



2020 CONVENTION WORSHIP

Episcopal Church in Minnesota

10:00am, September 27, 2020

The Word of God

PRELUDE

Andante in F Major – L. Bottazzo

OPENING HYMN

All Are Welcome

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

GLORIA SONG OF PRAISE

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they may be one, as you and the father are one: Grant that your Church, being bound together by love and obedience to you, may be made one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in the one you sent, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Ministry of the Word

FIRST LESSON

Esdras/Ezra 3:10-13

Lectura de libro de Profeta Esdras:

Cuando los obreros pusieron los cimientos del Templo de Yavé, se presentaron los sacerdotes revestidos de túnicas con sus trompetas, los levitas hijos de Azaf con sus címbalos, para celebrar

a Yavé, tal como lo había ordenado David, rey de Israel. Entonaron este canto para alabar y celebrar a Yavé:

-¡Porque es bueno, porque eterno es su amor para con Israel!

Todo el pueblo lanzaba grandes aclamaciones, y daba gracias a Yavé porque se habían puesto los cimientos del Templo de Yavé. Muchas personas de edad, sacerdotes y levitas, jefes de familia que habían conocido el primer templo, lloraban abundantemente mientras se ponían ante su vista los cimientos, pero muchos otros dejaban escapar sus alegres exclamaciones. No se podía distinguir entre el ruido de las aclamaciones alegres y el del llanto del pueblo; eran tales las aclamaciones que se podían oír desde lejos.

Palabra de Dios
Te alabamos Señor

A Reading from Ezra:

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the LORD with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD,

“For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.”

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people’s weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;
 she shall not be overthrown;
 God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
 God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,
 what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
 he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
 and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
 I will be exalted among the nations;
 I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:4-12

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

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Thanks be to God.

HYMN/ALLELUIA VERSE**THE GOSPEL**

John 15:1-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Christ

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Craig W. Loya

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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 worshipped 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

With all our hearts and minds let us offer our prayers to God.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Craig our bishop and for the faith communities of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, their rectors, vicars, priests, deacons, staff, vestries, bishop's committees and peoples that we may all be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.

God hear our prayer

For Donald our president and the Congress, for Tim our governor and the State Legislature and for all of the mayors and city councils of the many communities in which we live, that they may govern with justice and peace.

God hear our prayer

For the courage to face the systemic racism that afflicts our society, for the wisdom and patience to listen to those who have been marginalized and for the grace and strength to join together to shape the change we are called to initiate.

God hear our prayer

For the victims of hurricanes and severe storms, for wildfires and droughts and for the gift of our planet earth and the wisdom and will to conserve it.

God hear our prayer

For students from preschool thru graduate school and for teachers, professors, coaches, support staff and bus drivers, that all may teach, serve and learn in a safe and healthy environment.

God hear our prayer

For all who have been furloughed, who are in danger of losing or have lost their business or their job, for those who have lost or are in danger of losing their homes, for those are experiencing the anxiety of food insecurity and who live with the consequences of COVID-19.

God hear our prayer

For all essential workers who in this time of untested need have helped to provide us with transportation, groceries, medicines, child care and all other of our daily needs and tasks we no longer could obtain or complete.

God hear our prayer

For those who are the administrators, doctors, nurses, and first responders of our clinics and hospitals and who are the front line of our confrontation with COVID-19 and for all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit and for those who care for them.

God hear our prayer

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for those whose faith is known to you alone and for those who love them, miss them and grieve their loss.

God hear our prayer

We give You thanks for the successful and unique 163rd Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, for Zoom and for those whose technical knowledge made it possible to gather once again in community.

God hear our thanks and prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. ***Amen***

THE PEACE

Bishop
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY

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The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 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.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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. Mark, Enmegahbowh, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

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

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

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

THE INVITATION

Bishop These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Spiritual Communion

Those watching at home may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where bread and wine are offered, and remembering particularly my own faith community, I offer praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. I also give thanks for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and for the blessings given me: *(please add particular blessings for which you wish to give thanks).*

I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament. While I cannot receive communion at this time, I know that you are always with me. Help me embrace you with all my heart, soul, and mind. Give me the strength and courage to participate in your work to heal and redeem your world until I come to your glorious Kingdom and unending peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ BWV 639
by J.S. Bach



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for

assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, to love the Lord, to love our neighbors and to do the work God has intended for us to do.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

People of God



Musicians

Tony Sofie, St. Anne's, Sunfish Lake
 Larry Reynolds, Sts. Luke & James, Minneapolis
 Max Athom, Sts. Luke & James, Minneapolis
 Victoria Turner, Sts. Luke & James, Minneapolis
 Dave Larson, Sts. Luke & James, Minneapolis
 Jennie Schut, Sts. Luke & James, Minneapolis
 Fiona Shine, Sts. Luke & James, Minneapolis
 Tom Hamilton, St. Paul's, Duluth
 Karla Cole, St. Christopher's, Roseville
 Krista Palmquist, St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul
 Richard Gray, St. John the Evangelist, St. Paul
 Raymond Johnston, St. Mark's Cathedral, Minneapolis
 Jeff Kidder, Messiah & St. Matthew's, St. Paul
 Paul Johnson, Messiah, St. Paul
 Christy Libbus, Messiah, St. Paul

Deacon

Rev. Mary Anderson
Rev. Morris Goodwin
Rev. Terry Erickson
Rev. George Ham

X Bishop of Minnesota The Rt. Rev. Craig Loya

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Thank you also to all of those that provided videos of their readings and music for this morning's worship and to those that helped them in recording and sending in those videos.

