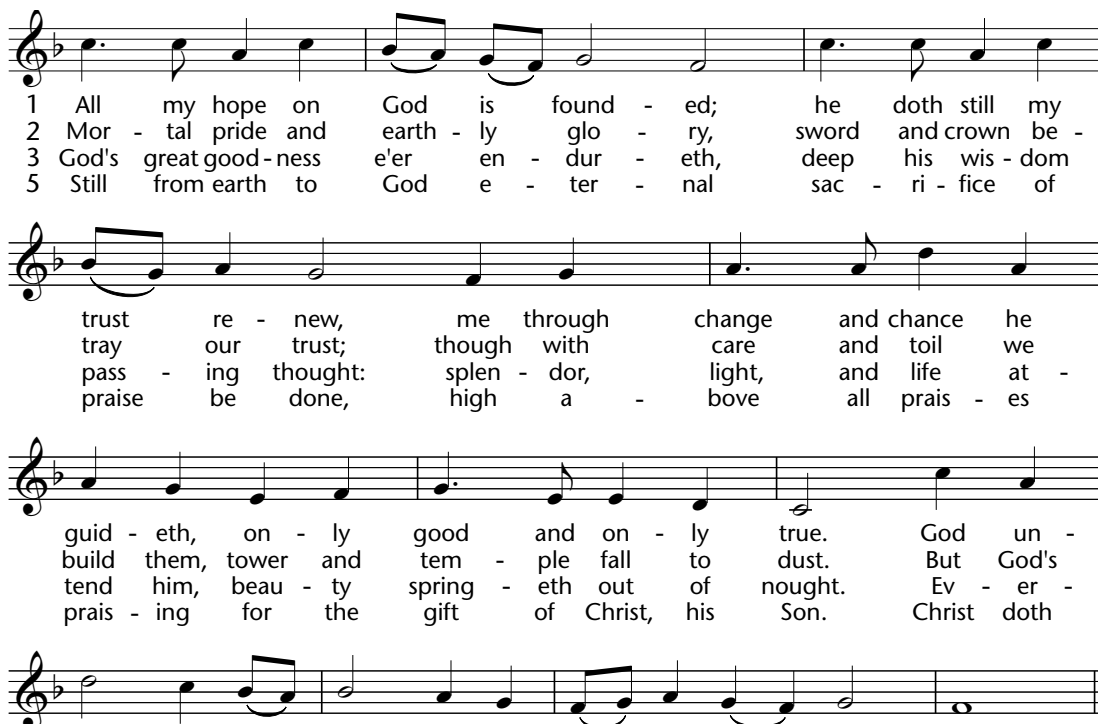
BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*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

HYMN 665



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth

known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1900) after Joachim Neander (1650-1680); Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Fugue in C Minor, BWV 582

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

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Preparing us for worship today at the Prelude is an organ work by seventeenth century German composer, Dieterich Buxtehude. *Ciacona in E minor* is based on a recurring theme first presented in the pedal. This recurring theme bears resemblance to the form of a litany in liturgy: a repeated invocation or refrain, over which new variations and responses unfold. Just as a litany's steady refrain grounds the prayer while voices expand upon it, the pedal's recurring theme anchors the piece as figurations are woven above.

The choral anthems sung during the preparation of the altar and communion highlight God's mercy. Frederick Faber's text "There's Wideness in God's Mercy" was written for use during the parish missions he conducted in 19th-century England and Ireland. It is an example of the sentimental poetry of many nineteenth-century hymn texts and quickly entered popular hymnody throughout Protestantism. Over the years, it has been paired with several different tunes; today the Chorale sings this text to Maurice Bevan's lyrical tune.

Henry Bull was a 16th-century English Protestant theological writer. He published his "Lidley's Prayers" in 1566, and it is from this collection that we find the prayer "Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake." It has enjoyed wide popularity over the centuries, with many composers setting this prayer to music. Today, the choir sings Tudor composer Richard Farrant's setting of the text.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT OF THE LÉTOURNEAU ORGAN

Saturday, September 20, 5:00 pm

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