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Participants in today's service

Officiants	The Very Rev. José Reyes, Rev. Elle Morgan Rev. Michael Bullock
Preacher	Mx. Alex Blenman FFSC
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. Kate Derose
Organist & Choir Director	Dr. Colin Britt

We welcome Singers of Saint Mark's, Saint Andrew's and Saint David's

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THE PRELUDE: Prelude in E minor

Fredric Chopin

THE INTROIT: Veni Sancte Spiritus

Taizé

Ve - ni, sanc - te spi - ri - tus.
Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Please stand as you are able as the procession begins.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant

The Lord Almighty grant us a Peaceful night and a perfect end.

All

Amen.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
The maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me (walk with me); I want
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my
3. In my sor - rows, Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); All a -
 2. tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When the
 3. sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); When my

1. long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
 2. shades of _____ life _____ are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
 3. heart with - in _____ is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want

1. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 2. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 3. Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).

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THE INVITATORY – Thomas Tallis

Cantor

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

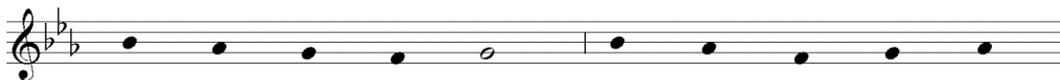
The Lord's Name be praised.

Please be seated. The office candles are lighted.

PHOS HILARON, No 26



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

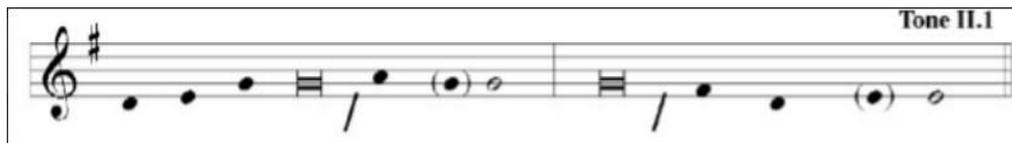


blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This melody may be sung in rhythmic form: ♪♪♪

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PSALM 85:6-11



You, Lord, showed favor to your 'land;
you restored the for-'tunes of **Jacob**.

2 You forgave the iniquity of your 'people
and covered 'all their **sins**.

3 You set aside all your 'wrath
and turned from 'your fierce **anger**.

4 Restore us again, God our **'Savior,**
and put away your displea-'sure toward **us.**

5 Will you be angry with us for **'ever?**
Will you prolong your anger through all **'generations?**

6 Will you not revive us a **'gain,**
that your people may re-'jice in **you?**

7 Show us your unfailing love, **'Lord,**
and grant us **'your salvation.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

THE FIRST READING –Ezekiel 37:21-28

Say, Thus says the Lord God: I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from every quarter, and bring them to their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms. They shall never again defile themselves with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. I will save them from all the apostasies into which they have fallen, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

My servant David shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall follow my ordinances and be careful to observe my statutes. They shall live in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, in which your ancestors lived; they and their children and their children's children shall live there forever; and my servant David shall be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; and I will bless them and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary among them forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations shall know that I the Lord sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary is among them forevermore.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT: Holy is Your Name



Cantor: 1. My soul is filled with joy, as I sing to God, my Sav-ior, you have
All: 2. I am low-ly as a child, but I know from this day for-ward that my
3. I pro-claim the pow'r of God, you do mar-vels for your ser-vants; though you
4. To the hun-gry you give food, send the rich a-way emp-ty. In your
5. In your love you now ful-fill what you prom-ised to your peo-ple. I will



looked up-on your serv-ant, you have vis-it-ed your peo-ple. And
name will be re-mem-bered, for all will call me bless-ed.
scat-ter the proud heart-ed and de-stroy the might of princ-es.
mer-cy you are mind-ful of the peo-ple you have cho-sen.
praise you, Lord, my sav-ior, ev-er-last-ing is your mer-cy.



ho-ly is your name through all gen-er-a-tions! Ev-er-last-ing is your mer-cy to the



peo-ple you have chos-en, and ho-ly is your name.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 7:37-52

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, “This is really the prophet.” Others said, “This is the Messiah.” But some asked, “Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?” So there was a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why did you not arrest him?” The police answered, “Never has anyone spoken like this!” Then the Pharisees replied, “Surely you have not been deceived too, have you?”

Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, which does not know the law—they are accursed.” Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, “Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it?” They replied, “Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee.

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

NUNC DIMITTIS

Hal Hopson

Go now in peace. A - men.

THE SERMON

Mx. Alex Blenman FFSC

THE APOSTLES' CREED

sung by all on one note

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please stand, kneel, or be seated

THE PRAYERS

Kedrov

Simply

p Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-
pass a- gainst us, and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion,
broaden
but de-liv-er us from e-vil. A-men.
*Cantor: For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.*

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.