
The Word of God

PRELUDE

Partita on "Hyfrodol"

Robert J. Powell

ENTRANCE HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657

The people stand.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE

S 280

The "S" numbers are in the front of the blue hymnal.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The people sit.

The LORD said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM



Our eyes look to the LORD our God, — from whom we seek mer - cy.

¹To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

³So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy. *Refrain*

⁴Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁵Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud. *Refrain*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Amazing grace

Hymnal 671

The people stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The people sit.

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand.

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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

The people kneel or stand.

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect, and John our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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The people stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

DOXOLOGY

The people stand.

Hymnal 380 v. 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 him 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.

[Here a Proper Preface is said.]

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:

Celebrant and People

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.

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The People stand or kneel. The 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:

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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

NOTE ON RECEIVING COMMUNION: *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to receive a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Intercessory prayer teams are available to pray with you on either side of the nave.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

My Master Hath a Garden
Harrison Bieshke, soloist; Nancy Bieshke, flute

Randall Thompson

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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The people kneel or stand.

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.

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

How firm a foundation
This piece uses the festival trumpet in the back of the nave.

Hymnal 636

The people stand.

DISMISSAL

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Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Foundation"

Charles Callahan

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--FLOWER DEDICATION--

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving of the gift of life, family, and the 64 years of marriage of Bill and Juanita Williams, by Juanita Williams.

--PRAYER CONCERNS--

For those with cancer: Chuck, Jim, Joe, Jody, Katarina, Patrick, and Penny.

For those in cancer remission: Andie, Jim, and Zanie.

For those healing from Surgery: Bobbi, Hannah, Mary Sue, Robbie, and Sarah.

For those experiencing mental health issues.

For those with other needs: Anna, Ash, Beverly, David, Dorothy, James, Josephine, Keely, Lawrence, Marcie, Mateo, Valter Family, the people of Ukraine, and the people of the Middle East.

For those imprisoned including: Abu-Ali, Charlie, Corinio, Gregory, Joe, and Michael.

For those experiencing homelessness including: Andrea, Carol, Cindy, Connie, Deborah, Donna, Jacki, Jeri, Jessica, Joe, Kelsey, Kimberley, Kristi, Laura, Lori, Melissa, Renada, Sharon, and Tiffany.

For all veterans and those in military service and their families, including: Benjamin, Brianna, Chris, Kaitlin, Ryan, Trevor, and Sean.

---CHRISTIAN EDUCATION---

We will resume our regular Sunday school schedule in August.

---ANNOUNCEMENTS---

Reflections on The General Convention | Sunday, July 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Parish Hall

Join us at 9:00 a.m. for reflections on the General Convention.

Ladies' Night Out | Thursday, July 11 | 5:30 p.m. | 730 E. Burton St.

Ladies' Night Out is a casual evening of fellowship that meets on the second Thursday of each month. Bring along your favorite beverage (adult or otherwise) and a snack to share if your day permits. For more information contact Libby Willis at 615-545-0220.

Summer Preaching Series | Sunday, July 14

St. Paul's celebrates our strong legacy of clergy who have been long-time friends of St. Paul's. On Sunday July 14, the Rev. Richard Kew from St. George's in Nashville, joins us as a guest preacher. Please welcome Fr. Kew, as Kristine+ will be part of St. George's 75th anniversary preaching series on that day.

Meat and Potatoes | Begins Monday, August 12.

"Meat and Potatoes" is an exploration of the essentials of the Christian Life. In our weekly meetings, we will worship together, discuss our readings, and engage in theological reflection. This seminar is open to an adult, Confirmed, communicants in good standing. We follow a three-year reading cycle, and this year we will study Anglican theology and liturgy. Participants may join at any point in the cycle, provided they commit to a full year. If you are interested in joining, please contact Michael+ Michael.Whitnah@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org by July 22.

Help Needed for the St. Paul's Quarterly Luncheon

As the team that puts on the St. Paul's quarterly Senior Luncheons is...well...aging itself, we are recruiting some younger folks to help lead this important ministry. We need people to work both remaining 2024 luncheons on Tuesday, September 10 and Tuesday, December 10. We prepare good homemade food, celebrate the quarterly birthdays and provide a chance for conversation and fellowship. We need help making food, working the luncheon (10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.) and communicating the event. Please contact us for more information or to volunteer; give it a try and see what you think! Call or text Melissa Warren at 615-556-1968 or Terri Donovan at 615-945-4794.

Be on Watch for the July Workshops | Tuesday, July 9 | 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

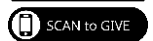
Join us in July for Craft workshops. Make something for yourself and something for the Craft and Bake Sale! The dates and times are Tuesday, July 9, 1:00–3:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 13, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Thursday, July 18, 1:00-3:00 pm.; Tuesday, July 23, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 pm.; and Wednesday, July 24, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact Susanne Hebden by text or voicemail at 615-519-1729 or email at susanne.hebden@stpaulsmurfreesboro.org.

Items in Parish Hall

We are cleaning up the Parish Hall and have found a few items left on the coat-rack and in the lost and found box that may belong to you. The box will be by the coat-rack. Please check the coat-rack and the lost and found box for your items by mid-July. All unclaimed items will be donated as we complete the clean-up process.

Offering

To make an offering online with your debit/credit card, scan the QR code with your smart phone camera. A link will appear, click on it to open our website's giving page. You can select the fund you want to give to (i.e. pledge fulfillment, general offering, CONNECT, etc.) and even leave a note in the memo line if desired.



Text Giving:

Contributors can text GIVESTPAULS to 73256, followed by their gift amount, to give online through text. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel. *ex. GIVESTPAULS \$100.*