

## Holy Communion Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Organ Prelude** "Aria" (based on Sagina) by Christopher Tambling (b.1964)

**Opening Hymn** 138 (tune Sagina)

1 And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

5 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

2 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love Divine!  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
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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.**

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Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,  
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(Sung standing)

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

O God, whose Son has taught us  
that love is the fulfilment of your law:  
stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit,  
and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love,  
so that we may love you with our whole being,  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
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prosper the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands!

### **1 Thessalonians 2.1-13**

<sup>1</sup> You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup> but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup> nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup> though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup> So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. <sup>9</sup> You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father

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#### **Gradual Hymn 571 (tune New Commandment)**

A new commandment I give unto you  
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If you have love one for another.  
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The Lord be with you.  
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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew chapter 22, beginning at verse 34**  
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<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:  
<sup>42</sup> 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.'  
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<sup>44</sup> "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "?  
<sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?'  
<sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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, who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified, who 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.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have taught us to pray and to give thanks for all people: Receive our prayers for the universal Church, that it may know the power of your Spirit, and that all your children may agree in the truth of your holy word and live in unity and godly love.

We pray for your servant Philip our Archbishop, Paul our bishop, and for all other ministers of your word and sacraments, that by their life and teaching your glory may be revealed and all nations drawn to you. Guide and prosper, we pray, those who strive for the spread of your gospel, and enlighten with your Spirit all places of work, learning and healing.

We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations (especially...), that, ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well-being in the world. To this congregation and to all your people in their different callings give your heavenly grace, that we may hear your holy word with reverent and obedient hearts, and serve you truly all the days of our life.

In your compassion, Father, comfort and heal those who are in trouble, sorrow, need or sickness.

We praise and thank you for all your saints; [for...whom we remember at this time], and for the heroes of the faith in every generation; and we remember before you your servants who have died, praying that we may enter with them into the fullness of your unending joy.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

We are the body of Christ  
**His Spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Hymn 650** (TiS tune Servant Song)

1 Brother, sister, let me serve you  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

2 We are pilgrims on the journey  
And companions on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
By his death on the cross and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.  
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Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

(sung)

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son  
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

(sung)

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

(sung)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

### **Communion**

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us  
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.  
May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament  
be strengthened in your service;  
we who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;  
we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face to face in your kingdom  
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always. Amen .

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

**Organ Postlude:** "Little prelude and Fugue in Bb" by J S Bach (1685-1750)

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In your compassion, Father, comfort and heal those who are in trouble, sorrow, need or sickness.

We praise and thank you for all your saints; [for...whom we remember at this time], and for the heroes of the faith in every generation; and we remember before you your servants who have died, praying that we may enter with them into the fullness of your unending joy.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

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**His Spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Hymn 650** (TiS tune Servant Song)

1 Brother, sister, let me serve you  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

2 We are pilgrims on the journey  
And companions on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
By his death on the cross and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

(sung)

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son  
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

(sung)

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

(sung)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

### **Communion**

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us  
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.  
May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament  
be strengthened in your service;  
we who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;  
we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face to face in your kingdom  
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always. Amen .

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

**Organ Postlude:** "Little prelude and Fugue in Bb" by J S Bach (1685-1750)

## Holy Communion Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Organ Prelude** "Aria" (based on Sagina) by Christopher Tambling (b.1964)

**Opening Hymn** 138 (tune Sagina)

1 And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

5 No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

2 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love Divine!  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22.37–40

[Let us pray.]

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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.**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Sung standing)

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

O God, whose Son has taught us  
that love is the fulfilment of your law:  
stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit,  
and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love,  
so that we may love you with our whole being,  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Deuteronomy 34.1-12**

<sup>1</sup> Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup> all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ <sup>5</sup> Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. <sup>6</sup> He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup> Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. <sup>8</sup> The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. <sup>9</sup> Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup> Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. <sup>11</sup> He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup> and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 90.1-6, 17**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our refuge: from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born or the earth and the world were brought to be: from eternity to eternity you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You turn us back into dust: saying ‘Return to dust, O children of Adam.’

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing: or like one watch of the night.

