



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 am and 11:15 am — September 27, 2026

WELCOME



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Everything you need to join us in worship is found in this booklet. Hearing assistance is available. Please see an usher, who will be happy to help you!

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21 – Year A

PRELUDE

Prelude in e minor, BWV 548a

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

INTROIT

Anton Bruckner 1824-1896

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.*

This place was made by God,
a priceless mystery;
it is without reproof.

Text: Gradual for a Dedication, from Genesis 28:17

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 435

Congregation stands.

1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name,
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
name with awe and won - der and with ba - ted breath;
'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877), alt.; Music: *King's Weston*, R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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 - might - 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,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God__ the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Philippians 2:1-13

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

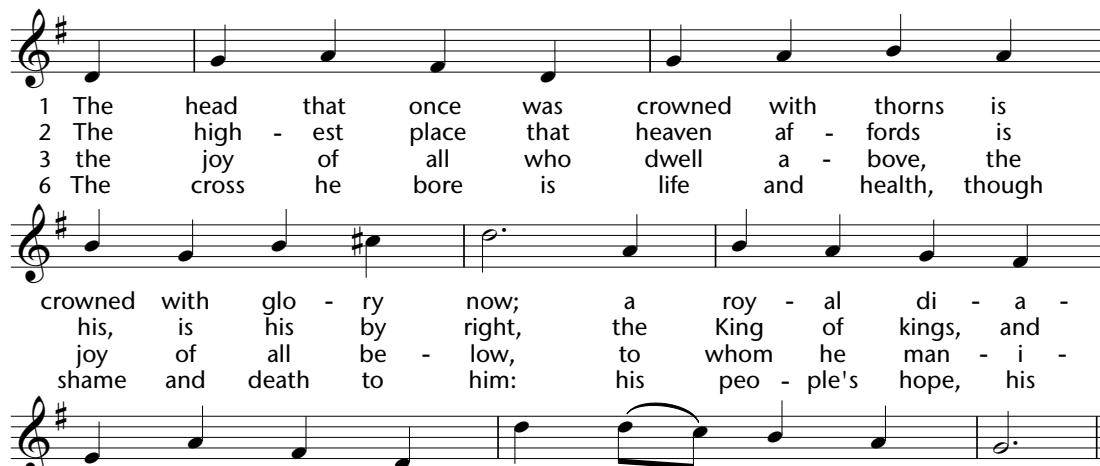
(9:00 am read responsively by whole verse)

(11:15 am sung by the choir)

- ¹ Hear my law, O my people :
incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.
- ² I will open my mouth in a parable :
I will declare hard sentences of old;
- ³ Which we have heard and known :
and such as our fathers have told us;
- ⁴ That we should not hide them from the children of the generations to come :
but to shew the honour of the LORD, his mighty and wonderful
works that he hath done.
- ¹³ Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers, in the land of Egypt :
even in the field of Zoan.
- ¹⁴ He divided the sea, and let them go through :
he made the waters to stand on an heap.
- ¹⁵ In the day-time also he led them with a cloud :
and all the night through with a light of fire.
- ¹⁶ He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness :
and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth.
- ¹⁷ He brought waters out of the stony rock :
so that it gushed out like the rivers.

*At this time in the 9:00 a.m. service, students in 1st to 5th grade are invited to join The Bridge
Worship in the Nau Family Room. Students rejoin this service at the Peace.*

Hymn 483 Congregation stands



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is
 2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is
 3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the
 6 The cross he bore is life and health, though

crowned with glo - ry now; a roy - al di - a -
 his, is his by right, the King of kings, and -
 joy of all be - low, to whom he man - i -
 shame and death to him: his peo - ple's hope, his

dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
 Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
 feasts his love, and grants his Name to know.
 peo - ple's wealth, their ev - er - last - ing theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855); Music: St. Magnus, 1707

The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’” ²⁶ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

Dr. Kira Moolman Pettit (9:00 am)

The Rev. Lars Skoglund (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.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form III*

BCP 387

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

Congregation kneels. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: *That we all may be one.*

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others;

The people may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

Your financial offerings fuel ministries that Change Lives for God in Christ. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ✘ *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

Anton Bruckner 1824-1896

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque
ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.*

Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even death on a cross.

