

The Holy Eucharist of Convention

October 27, 2023

Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude



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THE WORD OF GOD

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-278

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 32:1-4

Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak;
let the earth hear the words of my
mouth.
May my teaching drop like the rain,
my speech condense like the dew,
like gentle rain on grass,
like showers on new growth.
For I will proclaim the name of the Lord,
ascribe greatness to our God!
The Rock, his work is perfect,
and all his ways are just.
A faithful God, without deceit,
just and upright is he.

Escuchad, cielos, y hablaré;
Y oiga la tierra los dichos de mi boca.
Goteará como la lluvia mi enseñanza;
Destilará como el rocío mi razonamiento;
Como la llovizna sobre la grama,
Y como las gotas sobre la hierba;
Porque el nombre de Jehová proclamaré.
Engrandeced a nuestro Dios.
Él es la Roca, cuya obra es perfecta,
Porque todos sus caminos son rectitud;
Dios de verdad, y sin ninguna iniquidad
en él;
Es justo y recto.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119: 89-96

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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- 89 O LORD, your word is ever/lasting; *
it stands firm in the /heavens.
- 90 Your faithfulness remains from one generation to a/nother; *
you established the earth, and it a/bides.
- 91 By your decree these continue to this /day, *
for all things are your /servants.
- 92 If my delight had not been in your /law, *
I should have perished in my af/fliction.
- 93 I will never forget your com/mandments, *
because by them you give me /life.
- 94 I am yours; oh, that you would /save me! *
for I study your /commandments.
- 95 Though the wicked lie in wait for me to de/stroy me, *
I will apply my mind to your de/crees.
- 96 I see that all things come to an /end, *
but your commandment has no /bounds.

THE SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn WLP 795

Pero ahora en Cristo Jesús, vosotros que en otro tiempo estabais lejos, habéis sido hechos cercanos por la sangre de Cristo. Porque él es nuestra paz, que de ambos pueblos hizo uno, derribando la pared intermedia de separación, aboliendo en su carne las enemistades, la ley de los mandamientos expresados en ordenanzas, para crear en sí mismo de los dos un solo y nuevo hombre, haciendo la paz, y mediante la cruz reconciliar con Dios a ambos en un solo cuerpo, matando en ella las enemistades. Y vino y anunció las buenas nuevas de paz a vosotros que estabais lejos, y a los que estaban cerca; porque por medio de él los unos y los otros tenemos entrada por un mismo Espíritu al Padre. Así que ya no sois extranjeros ni advenedizos, sino conciudadanos de los santos, y miembros de la familia de Dios, edificados sobre el fundamento de los apóstoles y profetas, siendo la principal piedra del ángulo Jesucristo mismo, en quien todo el edificio, bien coordinado, va creciendo para ser un templo santo en el Señor; en quien vosotros también sois juntamente edificados para morada de Dios en el Espíritu.

O-so-so

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

“If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘Servants are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfill the word that is written in their law, ‘They hated me without a cause.’

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Esto os mando: Que os améis unos a otros.

Si el mundo os aborrece, sabed que a mí me ha aborrecido antes que a vosotros. Si fuerais del mundo, el mundo amaría lo suyo; pero porque no sois del mundo, antes yo os elegí del mundo, por eso el mundo os aborrece. Acordaos de la palabra que yo os he dicho: El siervo no es mayor que su señor. Si a mí me han perseguido, también a vosotros os perseguirán; si han guardado mi palabra, también guardarán la vuestra. Mas todo esto os harán por causa de mi nombre, porque no conocen al que me ha enviado. Si yo no hubiera venido, ni les hubiera hablado, no tendrían pecado; pero ahora no tienen excusa por su pecado. El que me aborrece a mí, también a mi Padre aborrece. Si yo no hubiese hecho entre ellos obras que ningún otro ha hecho, no tendrían pecado; pero ahora han visto y han aborrecido a mí y a mi Padre. Pero esto es para que se cumpla la palabra que está escrita en su ley: Sin causa me aborrecieron.

Pero cuando venga el Consolador, a quien yo os enviaré del Padre, el Espíritu de verdad, el cual procede del Padre, él dará testimonio acerca de mí. Y vosotros daréis testimonio también, porque habéis estado conmigo desde el principio.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew McGowan

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**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

With every voice lifted, let us pray together from within our hearts to God responding with:

We know the anchor stands for hope, and our hope is in the cross of Christ.

For the future of the Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island and beyond. For all who hear the call to serve, may our good works always be for the benefit of and care for your people.

We know the anchor stands for hope, and our hope is in the cross of Christ.

We thank you for the ministry of our clergy, who continue to lead us with hope and compassion; give them strength and endurance to continue to serve and to do your will.

We know the anchor stands for hope, and our hope is in the cross of Christ.

We ask for your guidance and presence during this time of uncertainty. In our state of Rhode Island and the world, we ask justice for the oppressed, compassion for the homeless, mercy for people with addictions, and the easement of pain for those with sickness or mental illness.

We know the anchor stands for hope, and our hope is in the cross of Christ.

May we recognize and strive for reconciliation with our history and with one another, and come to a place of understanding, where all voices are heard as we work towards becoming the Beloved Community in Rhode Island.

We know the anchor stands for hope, and our hope is in the cross of Christ.

Help us care for your creation in our beautiful state from your calming shores to your sheltering hills and trees. Help us to care for all people and creatures who depend on our stewardship of nature.

We know the anchor stands for hope, and our hope is in the cross of Christ.

We thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us, may we always seek to be your light to others who may be alone and waiting in darkness to be relieved of their suffering.

We know the anchor stands for hope, and our hope is in the cross of Christ.

You have been with us through all our gladness and joys but also within our losses and sorrows. Help us remember and pray for your devoted departed saints that we name at this time:

NECROLOGY



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



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Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**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.

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."

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 your 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

Fraction Anthem: S-152

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.

This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

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The Celebrant says:

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.

Communion Hymns

We Gather at Your Table, Lord

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1999
Gifts of Love: New Hymns for Today's Worship

Tallis' Canon
Thomas Tallis
adapt. Parker's *Whole Psalter*, c. 1561

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1. We ga - ther at your ta - ble, Lord: We hum - bly
2. We share this meal and we are fed. Such ba - sic
3. God, pour your Spi - rit on us all, And on these
4. From North and South, from West and East, Now rec - on -

lift our hearts to you! Here all are wel - comed,
gifts be - come your sign: We see you bro - ken
gifts that we re - ceive; For in Christ's pres - ence
- ciled, we ga - ther near; We taste your King - dom's

all re - stored, And all are giv - en work to do.
in the bread; We know your love in com - mon wine.
we re - call His life and death, and so be - lieve.
ban - quet feast, So find - ing strength to serve you here.

This tune may be sung as a canon, with each asterisk () marking a point of entry.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

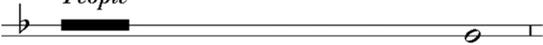
Let us pray.

**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 EPISCOPAL BLESSING

Bishop


Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People


The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop


Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People


From this time forth for ever-more.

The Bishop sings the blessing.

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The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF THE HIGGINS AWARD
ANCHOR OF HOPE AWARD

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 594

Cwm Rhondda

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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