

Farewell Service Holy Eucharist, Rite II

November 14, 2021 | 9:30 AM

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You may wish to have candles ready to light, and a cross to place in your home worship area.

We are glad to be worshipping with you today.

For those in person, please be aware that this service will be live-streamed. Both audio and video will be recorded.

You are invited into a quiet worshipful space during the prelude.

Prelude *Meditation*

arr. C. Callahan/Cecile Chaminade

Mary Etta King, Piano and Sarah Neumann, Flute

Recorded August 2016

Welcome

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand in body or in spirit.



Opening Acclamation

PresiderPeopleBlessed be the one, holy and living God.Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Presider and People 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 Savior. Amen.



Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

*Please be seated.*THE READINGS

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

Psalm

Reader Please join me in praying together Psalm **16** on page **599** of the Book of Common Prayer.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; * I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, * upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods * shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, * nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; * it is you who uphold my lot.

- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; * indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; * my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; * because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; * my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, * nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
 in your presence there is fullness of joy,
 and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Espistle

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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



Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Kate Ekrem

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Nicene Creed EOW p. 53

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People at the Leave-taking of a Priest

First Leader: On this day of leave-taking, let us pray together for the Church, for the world and for the needs and concerns of this congregation.

Let us pray for the holy Church of God:

for its fidelity to the Gospel;

for its witness to God's love and mercy;

for all Christians, especially those whose faith is costly;

for *Michael* our Presiding Bishop, and *Alan and Gayle* our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers; for this congregation;

for Kate, Dave, Peter, Tom and Lucy who now take leave of this congregation.

Silence

Second Leader: Lord of the Church, you call us into your fellowship and send us into the world in witness to your love: Grant that those who leave and those who remain may be renewed for your service, that we might be salt, light and leaven in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

First Leader: Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them:

for our President, the Congress, and the Supreme Court;

for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

for this community, and for all who live and work in it;

for all who serve the common good;

for those who must act swiftly and surely for the well-being of their neighbors.

Silence

Second Leader: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: Kindle in every heart a love of peace and a longing for justice, and let those on whom authority rests be wise and gracious in its use, so that your will may truly be done on earth as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Leader: Let us pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit:

for all who are hungry or homeless;

for all who are sick or wounded;

for all who face loneliness, doubt or despair;

for all who sorrow and all who grieve;

for refugees, prisoners and all who are in danger;

for all in our congregation who are suffering;

for all whom we have served in this season of ministry now past.

Silence

Second Leader: Lord Jesus, lover of souls, whose eye is on the sparrow: Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted; and, as you sent out your disciples, send us out also in your Name to all who need your healing presence.

First Leader: Let us pray for the departed:

for those who have died in the hope of the resurrection;

for those whose faith is known to you alone;

for those who die alone;

for those who will die today;

for the faithful of this parish who have died in this season of ministry now past.

Silence

Second Leader: O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: We commend to your gracious keeping all who have died, that they may go from strength to strength in your heavenly kingdom; and we pledge ourselves to your faithful service as we continue our course on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the resurrection and the life. *Amen.*

Leave Taking

Rector: On the 9th day of February, 2012 I was inducted as rector of The Church of Our Redeemer in Lexington, Massachusetts. I have with God's help and to the best of my abilities exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of this parish ends this day. The work of ministry is rooted in the gifts of ministry. You have been generous in those gifts. I now give them back to you.

Rector (to acolytes): Receive this Gospel Book that the Word of God may be heard by these people of God.

Acolytes: Amen. We will continue to hear the Good News of salvation.

Rector (to Liturgy Team): Receive this prayer book that you may continue to offer your prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

Liturgy Team: Amen. In the spirit of God, who searches the heart and knows our deepest needs, we will pray for the church, the world, and all who yearn for Christ's healing.

Rector (to Pastoral Care Team): receive this holy oil and continue to bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing with prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands for healing.

Pastoral Care Team: Amen. We will share the assurance of God's forgiveness and love.

Rector (to choir): Receive this hymnal and always worship God through beauty and music. *Representatives of choir:* Amen. We will continue to glorify and praise God in song.

Rector (to children of parish): Receive this Good Shepherd and always remember that God loves you and knows your name.

