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## The Word of God

### PRELUDE

*Voluntary on "Lauda Anima"*

Robert Powell

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

Hymnal 410

*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.*

### GLORIA

S 277

*The "S" indicates Service Music, and is found 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

*The people sit.*

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.



The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad in - deed.

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
 then were we like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
 and our tongue with shouts of joy. *Refrain*  
<sup>3</sup>Then they said among the nations, \*  
 "The LORD has done great things for them."

<sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
 like the watercourses of the Negev. *Refrain*  
<sup>6</sup>Those who sowed with tears \*  
 will reap with songs of joy.  
<sup>7</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.  
*Refrain*

**SECOND READING**

Hebrews 7:23-28

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound*

Hymnal 671

*The people stand.*

**GOSPEL**

Mark 10:46-52

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>46</sup>Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**

*The people sit.*

## THE NICENE CREED

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*The people stand.*

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

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*The people kneel or stand.*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church, including \_\_\_\_\_ may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect, and John our Bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for Joe our President, Bill our Governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding 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.*

*Celebrant 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

*Walk Humbly with Your God*

Fred Gramann

*The people sit.*

*This anthem is given to the glory of God and  
in memory of Mamie Sue Howlett Scott (1937-2024)  
by Margaret Ordoubadian*

## DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

*The people stand.*

*As our Estimate of Giving Cards are brought forward and placed on the altar, we give thanks to God for all the blessings of our lives and commit ourselves to the mission and ministry God has called us to in the upcoming year.*

## 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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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**

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**

*Almighty and Everlasting God*  
Choral Scholars

Orlando Gibbons

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**BLESSING****POST-COMMUNION HYMN**

*Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim*

Hymnal 535

*The people stand.*

**DISMISSAL**

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*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*Carillon*

Louis Vierne

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In the long Season after Pentecost the Church explores what it is to be the agent of God in and to the world. For twenty-three to twenty-eight weeks (depending on the date of Easter), beginning on Trinity Sunday and lasting to Christ the King Sunday lessons convey the teachings of Jesus who commissioned the Church to “go into the world,” to baptize, teach, and “make disciples of all people.” Every Sunday the Commission becomes a personal call to each of us to find our role in the great work of salvation and reconciliation. The liturgical color is green symbolizing the power of spring, growth, and life flourishing and abundant.

The Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess, Rector  
The Rev. Michael Whitnah, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Funmi Odidi, Priest Associate  
Kelly Ramer Moody, Seminarian  
Angela Tipps, Organist and Director of Music  
Dr. Susan Kelly, Choir Director  
Lectors: Alice Gibson, Kelly Moody  
Intercessor: Scott Peek  
Chalice Bearer: George Carlson, Alicia Hollis, Jeff James, David Rowe  
Prayer Team: Jennifer Handy, Peter Heren, Kim Baumann, Paul Fischer  
Acolytes: Henry Handy, Luca Guevart, Kinsley Nix, JB Roach  
Ushers: \*Dixie Groutt, Mike Groutt, Tom Neff, John Carlton  
Altar Guild: Ione Smith, Gina Garner, Rose Wright  
Technical Team: Alex Hollis, Don Whitfield  
The flowers were prepared by members of the  
Flower Guild

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### **FLOWER DEDICATION**

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for their daughters, Kristina and Laura, by Carol and Richard Detmer.

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### **--PRAYER CONCERNS--**

**For those with cancer:** Andy, Chuck, Kim, Marsha, and Tom.

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

**For those healing from Surgery:** Hank.

**For those experiencing mental health issues.**

**For those with other needs:** Ashley, Beverly, Clyde, Martha, Marcie, Patricia, Wilma, Zocco 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:** Adrienne, Andrea, Brad, Carol, Cindy, Connie, Deborah, Donna, Jacki, Jeri, Jessica, Joe, Kanasha, Kelsey, Kimberley, Kristi, Laura, Leanna, Lori, Melissa, Renada, Sharon, Tiffany, and Trista.

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

## ---CHRISTIAN EDUCATION---

**Rector's Forum** | Sunday, October 27, 9:00 a.m. | Parish Hall | *Seeking the Flourishing of the City*.

Kristine+ and guests share how we live our faith in the world. Our work imitates God's work, on earth as it is in heaven. This week, Janet Arning, Executive Director of Middle Tennessee *Inspiritus*, shares about *Inspiritus'* 80-unit subsidized Senior housing project in Salemtown.

**Parents' Group:** Sundays, 9:00 a.m. | Wise Room

*Bad Parenting of the Bible*. Not every character we meet in the Bible is a hero and even the "heroes" have significant flaws. What might we learn about parenting from these stories?

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Level I: Preschool–Kindergarten

Level II: 1st–3rd Grade

Level III: 4th & 5th Grade

**Youth Sunday School:** Second Floor, St. Margaret's Hall

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## ---ANNOUNCEMENTS---

**Growing Our Legacy:**

Please join us today after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Parish Hall for a reception with light hors d'oeuvres celebrating your generosity toward funding St. Paul's operating budget.

**Prayer for National Healing and Reconciliation** | Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m. | St. Andrew's Chapel

Please join us for a service of reflection and prayer that will offer space for unity and healing amidst our nation's divisions. We will come together to hear God's word and pray for peace and reconciliation, lifting our hopes to God.

**We want your input!** | Vestry Nominations open now through Monday, November 25

The Vestry Nominating Committee invites you to submit names of individuals you believe would bring their time and talents to serve St. Paul's. You may nominate someone without contacting them first—the Nominating Committee will reach out to discuss their willingness. If you're interested in serving on the Vestry, we are happy to receive your name, too! Your participation matters! The Vestry is a reflection of our congregation, and we value your input. You can submit names by using the buttons in the eblast.

**Angel Tree**

St. Paul's Angel Tree will be set up in the Parish Hall this Sunday, October 27. Use the Sign-Up Genius link to adopt your Angel and stop by the Angel Tree table to pick up your packet of information. If you have any questions please contact Molly Bartsch at [molly.k.bartsch@gmail.com](mailto:molly.k.bartsch@gmail.com) or DeAnna Bartsch at [dsimms514@comcast.net](mailto:dsimms514@comcast.net)

**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.

