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THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Rite

Voluntary

J.S. Bach

Jesu, meine freude, BWV 610

Entrance Hymn

All stand.

Hymnal 1982 – 401

The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

- 1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.
- 2 He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagle-wings upborne, to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.
- 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;

on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry, 'Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee.'

5 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!' they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

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Opening Acclamation

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

Collect for Purity

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All: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Song of Praise

See pew card

Canticle 20 *Gloria in excelsis*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

The First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to

him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Sequence Hymn

All stand.

Hymnal 1982 – 636

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord

Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 ‘Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 ‘When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 ‘When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;

the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 'The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.'

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Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

All remain standing.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Sermon

The Reverend Jim Bernacki

The Nicene Creed

All 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

All remain standing.

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Intercessor: Do not be afraid, children of Abraham; God, your God, is your shield. So, let us approach our God, saying, “Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us; *we put our trust in you.*”

As your Church, we confess that we are strangers seeking a homeland. Do not be ashamed to call yourself our God and make us worthy of that heavenly city you have prepared for us. *Silence.*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor: Mighty God, you behold all the people of the world. May all tribes and nations come to understand that our strength is not found in violence or weapons but in the power of your love. *Silence.*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor: Creator God, you are the one who made the stars of heaven and the sand by the seashore. We bless and honor you for the gifts of creation. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor: Defend the orphans, O God; rescue the oppressed; show compassion to those who feel lonely or isolated. And let the heavens declare the rightness of your cause. *Silence.*
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor: Comfort and heal the sick and the sorrowful. May they know that you are their help and shield. Deliver them from all fear and help them to trust in your righteousness.

The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Intercessor: Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. We praise you, God, that those who have died are welcomed home, where they will dwell with all men and women of faith in the city you have prepared for them. *Silence.*

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us;

People: **We put our trust in you.**

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 359

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

The Priest 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

BCP p. 360

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

BCP p. 376

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Offertory Music

What wondrous love

The Rev. Charles Dupree

Charles McKinley, tenor

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown,
for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.

to God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing. While millions join the theme,
I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

BCP p. 361

The People remain standing.

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.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus

See pew card

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.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

See pew card.

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen

See pew card.

The Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Alleluia: Christ our Passover

See pew card.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation

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The Celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God, and we are the people of God.

Come to this table, you who have much faith

and you who would like to have more,

You who have been here often

and you who have not been here for a long time,

You who have tried to follow Jesus,

and all of us who have failed.

Come, Christ, the Risen Lord invites you to meet him here.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

A prayer for those joining online to be unified in Communion with Christ.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Music at Communion

Jesus, all my gladness

Hymnal 1982 – 701

Jesu, meine Freude

1 Jesus, all my gladness, my repose in sadness,
Jesus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plaineth,
ah, my spirit straineth, longeth after thee!
Thine I am, O holy Lamb; only where thou art is pleasure,
thee alone I treasure.

2 Hence with earthly treasure: thou art all my pleasure,
Jesus, my desire! Hence, for pomps I care not,
e'en as though they were not rank and fortune's hire.
Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb; nought that I may suffer ever
shall from Jesus sever.

3 Flee, dark clouds that lower, for my joy-bestower,
Jesus, enters in! Joy from tribulation,
hope from desolation, they who love God win.
Be it blame or scorn or shame, thou art with me in earth's sadness,
Jesus, all my gladness!

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The Post-Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into

the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

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Announcements

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 61

“Sleepers, wake!”

Wachet auf

1 ‘Sleepers, wake!’

A voice astounds us, the shout of rampart guards surrounds us:
‘Awake, Jerusalem, arise!’ Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken: ‘The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share.’

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing,
she wakes and hurries through the night.

Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord, God’s Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.

3 Lamb of God, the heavens adore you; let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals:
through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.

No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!

Therefore we sing to greet our King; for ever let our praises ring.

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Dismissal

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Deacon offers the Dismissal, and the people respond:

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

J.S. Bach

Wachet auf, BWV 645

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A Note on Today's Readings

Welcome to **All Saint's Episcopal Church**. Central to today's liturgy is the gospel call to live always in expectation of the Lord's return. That stance of waiting enables us to put all other aspects of our lives in the correct order. Material needs become not irrelevant, but secondary to our life in relationship to God in Christ. Jesus calls us to live as though he is at hand. The Eucharist is the repeated foretaste of the coming of the Lord to take us into the Kingdom.

The first reading relates God's promise to Abraham and Sarah, old and childless, to give them an heir and produce from them a new people. For the first time, the Scriptures express what will become central to the Gospel proclamation: righteousness depends on faith.

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we are upheld in our expectation of Jesus' promise to take us into his Kingdom by the memory of our mothers and fathers in the faith whose hope was fulfilled by God.

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