Text: from Philippians 2:8-9

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.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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:

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: 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People:

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 S-155

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ_ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep_ the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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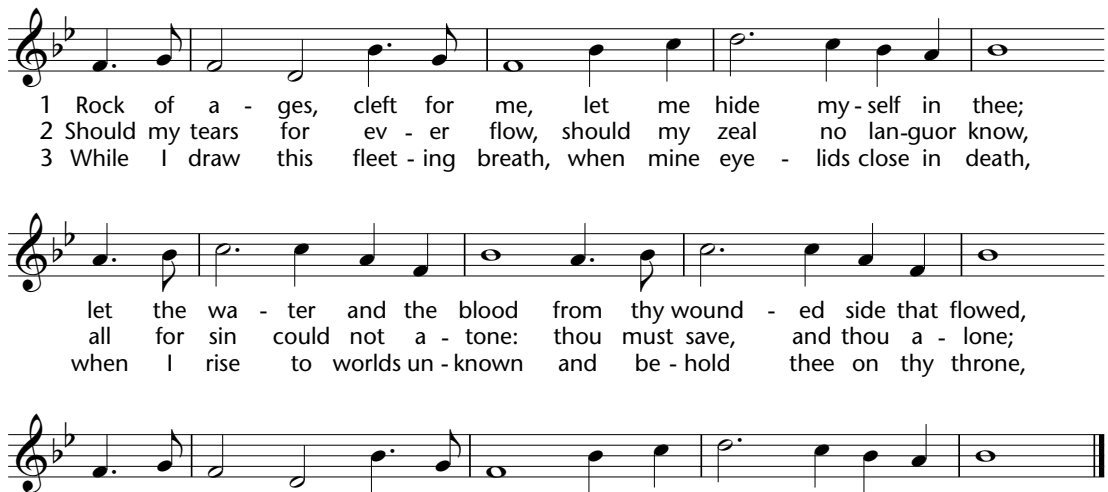
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE MINISTRATION

- ✕ *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.*
- ✕ *After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers are present in the East Bay for prayer.*

Hymn 685



1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan-guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Toplady (1740-1778); Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872)

Anthem

David Briggs *b.1962*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
 Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
 Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
 Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
 Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
 Christ's love has gathered us into one.
 Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
 Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
 And may we love each other with a sincere
 heart. Amen.

Text: Antiphon at Foot-washing on Maundy Thursday

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, C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*People: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

HYMN



1 Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
 2 Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
 3 Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
 4 Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
 great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
 ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
 un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace; when we feel con - fused and
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in your

glad-ness to the wound - ed and op-pressed; help us claim and
 pas-sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit-less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep-herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b.1944); Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor, 1941

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Fugue in e minor, BWV 548b

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

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WELCOME TO OUR SEMINARIANS

This year marks our first biennial reunion retreat, welcoming back Runnells Summer Seminarrians from the past five years. The program began in the summer of 2022, and this weekend's retreat offered an opportunity for rest, fellowship, and study, led by The Rev. Annette Brownlee and The Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner, both professors emeriti of Wycliffe College in Toronto.

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TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

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In today's appointed Epistle, the Apostle Paul quotes one of the oldest Christian hymns known to us. In recognition of this historic text, we sing *At the Name of Jesus* as our Processional Hymn. Its text is based largely on this ancient hymn and was penned by nineteenth-century English author Caroline Noel.

At the Offertory, we hear the motet *Christus factus est* by nineteenth-century Austrian composer Anton Bruckner. An a cappella setting of Philippians 2:8–9, this motet is dramatic in its expression of the text:

“Christ became obedient unto death, even the death on a cross. Wherefore God also has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.”

The Gregorian hymn *Ubi caritas* (“Where charity and love are, God is there”) has long been used as one of the antiphons sung during the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday. At the Ministration, we hear a contemporary, ethereal setting of this hymn by English composer and organist David Briggs. Like the famous setting by the French composer Maurice Duruflé, Briggs places the plainsong melody in the alto part.

Interestingly, both of the anthems sung this morning draw their texts from propers traditionally associated with Maundy Thursday.



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