

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020: LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Sonata No. 4 in B-flat major

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Allegro con brio

Andante religioso

Allegretto

Allegro maestoso

For more information about this morning's Prelude, please see page 13.

Please stand.

PROCESSION

The Celebrant says

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

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

All 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.

THE TRISAGION

Celebrant

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

People

Have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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.

People

Amen.

Please sit.

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19-31

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 114

In exitu Israel

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand.

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader We ask God to hear us, saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

Leader For God's church, for the Anglican Communion, for this diocese, for the parish of St. Andrew's, and for our sister parish, Christ the King Church and School in LeHoye, Haiti, and for our joint mission project and Daughters of the King chapter with St. Paul's, Albany. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For this nation, the city of Albany, and all cities and communities facing increased gun violence. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For blessing and protection for those caring for the ill and those working for social justice and equal opportunities for all. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who are poor, sick, unemployed, and in need. We especially remember...

Mary H., Kevin, Terri, Ethel, B.J., Art, Agnes, Patricia, Manuel, Amy, Dennis, Betty Dean, Adam, Seneca, Yeva, Allen, Lavinia, Frieda, Pren, Jennifer, Steve, Andrea, Margaret, Mary, John H., Chris, Steve M., Marcy, Bob, Don, Carmen, Tristan, Jim C., Claire, Jaxon, Bob, Winter Lillee, Marlena, Ro, Peter, Bob L., Mona, Bill H., Barbara, Sadie, Morrill Family, Vince, Bob T., Lisa, Geoff, Fr. Keith, Jose, Henry, Rick, Melissa & family, Deb, Fred T., Sarah, Roland, Karen, Tom, Steven, Suzanne, the family of Katherine O. and those we now name silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For all here present and those worshipping remotely. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For courage and wisdom to be good stewards of your creation and to combat the causes of climate change and for those suffering from natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For the thanksgivings and blessings that we name silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who have died, and for the victims of violence and COVID-19. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for power and spirit among the people of God. Together, we say,

All **God of all power and love,
 we give thanks for your unfailing presence
 and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
 Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
 Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
 a people who pray, worship, learn,
 break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
 bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
 Wherever and however we gather,
 unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
 that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand or kneel.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

SERVICE OF ADMISSION: DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

See insert.

The Installation of new members Candace Deisley and Jennie Williams to the St. Andrew's the Fisherman chapter of the Daughters of the King. Melissa Hurt, Chapter President, will present the new members for installation. The new members are joining Jen Andrus and Kate Storms as St. Andrew's the Fisherman chapter members. Jennifer Firth, head of the Albany Area Daughters of the King chapters, will introduce the DOK.

Please stand.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their places, acknowledging their presence without touch.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERING

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Note on congregational singing: *In this season of heightened caution, St. Andrew's is not including congregational singing in our services. We recognize this is a loss to all of us that we take on to embody the love of Christ for our neighbors and ourselves. We encourage you to meditate fervently on the words of the hymn, and we invite you to quietly hum the music to yourself.*

Please sit.

HYMN

Crown him with many crowns

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894); Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Soloist



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant lays a hand above it; and at the words concerning the cup, places a hand above the cup.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

People **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Then may be said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **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.

The Celebrant receives the Sacrament in the form of bread, and then immediately delivers it to the people. The people will be directed toward the altar by the ushers, traveling up the center aisle while continuing to wear masks, disinfecting their hands, then receiving the bread in their open hands, while standing. Masks may be temporarily removed to ingest the host, but kindly wait until passing the Celebrant before doing so. Return to your seats via the side aisles.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

People **Amen.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Notes on today's Prelude from Brian Glikes:

Felix Mendelssohn is one of the few famous nineteenth-century composers who wrote a substantial body of music for the organ. His six sonatas, published in 1845, are perhaps the most significant pieces written for the organ since Johann Sebastian Bach's death in 1750. Today's prelude music, Mendelssohn's Fourth Sonata, is the most joyful of the set.

The first movement is built on two themes. The first rises and falls and is played in almost every measure and every register of the organ during the introduction. The second theme sounds like a march and introduces some distant harmonies. Then, both themes are played simultaneously, but the music sounds unresolved as it keeps modulating to different keys. The second theme momentarily overtakes the reins and returns the music to its original key for a triumphant coda.

The second movement, with the descriptive tempo marking "Andante religioso," sounds reminiscent of a hymn. In the middle of the movement, inquisitive solos are greeted with chordal assurances. The third movement, like the first, has two melodies that are introduced separately before they are joined together. In this movement, however, these melodies are almost overshadowed by the busy and steady accompaniment.

The final movement has a celebratory atmosphere. As the first section ends, a fugue begins in the pedals, perhaps to the shock of the first purchasers of Mendelssohn's sonatas, many of whom were not accustomed to playing with their feet. After the fugue concludes, the music from the first section returns for a brief but decisive finale.