Children: Amen. We will keep growing as growing as branches of the True Vine.

Rector (to youth of the parish): Receive this sweatshirt and keep growing into the adventures God has in store for you.

Youth: Amen. We will stay on the journey and take on leadership in our community.

Rector (to adult formation representatives): Take this book and continue to be part of the ministry of learning and sharing the stories of the people of God.

Adult formation representatives: Amen. We will continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship.

Rector (to the property, stewardship and finance committees say: Receive this and continue to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us.

Property, stewardship and finance representatives: Amen. We will remember that all things come from God and from God's own we give back to God.

Rector (to altar guild): Receive this stole. Continue to worship God together and proclaim the the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.

Altar Guild representatives: Amen. We will keep the feast.

Rector (to Social Action Committee): Receive these hats and mittens and food, symbols of our work with the Grow Clinic, Lex Eat Together, the Food Pantry, and all our mission partners, that you may always serve those in need.

Social Action Committee representative: Amen. We will continue to seek and serve Christ in all people, and strive for God's justice and peace.

Rector: Murray and Sarah, receive these keys and let the doors of this parish always be open to all people.

Wardens: Amen. We will continue to be a community that welcomes all.

Wardens: Having witnessed the exchange of gifts between Kate and those with whom the honor of ministry has been shared, do you, the people of Church of Our Redeemer, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People: We do.

Departing Minister and Congregation:

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your reign on earth in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared. We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy. Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you, each other and the world we serve. Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, drawing ever nearer

to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Musical Offering *I Will Trust in the Lord*

arr. C Haywood/Spiritual

I will trust in the Lord (2x), I will trust in the Lord 'til I die Sister will you trust in the Lord (2x), Sister will you trust in the Lord 'til you die? Brother will you trust in the Lord (2x), Brother will you trust in the Lord 'til you die? I'm gonna treat my neighbor right (2x), I'm gonna treat my neighbor right 'till I die! I'm gonna hold my savior's hand (2x), I'm gonna hold my Savior's hand 'til I die.

Offering of Gifts

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Presider All things come from you, O Lord.

People And from your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

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Presider The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Presider Lift up your hearts.

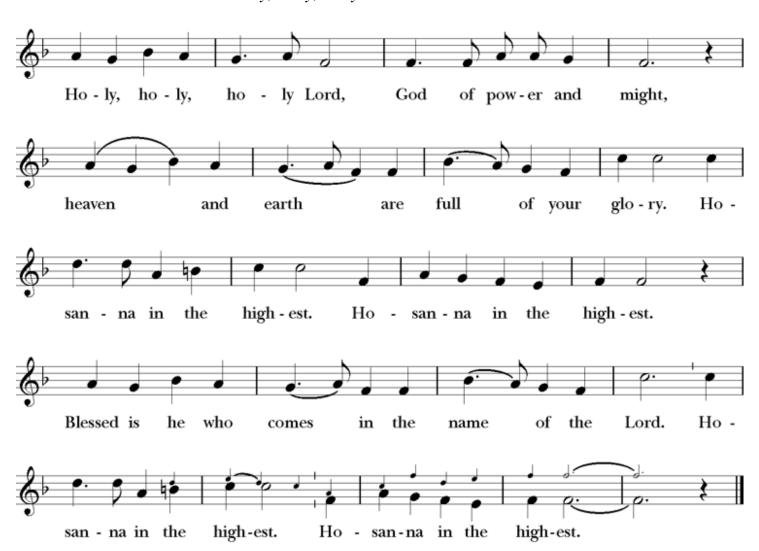
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to

you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...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:



The people stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

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Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Communion

All who desire to share in Communion are encouraged to do so. Please wear your mask and step at least 6 feet away from the clergy before removing your mask to consume the Host. If you do not wish to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. To indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you step forward.

If you are worshipping at home and not able to come to church for Communion, you are invited to pray this prayer:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn I want to walk as a child

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Post-communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All 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.

Blessing

Rector: I commend you to the care of your new priest and to God's care and keeping. May God bless and guide you in the days to come, strengthen you in all goodness, comfort you in sorrow and give you the peace that passes understanding, and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

Announcements



Dismissal

Presider Go in the Peace of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Organ Selection

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