**The Holy Communion**

Organ Voluntary  
*Cantabile, from Symphonie VI*  
Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

**The Entrance Rite**

**Introit: Misericordia Domini**

The loving-kindness of the LORD filleth the whole world, alleluia. By the word of the LORD the heavens were stablished, alleluia. *Ps.* Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous; for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

**Hymn 478**  
Jesus, our mighty Lord

**Monk’s Gate**

1 Jesus, our mighty Lord, our strength in sadness,  
2 Good shepherd of your sheep, your own defending,  
3 Glorious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giving,  

the Father’s conquering Word, true source of gladness;  
in love your children keep to life endless;  
true hymns to Christ the King in all their living:

your Name we glorify, O Jesus, throned on high;  
You are yourself the Way; lead us then day by day  
all who confess his Name, come then with hearts a-flame;

you gave yourself to die for our salvation.  
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most holy.  
the God of peace acclaim as Lord and Savior.

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The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in excelsis

Priest

Glorify be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee,

People

we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give

thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

Violin

O Lord, the only be-got-ten

Heavenly

Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that
takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest a-
The Collect

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People     And with thy spirit.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.
The Lessons
The Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11–16a

Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over.”

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

Psalm 23 (sung by all)

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture:
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul:
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name’s sake.
Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19–25

One is approved if, mindful of God, he endures pain while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it, if when you do wrong and are beaten for it you take it patiently? But if when you do right and suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he trusted to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

Hymn 645

The King of love my shepherd is

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23  Music: St. Columba, Irish melody; harm. Hymnal 1982
The Gospel: John 10:11–16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Father Thomas Kincaid

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, X and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Minister says
With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

Each petition concludes
Minister Let us pray to the Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.
The prayers conclude in this way

Minister  In the communion of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
People    To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Minister says
Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God,

All
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People     And with thy spirit.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.
Anthem  
John Ireland (1879–1962)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm 100

Doxology

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.
The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus & Benedictus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo-ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. *Bless-ed_

is he that com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-sanna in the high-est.

The Canon of the Eucharist

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer on BCP page 334. The prayer concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

Communion Devotions

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

Celebrant and People say the Lord’s Prayer.

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

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

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.
Celebrant  The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei

For those watching at home who are unable to make their Communion today:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee.
That with thy Saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever. Amen.
Hymn 343
Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

2 We would not live by bread alone, but by thy strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

3 Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

4 Lord, sup with us in love divine thy Body heavenly wine, be our immortal food. that living bread, that
Concluding Rites
Celebrant  Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,

Celebrant and People
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual
food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us
thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the
mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through
hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us
with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou
hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy
Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the blessing.

Deacon  Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People  Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Hymn 708
Savior like a shepherd lead us

Sicilian Mariners

Organ Voluntary
Finale, from Symphonie VI
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