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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Friday, February 9, 2024

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Prelude

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever, Amen.**

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

Hymn 686 "Come thou font of every blessing"

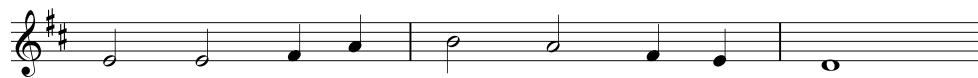
Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Assist us, O God, to love one another as sisters and brothers, and to balance discipline with love and rules with compassion, according to the example shown by your servant Scholastica; for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 34:1-8 *Read responsively by whole verse.*

I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my
mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and
rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of
the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered
me *
and delivered me out of all my
terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be
ashamed.

I called in my affliction and
the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my
troubles.

The angel of the LORD encompasses
those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

El Santo Evangelio: Mateo 6:5-8

Diácono: El Santo Evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, según Mateo.

Pueblo: ¡Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor!

Jesus said, “Whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

Diácono: El Evangelio del Señor.

Pueblo: Te alabamos, Cristo Señor.

Sermon

Hymn 554 “Tis a gift to be simple”

Simple Gifts

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and repetitive, characteristic of the hymn. The lyrics are: 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find our - selves in the place just right, 'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light. When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

Renewal of Vows

Bishop Beloved in Christ, through baptism we were all called to new life in the risen Lord. In baptism, we promised to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; according to the gifts given to us, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take our place in the life, worship, and governance of the church. I call upon you, therefore, to reaffirm your commitment to follow the way of Jesus.

Bishop Do you reaffirm the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, renouncing all that seeks to corrupt and destroy the creatures of God, and promising to serve God faithfully as the Body of Christ in the world?

All **We do.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Bishop concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

All are seated. A lay leader of the diocese addresses the Bishop, saying,

My brother, you have been called to be one with the apostles in proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of all. So I ask:

Leader Will you continue to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church?

Bishop I will, with God's help.

Leader Will you continue to celebrate and provide for the administration of the sacraments of the New Covenant?

Bishop I will, with God's help.

Leader Will you continue to ordain priests and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops?

Bishop I will, with God's help.

Leader Will you continue to be in all things a faithful pastor and a wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ?

Bishop I will, with God's help.

The priests stand. The Bishop addresses the priests, saying

My colleagues, each of you has been called by God to work as a pastor, priest, and teacher, together with your bishop and fellow presbyters, and to take your share in the councils of the Church. And so I ask:

Bishop Will you continue to proclaim by word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Priests I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you continue to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts?

Priests I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you continue to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor?

Priests I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you continue to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinner, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebrations of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you?

Priests I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you continue to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come?

Priests I will, with God's help.

The priests sit. The deacons stand. The Bishop addresses the deacons, saying

My fellow workers, each of you has been called by God to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. And so I ask:

Bishop Will you continue to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them and to model your life upon them?

Deacons I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you continue to make Christ's redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship?

Deacons I will, with God's help.

All clergy stand. A lay leader of the diocese addresses the Bishop and clergy, saying

Dear friends in Christ, each of you is called to be a faithful servant for the ministry of God's Word and Sacraments. And so I ask:

Leader Will each of you continue to be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life?

Clergy I will, with God's help.

The Bishop then says

May Almighty God who has given us the will to do these things, give us the grace and power to accomplish them. Amen.

Prayers of the People

In peace and in faith, we offer our prayers to God. You are invited to pray with your table and offer your particular intercessions and thanksgivings. Pray for one another and pray for:

The Universal Church, its members, and its mission.

The Nation and all in authority.

The welfare of the world.

The concerns of your local communities.

Those who suffer and those in any trouble.

The departed.

The Celebrant concludes with this or another suitable prayer or collect

God of love and mercy; of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace *The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Today's offering is the gift of time, talent, and treasure you've given to be present together at Convention. We will not pass a plate, but rather honor the gift you've given of yourselves.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**Optional text:*

Bless - ed is the one

The optional text is written on a single treble staff with a bass line. The melody is simple, consisting of a few notes: a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note.

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

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,

We remember his death

We proclaim his resurrection

We await his coming in glory;

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 St. Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all, 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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say, in the language of our hearts,

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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder,
y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the Invitation

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.

