

The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God and Celebration of Holy Communion

9:30 a.m.

December 4, 2016



Love

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13: 34-35

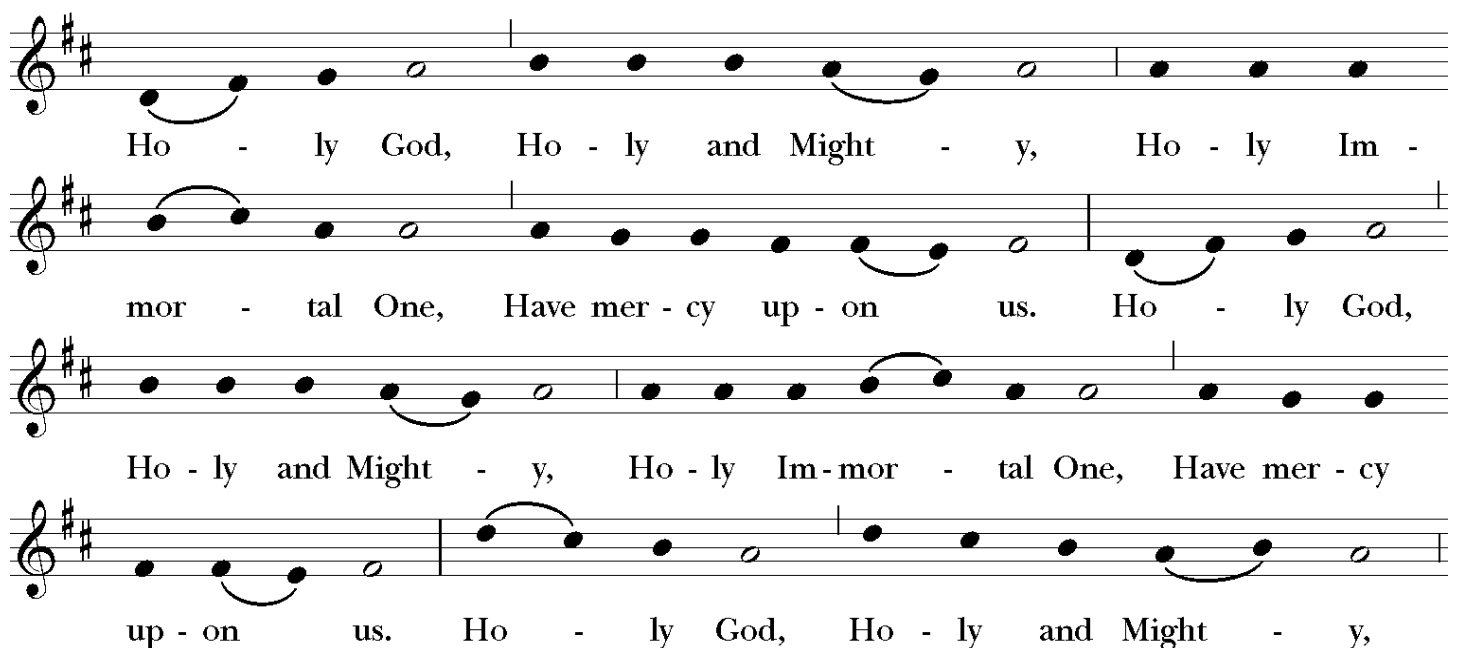
*All are welcome to this time of worship where together we experience the presence of God.
As you enter into worship please be mindful of others in prayer, saving conversation for after worship.
Silence all electronic devices. Please inquire of an usher for any assistance.*

Voluntary Chorale and variations on "Comfort, comfort ye my people" Johann Pachelbel

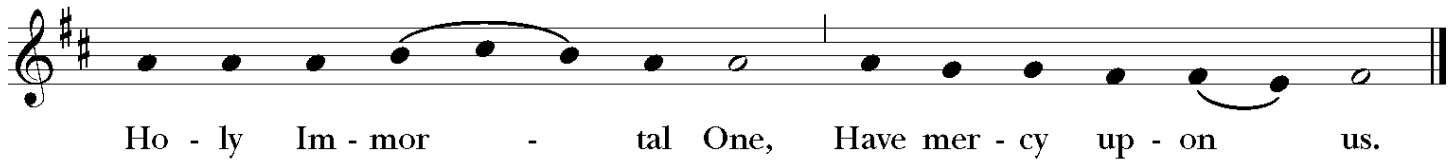
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Processional Hymn 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding *Merton*

Trisagion S-100 BCP p. 356



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
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Collect of the Day

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All sit.

Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

**Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;**

**That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**

**That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.**

**He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

**He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.**

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**

**In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

**Blessed be the LORD GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

**And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.**

Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

The Holy Gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, LORD Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to you, LORD Christ.

Sermon

Rick Vinson

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People Form VI

BCP p. 392

The Peace

Children’s Message

Josh Kelly

Offertory Anthem

This is the record of John

Orlando Gibbons

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus S-124

All are invited to receive communion. This is the LORD's Table. All who hear His call, come and partake of this holy meal. Some may choose to receive the bread only or to have a blessing. Please indicate this to the communion minister.

Prayers of the healing with the laying-on-of-hands and anointing with oil are offered during communion. Those desiring prayers are invited to come to place of intercession either before or after receiving communion.

Communion Anthem

Isaiah the prophet has written of old

arr. Parker/Shaw

Following communion and prayers for healing the congregation will say:

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Post Communion Hymn 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele

Voluntary

Prepare the way, O Zion

Paul Manz

Announcements

Dismissal
