The Holy Communion

Organ Voluntary
Rhapsody No. 1 in D flat
Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Introit: Factus est Dominus
The LORD was my refuge and my upholder; and he brought me forth into a place of liberty: he delivered me, because he delighted in me. Ps. I will love thee, O LORD my strength: the LORD is my rock, my fortress and my Saviour.

Hymn 410
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in this faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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

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

Gloria in excelsis

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

Priest

O Lord, the only begotten 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 away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy;

People
The Collects

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

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through 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.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named; pour out the abundance of thy grace upon the fathers of this parish that they may be filled with all the fullness of God; stir up in them that Spirit of adoption by which we are made thy children, that they may bring their own children to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1–4

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who curses you I will curse; and by you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Psalm 120
*Sung by the choir to a chant by H. Howells.*

When I was in trouble, I called upon the **Lord**, *
and he heard me.
Deliver my soul, **O Lord**, from lying lips, *
and from a deceitful tongue.
What reward shall be given or done unto thee, thou false tongue? *
even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.
Woe is me, that I am constrained to dwell with Meshech, *
and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar!
My soul hath long dwelt among them *
that are enemies unto peace.
I labour for peace; but when I speak unto them thereof, *
they make them ready to battle.

The Epistle: 1 John 3:13–24

Do not wonder, brethren, that the world hates you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But if any one has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who keep his commandments abide in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit which he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 316

This is the hour of banquet and of song

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Jesus said, “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**Sermon**

Bishop Anthony Burton
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**  *Jubilate in B flat*  
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

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**

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**

*Celebrant*  The Lord be with you.  
*People*  And with thy spirit.  

*Celebrant*  Lift up your hearts.  
*People*  We lift them up unto the Lord.  

*Celebrant*  Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*  It is meet and right so to do.
The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes
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

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;
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

The Lamb

Charles Wood (1866–1926)
Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead; gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright; gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee: he is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb. He is meek, and he is mild; he became a little child. I, a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!

William Blake (1757–1827)
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 610
Lord, whose love through humble service

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perfect deed, we, your servants, bring the worship
mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion
quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens
deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort,

not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating
healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to
counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants,

to your purpose every gift that you impart.
Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
tireless striving, your abundant life to share.
Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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Music: Blaensfref, Welsh melody.

Organ Voluntary
*Allegro maestoso, from Sonata for Organ*  
Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

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