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

VERSES

Capo 1: (G) (Em) (Bm) (C) (Cmaj7)
 Ab Fm Cm Db Dbmaj7

1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not
2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
3. Un - less you eat of the flesh of the Son of
4. I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, I am the
5. Yes, Lord, we be - lieve that you are the

(Dsus4) (D) (G) (Bm7) (C)
 Ebsus4 Eb Ab Cm7 Db

1. hun - ger; and who be - lieve in me shall not thirst.
2. world, and if you eat of this bread,
3. Man and drink of his blood, and
4. life. If you be - lieve in me,
5. Christ, the Son of God,

(G) (Bm) (Em) (Bm) (Cmaj7) (C6) (D)
 Ab Cm Fm Cm Dbmaj7 Db6 Eb

1. No one can come to me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.
2. you shall live for - ev - er, you shall live for ev - er.
3. drink of his blood, you shall not have life with - in you.
4. e - ven though you die, you shall live for ev - er.
5. who has come in - to the world.

REFRAIN

(G) (D) (G) (C) (Cmaj7)
 Ab Eb Ab Db Dbmaj7

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you

(D) (G) (C) (C6) (G/D) (D) (G)
 Eb Ab Db Db6 Ab/Eb Eb Ab

up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Text: John 6:35, 44, 51, 53-54; 11:25-27; Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927.

Music: Suzanne Toolan, RSM.

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*Yo soy el pan de vida el que viene a mi no
 tendrá hambre El que cree en mi no tendrá
 sed.*

*Nadie viene a mi si el Padre no lo llama
 Yo lo resucitaré
 Yo lo resucitaré
 Yo lo resucitaré
 en el día final.*

*2. El pan que yo daré es mi cuerpo vida del
 mundo Y el que coma de mi carne tendrá
 vida eterna Tendrá vida eterna
 Yo lo resucitaré*

*Yo lo resucitaré
 Yo lo resucitaré
 en el día final.*

*3. Yo soy la Resurrección Yo soy la vida
 El que cree en mi,
 Aunque muriera
 Tendrá vida eterna.
 Yo lo resucitaré
 Yo lo resucitaré
 Yo lo resucitaré
 en el día final.*

4. Si, Señor yo creo
 Que tu eres el Cristo
 el hijo de Dios
 que has venido
 a estar en el mundo

Yo lo resucitaré
 Yo lo resucitaré
 Yo lo resucitaré
 en el día final.

Hymn 321 "My God thy table now is spread"

Rockingham

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Bishop Blessing

LEVAS II 194 "Lead me, guide me"

Doris M. Akers

Lead— me, guide— me, a - long the way,

The first system of the piece features a vocal line in a treble clef and a piano accompaniment in a grand staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line begins with a half note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. A triplet of eighth notes is marked in the piano part.

For— if you lead me, I can - not stray.

The second system continues the vocal line with a half note on C5, followed by quarter notes on B-flat4, A4, and G4. The piano accompaniment features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Lord,— let me walk each day with Thee.

The third system shows the vocal line with a half note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. Fine

The final system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a half note on G4, followed by quarter notes on A4, B-flat4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a triplet of eighth notes in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The word "Fine" is written above the final measure.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to—
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
 3. blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 2. put - ting all my trust in thee.
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

D.C.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

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The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God!

We thank the following people for their leadership in worship today:

Celebrant: The Right Rev'd Rob Skirving, VIII Bishop of East Carolina

Archdeacon: The Ven. Janet Sueiro Rodman

Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Stephanie Allen

Lector: Mary Milam Shepherd

Lay Leader: Shurley Ray Weddle

Musician: Peter Woodruff, M.M.

Acolytes: Thomas Keeter, Lauren Simmons

Ushers: Steve Thomas, Gary Fetter, Victoria Brown, Hugh Davis

Communion Teams:

The Rev. Andrew Cannan, Hazel Kate Hughes, Judy Whichard, Charles Pringle

The Rev. Chris Adams, Jason Jacques, Brennan Tolliver, Cheryl Wagoner

The Rev. John Porter-Acee, Marty Michaels, Donna Callender, James Green

The Rev. Copeland Johnston, LaRue Chuman, Maryanne Adam, Jon Sargeant

Communion Bread Baker: Julie Shields

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'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, #554 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Shaker song, 18th cent. Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797-1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922).

Holy, holy, holy Lord [Sanctus], #858 from *Wonder Love and Praise* — Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

My God, thy table now is spread, #321 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

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