

ST PAUL'S

GROWING IN THE GRACE OF *JESUS*
LIVING IN THE LOVE OF *GOD*
FEASTING IN THE FELLOWSHIP
OF THE *SPIRIT*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

ORGAN **P**RELUDE

Prelude in D minor

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CALL TO **W**ORSHIP

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.

GATHERING **h**YMN

LIEBSTER JESU

**Blessed Jesus, at Your Word
we are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear You;
by Your Gospel, pure and holy,
teach us, Lord, to love You solely.**

**Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
crucified for our salvation;
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us Your love out-pouring.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till Your Spirit breaks our night
with Your beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.**

**Glorious Lord, Yourself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding;
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by Your Spirit's leading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises!**

Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) alt.
James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010), vs 2

THE EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by His infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in His presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at His hands, to declare His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have

done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. **AMEN**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of sinners, but that they may turn from their wickedness and live. He has empowered and commanded His ministers to pronounce to His people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe His holy Gospel. For this reason, we beseech Him to grant us true repentance and His Holy Spirit, that our present deeds may please Him, the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to His eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

THE INVITATORY

O Lord, open our lips;
And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **AMEN**

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

THE VENITE

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our Salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and show ourselves glad in Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. In His hand are all the depths of the earth, and the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

RESPONSIVE CANTICLE – Luke 1: 67-79

led by Irene Flynn

*⁶⁷Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke this prophecy:*

**⁶⁸Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has looked favourably
on His people and redeemed them.**

*⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty saviour for us
in the house of His servant David,*

⁷⁰as He spoke through the mouth of His holy prophets from of old,

*⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand
of all who hate us.*

**⁷²Thus He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered His holy covenant,**

⁷³the oath that He swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

*⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might
serve Him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before
Him all our days.*

**⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,**

*⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to His people
by the forgiveness of their sins.*

**⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,**

*⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'*

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

THE FIRST LESSON – Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. ³⁶You know the message He sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that He did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised Him on the third day and allowed Him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.'

The word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

ΤΕ ΘΕΟΝ ΛΑΥΔΑΜΑΣ

We praise You, O God; we acclaim You as Lord; all creation worships You, the Father everlasting. To You all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise You. The noble fellowship of prophets praise You. The white-robed army of martyrs praise You. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim You: Father, of majesty unbounded, Your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When You took our flesh to set us free You humbly chose the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that You will come to be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood, and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting. AMEN

THE SECOND LESSON – John 1: 1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in Him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through Him; yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to what was His own, and His own people did not accept Him. ¹²But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to Him and cried out, 'This was He of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because He was before me."') ¹⁶From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made Him known.

The word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

ΔIGNUS ES

Splendour and honour and kingly power are Yours by right, O Lord our God, for You created everything that is, and by Your will they were created and have their being; and Yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with Your blood You have redeemed for God, from every family, language, people, and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God. And so, to Him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, be worship and praise, dominion and splendour, for ever and for evermore.

AMEN

The ΔPOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

hymn of **p**reparation

FOREST GREEN

**Blest be the God of Israel
Who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that, with a mighty arm,
God would turn back our enemies
and all who wish us harm.**

**With promised mercy, will God still
the covenant recall:
the oath once sworn to Abraham,
from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
before God all our days.**

**My child, as prophet of the Lord,
you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved
from sin's eternal sway.**

continued

**Then shall God's mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us unto peace.**

Song of Zechariah (Luke 1.68-79); para Carol P. Daw (1944-)

The *M*ESSAGE

Who Is The Gospel?

The Revd Kris Michaelson

*h*YMN OF *R*ESPONSE

LAND OF REST

**Jesus, the very thought of Thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see,
and in Thy presence rest.**

**O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who ask, how kind Thou art:
how good to those who seek!**

**But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is,
none but His lovers know.**

**Jesus, our only Joy be Thou,
as Thou our prize wilt be;
in Thee be all our glory now,
and through eternity.**

Latin (Jesu dulcis memoria, 12th cent); tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878) alt.

The *R*ESPONSATORY

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

O Lord, show Your mercy upon us;
And grant us Your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;
And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe Your ministers with righteousness;
And let Your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save Your people;
And bless Your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
And defend us by Your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And take not Your Holy Spirit from us.

The COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

Δ COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know You is eternal life and to serve You is perfect freedom: Defend us, Your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Δ COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by Your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by Your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Δ PRAYER FOR ALL HUMANITY

O God, You made us in Your own image, and You have redeemed us through Your Son Jesus Christ: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish Your purposes on earth. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and help us to use our freedom rightly in the establishment of justice in our communities; that, in Your good time, all nations and races may serve You in harmony around Your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom You have made. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. AMEN

Δ PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, You have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to You; and You have promised through Your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in His Name You will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. AMEN

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN

SENDING HYMN

PUER NOBUS NASCITUR

**O Love, how deep, how broad, how high,
it fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!**

**He sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
Himself, and to this lost world came.**

**For us by wickedness betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful Cross and death,
for us at length gave up His breath.**

**For us He rose from death again;
for us He went on high to reign;
for us He sent His Spirit here,
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**

**To God whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through the Son;
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.**

Latin (*O amor quam*, 15th cent); tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)

ORGAN **P**OSTLUDE

Prelude, Fugue & Chaconne

Buxtehude

