



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
APRIL 28, 2024
11:00 AM

The voluntary, also known as the prelude, is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

VOLUNTARY Largo from *Xerxes*

G. F. Handel

OPENING HYMN 362 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it

and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

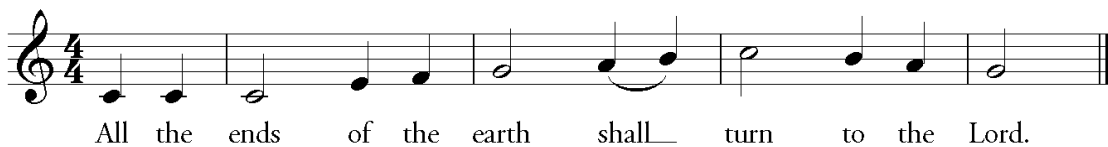
The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus



24. My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27. For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

Antiphon

28. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29. My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Antiphon

THE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 379 God is Love, let heaven adore him v. 1

Abbot's Leigh

1. God is Love, let heaven adore him;
 God is Love, let earth rejoice;
 let creation sing before him
 and exalt him with one voice.
 God who laid the earth's foundation,
 God who spread the heaven above,
 God who breathes through all creation:
 God is Love, eternal Love.

THE GOSPEL

John 15: 1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. John Newton

THE NICENE CREED

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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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR EASTERTIDE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Alleluia! What was dead now lives; what was dark now shines in glory; what was forgotten will now be remembered forever; for Christ is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God all of our needs and all the needs of the world, asking God for renewal, and saying Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, indeed.

God of hope, in gratitude and joy we praise you for the gift of Christ's presence in the world. In this Easter Season, sustain us, we pray, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, indeed.

God of justice, as we honor the gift of Christ's presence in the world, may we seek to serve all those whom the world has despised and forgotten, those who hunger and thirst and have no place to lay their heads, remembering always that every human being is made in your image, for Christ is risen:
Christ is risen, indeed.

God of compassion, look with loving-kindness upon all who are sick and weary, troubled and discouraged, sorrowful and afraid; keep their hearts mindful that Christ overcame pain and humiliation on the cross, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, indeed.

God of life, grant that all your servants who have died, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice with him in eternal glory, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen, indeed.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer:

O God of all that was and is and is to come; we praise you for your Christ's death which has saved us from death and for his resurrection which has restored us to life. Grant these our prayers through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

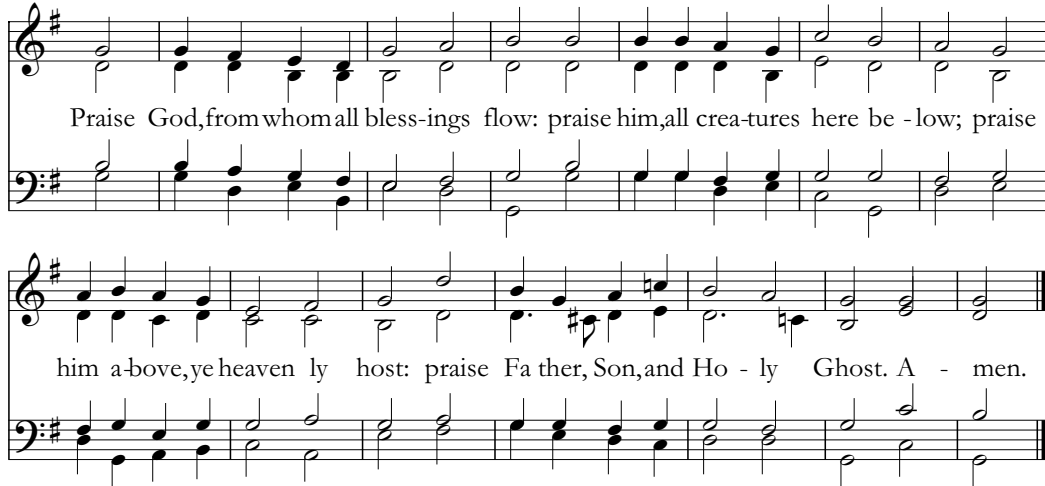
OFFERTORY If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

THE DOXOLOGY

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 A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

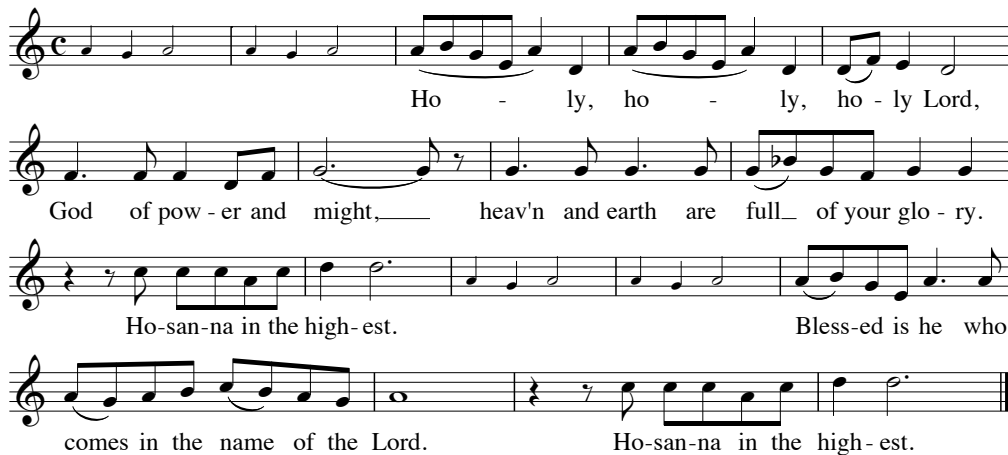
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Arch-angels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant continues

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.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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."

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mathias

Christ has died. _____
Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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.

THE GREAT AMEN

Mathia

A - - - men.
A - - - men. A - - - - men.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Mathias

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

Christ, our Pass-ov-er is sa-cri-ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

The People come forward to the altar for the sacrament. Gluten-free wafers are available.

HYMN 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

HYMN 335 I am the bread of life

I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

Refrain

*And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the
last day.*

2. The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

3. Unless you eat
of the Flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his Blood,
you shall not have life within you.

Refrain

HYMN 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

4. I am the resurrection,
I am the life.

They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

5. Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world.

Refrain

3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant and People

**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 BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people and the people respond, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in this faithfulness.

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

DISMISSAL AND BENEDICTION

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Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY Christ Lag in Todesbanden

J. S. Bach, Chorale Prelude/Orgelbuchlein

Our guest organist today is David White. David studied music at Indiana University and is actively engaged as a substitute organist and pianist, having played at St. Richard's Episcopal, Round Rock; St. Martin's Lutheran; First Methodist of Round Rock; and many others. David plays jazz and pop music and also works with schools as a guest accompanist for solo and choir events. Retired from the tech industry, he splits his time between Austin and northern Indiana, where he plays for two Lutheran churches and sings with the Ft. Wayne Philharmonic Chorus. He has three children and two grandchildren in the Austin area.

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