



Sunday, January 3rd, 2021

Prelude - Sing of God Made Manifest (Salzburg) [162]

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God

People **To you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 - 702 from Mass of Hope by Becket Gerald Senchur

Collect Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading – Ephesians 3.1-12

Gospel Acclamation – 715 (Celtic Alleluia)

The Holy Gospel Matthew 2.1-12

Reader The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader This is the Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon - Stuart Hallam

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us join together in an affirmation of faith.

Celebrant You, O God, are Creator of all,

**All by whom every being in heaven
and earth is fashioned, named, and sustained.
You call us each by name.**

**You, O God, are Living Word,
who came and pitched your tent with us,
lived, and died, and rose again.
You speak to us now through faith.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit,
who comforts, strengthens, and inspires,
sending us forth to share your love. You are the breath of grace.**

**You, O God, are Trinity:
Creator, Word, Spirit; artist, healer, friend,
You are the mystery. We worship you. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession

Celebrant Dear Friends ... Most merciful God,

**All 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 neighbours 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.**

Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Invitation

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus.
So come, you who have much faith
and you who have little,
you who have been here often,
and you who have not been for a long time,
you who have tried to follow
and you who have failed.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Good and loving God.

All we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant God is with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All We give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Creator, you made our world beautiful and good.
You made us to live in right relationship with you and all creation.
You sent Jesus to live among us and show us what you are like.
We give all thanks and praise to you, our true and loving God.
You laid the foundations of the earth and enclosed the seas.
You brought forth all creatures and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One. All you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so, we join with the heavenly beings and all of creation as we sing:

Sanctus – St Columba setting (Iona) by J. Bell

Celebrant Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent. Of your grace, you sent Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign, and to give himself for us. Through Jesus Christ you have reconciled us to you and restored the glory you intended for us.

On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat. This is my very self, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup of wine, again he gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying:
“Drink it all of you. This cup is a new covenant poured out for you and all people.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, we remember: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection, and ascension,
and, longing for Christ’s coming again in glory, we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, so that we who share this
bread and wine may be a people of hope, justice and love. Draw us together in
Christ, and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all our people into the joy of your
eternal home.

All **Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in songs of everlasting praise.
Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer – Plainsong

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei – 747 Franz Schubert

Prayer After Communion

**Loving God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Announcements

Hymn – 160 As with Gladness Men of Old (Dix)

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God

All **Whose power working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant The blessing of God,
the eternal goodwill of God,
the shalom and salaam of God,
the wildness and the warmth of God,
be among us and between us,
now and always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Impression on 'We Three Kings' by Alfred V. Fedak

Please join us for zoom coffee after the service at 11am.

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