<sup>5</sup> You cut them short like a dream: like the fresh grass of the morning;

<sup>6</sup> In the morning it is green and flourishes: at evening it is withered and dried up.

<sup>17</sup> May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us:

prosper the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands!

### **1 Thessalonians 2.1-13**

<sup>1</sup> You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup> but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup> nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup> though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup> So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. <sup>9</sup> You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father

with his children, <sup>12</sup> urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. <sup>13</sup> We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

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**thanks be to God.**

#### **Gradual Hymn 571 (tune New Commandment)**

A new commandment I give unto you  
That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all men know you are My disciples  
If you have love one for another.  
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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew chapter 22, beginning at verse 34**  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,  
<sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.  
<sup>36</sup> 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'  
<sup>37</sup> He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment.  
<sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."  
<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'  
<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:  
<sup>42</sup> 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.'  
<sup>43</sup> He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,  
<sup>44</sup> "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "?  
<sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?'  
<sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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.  
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one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Deuteronomy 34.1-12**

<sup>1</sup> Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup> all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ <sup>5</sup> Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. <sup>6</sup> He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup> Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. <sup>8</sup> The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. <sup>9</sup> Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup> Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. <sup>11</sup> He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup> and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear the word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 90.1-6, 17**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our refuge: from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born or the earth and the world were brought to be: from eternity to eternity you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You turn us back into dust: saying ‘Return to dust, O children of Adam.’

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing: or like one watch of the night.

<sup>5</sup> You cut them short like a dream: like the fresh grass of the morning;

<sup>6</sup> In the morning it is green and flourishes: at evening it is withered and dried up.

<sup>17</sup> May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands!

### **1 Thessalonians 2.1-13**

<sup>1</sup> You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup> but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup> nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup> though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup> So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. <sup>9</sup> You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father

with his children, <sup>12</sup> urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. <sup>13</sup> We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

#### **Gradual Hymn 571 (tune New Commandment)**

A new commandment I give unto you  
That you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all men know you are My disciples  
If you have love one for another.  
By this shall all men know you are My disciples  
If you have love one for another.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew chapter 22, beginning at verse 34**  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together,  
<sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.  
<sup>36</sup> 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'  
<sup>37</sup> He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment.  
<sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."  
<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'  
<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:  
<sup>42</sup> 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.'  
<sup>43</sup> He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,  
<sup>44</sup> "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "?  
<sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?'  
<sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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, who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified, who 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.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have taught us to pray and to give thanks for all people: Receive our prayers for the universal Church, that it may know the power of your Spirit, and that all your children may agree in the truth of your holy word and live in unity and godly love.

We pray for your servant Philip our Archbishop, Paul our bishop, and for all other ministers of your word and sacraments, that by their life and teaching your glory may be revealed and all nations drawn to you. Guide and prosper, we pray, those who strive for the spread of your gospel, and enlighten with your Spirit all places of work, learning and healing.

We pray for those who have authority and responsibility among the nations (especially...), that, ruling with wisdom and justice, they may promote peace and well-being in the world. To this congregation and to all your people in their different callings give your heavenly grace, that we may hear your holy word with reverent and obedient hearts, and serve you truly all the days of our life.

In your compassion, Father, comfort and heal those who are in trouble, sorrow, need or sickness.

We praise and thank you for all your saints; [for...whom we remember at this time], and for the heroes of the faith in every generation; and we remember before you your servants who have died, praying that we may enter with them into the fullness of your unending joy.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray,  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

We are the body of Christ  
**His Spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Hymn 650** (TiS tune Servant Song)

1 Brother, sister, let me serve you  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
Let you be my servant too.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

2 We are pilgrims on the journey  
And companions on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.  
We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.  
By his death on the cross and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

(sung)

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son  
and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

(sung)

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

(sung)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

### **Communion**

Bountiful God, at this table you graciously feed us  
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.  
May we who have reached out our hands to receive this sacrament  
be strengthened in your service;  
we who have sung your praises  
tell of your glory and truth in our lives;  
we who have seen the greatness of your love  
see you face to face in your kingdom  
and come to worship you with all your saints for ever.

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit.**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always. Amen .

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

**Organ Postlude:** "Little prelude and Fugue in Bb" by J S Bach (1685-1750)