

Grace Church (Anglican)

Holy Eucharist Rite II • Second Wednesday of Christmas • January 4, 2006

Preparation for Worship

“Better Is One Day”

Greetings from the President of the Institute for Worship Studies, Dr. Robert E. Webber

The Word of the Lord

Processional Hymn

“The Singing Christ”

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant and People pray together

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.

Songs of Praise and Worship

“God of Wonders”

“In Christ Alone”

“Jude Doxology”

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Lessons *The People sit as the appointed lessons are read.*

First Lesson

Hebrews 2: 1-12

Pew Bible p. 911

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22: 1-11, 22-30 “Deus, Deus meus”

1 *My God*, my God, why have you forsaken me?*
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of / my distress?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;*
by night as well, but I / find no rest.

3 Yet you are the Holy One,*
enthroned upon the praises of / Israel.

4 Our Forefathers put their trust in you;*
they trusted, and you de / livered them.

5 They cried out to you and were delivered;*
they trusted in you and were not / put to shame.

6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man,*
scorned by all and despised by / the people.

7 All who see me laugh me to scorn;*
they curl their lips and wag their / heads, saying,

8 “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him;*”
let him rescue him, if he de / lights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,*
and kept me safe upon my / mother’s breast.

10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;*
you were my God when I was still in my / mother’s womb.

11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near,*
and there is / none to help.

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;*
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, / give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;*
but when they cry to him / he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;*
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:*
"May your heart live / for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,*
and all the families of the nations shall bow / before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;*
he rules over / the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;*
all who go down to the dust fall / before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;*
they shall be known as the Lord's / for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn*
the saving deeds that / he has done.

(Bowing)
Glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:*

(Rising)
Both now and forev / er. Amen

Second Lesson

Romans 15: 1-9

Pew Bible p. 867

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 7: 18-35

Pew Bible p.789

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Dr. Reggie M. Kidd
IWS Professor

All standing

The Nicene Creed

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

After each petition a period of silence is kept. Thereafter, the Leader and People pray responsively using the following form:

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Let us pray for the church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal you glory in the world.

Silence

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all the saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

A period of silence is kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces the absolution.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Tonight's offering will benefit the ongoing ministry of the Institute for Worship Studies.

Checks should be made payable to the Institute, not Grace Church (Anglican).

Anthem

"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"

Music by Mark Hayes

The Doxology

The People stand.

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings

Celebrant and People

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of ten staves of music. The first staff is for the Priest, with lyrics 'The Lord be with you and al - so with you'. The second staff is for the People, with lyrics 'Lift up your hearts We lift them to the Lord'. The third staff is for the Priest, with lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God'. The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics 'It is right to give Him Thanks and praise'. The fifth staff is for the Priest, with lyrics 'It is right and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you'. The sixth staff is for the People, with lyrics 'Fa - ther Al - might - y, cre - a - tor of heav - en and earth'. The seventh staff is for All, with lyrics 'There - fore we praise you join - ing our voic - es with'. The eighth staff is for the People, with lyrics 'an - gels and arch - an - gels and with all the com - pa - ny of heav - en'. The ninth staff is for the People, with lyrics 'who for - ev - er sing this hymn to pro - claim the glo - ry of your Name'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, key signatures, and dynamic markings.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The People kneel.

The Prayer of Consecration

Then 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:

The Acclamation

Celebrant and People together:

*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. *Amen.*

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

Eric Wyse

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven,
hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your
will be done on earth as in heav'n.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a- gainst us. Save us from the time of
trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are
yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant: And now, with the Apostle Paul, we proclaim,

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following 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.

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

Words: traditional
Music: Jim Hart

O Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace, grant us peace.

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The Communion of the People

Visitors who have been baptized, who know Christ to be their Savior, and who would be welcome to receive Communion in their home church, are welcome at the Lord's Table in this church. **Children** whose parents do not want them to receive Communion, or others who do not wish to do so, are encouraged to come forward, cross their arms across their chests, and receive a prayer of blessing.

Communion Music

- "In Remembrance of Me"
- "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
- "To the Lamb"
- "Now Unto the King"

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

The Prayer of Discipleship

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living 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 Priest blesses the People.

Processional Hymn 109

“The First Nowell”

The people are dismissed with this charge

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Cantus Natalis”
Organ, Brass & Timpani

Z. Randall Stroope

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in honor of the IWS Faculty, Staff, and Students
in Benedict Hall
immediately following the service.

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