The Holy Communion

Organ Voluntary
Choral, from Symphonie II

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

The Entrance Rite

Introit: *Benedicta sit*
Blessed be the Holy Trinity, and the undivided Unity: we praise and glorify him, because he hath showed his mercy upon us. *Ps.* O LORD our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world.

Hymn 362
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

(Nicaea)

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1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: Nicene, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity.

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

Celebrant

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

People

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

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity.

Kyrie

Gloria in excelsis

Priest

Glory 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

Priest

Fa ther Almighty, O Lord, the only be-got-ten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that

People

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 and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who livest and reignest with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.
The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1–8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then flew one of the seraphim to me, having in his hand a burning coal which he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven.” And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

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

Psalm 8

Sung by the choir to a chant by J. Corfe.

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world; *
thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!
Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,
because of thine enemies, *
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; *
the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;
What is man, that thou art mindful of him? *
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
Thou madest him lower than the angels, *
to crown him with glory and worship.
Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; *
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet:
All sheep and oxen; *
yea, and the beasts of the field;
The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; *
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
O Lord our Governor, *
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!
For the Epistle: Revelation 4:1–11

After this I looked, and lo, in heaven an open door! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up hither, and I will show you what must take place after this.” At once I was in the Spirit, and lo, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne! And he who sat there appeared like jasper and carnelian, and round the throne was a rainbow that looked like an emerald. Round the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clad in white garments, with golden crowns upon their heads. From the throne issue flashes of lightning, and voices and peals of thunder, and before the throne burn seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God; and before the throne there is as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And round the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within, and day and night they never cease to sing, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, “Worthy art thou, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou didst create all things, and by thy will they existed and were created.”

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 367
Round the Lord in glory seated

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1 Round the Lord in glory seated cherubim and seraphim
2 Heaven is still with glory ring-ing, earth takes up the angels’ cry,
3 “Lord, thy glory fills the heaven, earth is with thy full-ness stored;

filled his temple, and repeated each to each the alternate hymn;
“Holy, holy, holy,” sing-ing, “Lord of hosts, the Lord Most High.”
unto thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy Lord.”

“Lord, thy glory fills the heaven, earth is with thy fullness stored;
With his seraph train before him, with his holy Church below,
Thus thy glorious Name confess-ing, with thine angel hosts we cry

unto thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy Lord.”
thus unite we to adore him, bid we thus our anthem flow:
“Holy, holy, holy,” blessing thee, the Lord of hosts Most High.

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848) Music: Rustington, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)
The Gospel: John 3:1–15

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can this be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

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, and the life of the world to come. Amen.
The Prayers of the People

*The Minister says*
Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Each petition concludes*

*Minister*   Lord, in thy mercy  
*People*     Hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude in this way*

*Minister*   Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
*People*     Amen.

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
George Dyson (1883–1964)

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!
The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly. The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!
The church with Psalms must shout! No door can keep them out! But above all the heart must bear the longest part!

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!

George Herbert (1593–1633)

Doxology
As the gifts are presented, the People stand and sing Hymn 380, stanza 3.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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. For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Motet

John Stainer (1840–1901)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

John 3:16, 17
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.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 365

Come, thou almighty King

Moscow

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1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy Name to sing,
   help us to praise.

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, by heaven and earth adored;
   Father whose love unknown all things create,
   our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless; come, give thy
   in this glad hour: thou, who almighty art, now rule in
   hence evermore; thy sovereign majesty may we in

3. Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
   at ed own, build in our hearts thy throne, Ancient of Days.
   word success; establish thy righteousness, Savior and friend.
   every heart, and never from us depart, Spirit of power.
   glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

Words: Anon. ca. 1757, alt.
Music: Moscow, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. The New Hymnal, 1916, based on Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)
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