



# The Church of the Epiphany in the City of Washington

11:00 a.m.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

29 August 2010

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## HOLY EUCHARIST

**Prelude** IV. **Méditation** from Suite Médiévale en forme de messe basse music: Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

**Gathering of the people of God**

### Liturgy of the Word

The people stand as they are able and turn toward the center aisle to sing the hymn.

**Entrance Hymn: 423 in The Hymnal 1982 “Immortal, invisible, God only wise”**

St. Denio

### Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

**Presider** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People** Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

**Hymn of Praise: “Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers”** (*Benedictus es, Domine*)

music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

(organ) 1. Glo - ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you.

2. Glo - ry to you for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the throne of your maj - es - ty glo - ry to you.

4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the cher - u - bim; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of heav - en, glo - ry to you.

6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit;

We will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

**Presider** God be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Presider** Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

**Presider** 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.

**People** Amen.

The people sit.

**Old Testament Reading**

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, “Come up here,” than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence is observed for reflection.*

**Psalm at the Gradual: 112**

*music: from The Portland Psalter, Robert A. Hawthorne*

*The cantor introduces the refrain; all repeat together.*

*J* = 76

Hap - py are they who have giv - en, giv - en to the poor.

*The cantor sings the psalm, the people joining in the refrain where indicated.*

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever. ....**Refrain**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. ....**Refrain**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies. ....**Refrain**

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish. ...**Refrain**

**New Testament Reading**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

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

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

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence is observed for reflection.*

*The people stand as they are able and turn toward the center aisle to sing the hymn.*

*music: Raquel, Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944-1992)*

**Hymn at the Sequence: “As we gather at your table” (#763 in *Wonder, Love, and Praise*)**

*words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)*

*Organ*

1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word,  
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast

1. help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 2. send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
 3. where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

1. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 2. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 3. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace des - troy,

*The hymn continues on the next page...*



1. teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 2. may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 3. as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Gospel* *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at 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 the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

**Sermon**

*A period of silence is observed for reflection.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

**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**

*Leader* Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:  
for our world,

*People* **the heavens tell of your glory;**

*Leader* for our land, its beauty and its resources,

*People* **for the rich heritage we enjoy.**

*Leader* We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,

*People* **that we may use your gifts responsibly;**

*Leader* for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,

*People* **that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation;**

*Leader* We thank you for giving us life;

*People* **for all who enrich our experience.**



*Presider* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy** (*Sanctus & Benedictus*)

*music: Land of Rest, American folk melody, arr. Marcia Pruner*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the one who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Presider:*

*Presider and People:*

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.**

*Presider* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*presider* *people*  
 A - MEN.

*Presider* Jesus taught us to love one another. I invite you to hold hands during the Lord's Prayer as a sign of God's love for us and of the love we share through Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

**Lord's Prayer**

**People** 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.

**Breaking of the Bread**

music: from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd

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.

**Communion of the People**

All are invited to receive Communion. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive Communion. Hold out your hands to receive the bread; say "Amen" after the Communion sentence. When the eucharistic minister offers the wine, either take the chalice or guide it to your mouth by carefully holding the base of the chalice; say "Amen" after the Communion sentence.

The Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil for Healing is offered in the chapel.

**Hymn during Communion (sung by the people) Prayer for Peace**

words: David Haas (b. 1957), based on a Navaho prayer;  
music: David Haas

*piano*

Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace un - der our feet.  
Love be - fore us, love be - hind us, love un - der our feet.  
Light be - fore us, light be - hind us, light un - der our feet.  
Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us, Christ un - der our feet.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Peace with - in us, peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.  
Love with - in us, love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love.  
Light with - in us, light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light.  
Christ with - in us, Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Peace with - in us, peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.

peace. Let all a - round us be peace. Let all a - round us be peace.

*piano*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

Presider Let us pray.

The people stand as they are able.

People **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**  
**Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**  
**that we may proclaim your love to the world**  
**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Blessing**

Presider May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Dismissal Hymn: 477 in *The Hymnal 1982* "All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine"

Engelberg

**Dismissal**

**Leader** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Worship is over; now service begins!**

**Postlude** **V. Acclamations (sur le texte des acclamations carolingiennes) from Suite Médiévale music: Jean Langlais**

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