



ST. CLEMENT'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**THE NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
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Prelude

“Fountain Reverie”

by Percy Fletcher
Larry Gates, music director

PROCESSIONAL

“We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord”

Hymnal 404

Brianna Finnell, cantor

Larry Gates, organist

1. We will extol you, ever-blessèd Lord;
your holy Name for ever be adored;
each day we live our psalm to you we raise;
you, God and King, are worthy of all praise,
great and unsearchable in all your ways.

2. Age shall to age pass on the endless song,
telling the wonders which to you belong,
your mighty acts with joy and fear relate;
praise we your glory while on you we wait,
glad in the knowledge of your love so great.

3. You, Lord, are gracious, merciful to all,
close to your children when on you they call;
and slow to anger, merciful and kind,
in your compassion we your blessings find.
We love you with our heart and strength
and mind.

SALUTATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

**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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Brianna Finnell, cantor
Larry Gates, music director

1. To God be the glory,
great things he has done;
so loved he the world
that he gave us his Son;
Who yielded his life
an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate
that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory;
Great things he has done.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875, alt. Tune: William H. Doane, 1875
This hymn is in the public domain.

COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that,
with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass
through things temporal, that we lose not the
things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

A reading from the Second Book of Kings
(4:42-44)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"

He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE HYMN

“If thou but trust in God to guide thee”

Hymnal 635

Brianna Finnell, cantor
Larry Gates, organist

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on a rock that nought can move.

2. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust his word, though undeserving;
thou yet shalt find it true for thee;
God never yet forsook in need
the soul that trusted him indeed.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Saint John (6:1-21)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?”

He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum.

It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Because we have been fed and called, and our lives joined forever in Christ, we unite our voices in prayer, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For the wisdom to know the difference between the word of God and our own words, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the world, for all nations, for each country's leaders and people, that peace and cooperation will be our common goal, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the church, that it may be a faithful witness, and that maintaining unity in the bond of peace, we may know what it means to have one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all people in need, that each person's hunger may be satisfied, each person's pain relieved; and for ourselves, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own community and families, that we may know God's presence and embody God's love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In our Parish: Please pray for all those involved in Evangelism and congregational development, for all who help to make this a welcoming place for newcomers and visitors. Pray for our ushers and greeters.

For those in need of healing: Lindsey, The Tully Family, Diana, Bill, Frankie, Mel, Lanneau, and Tina.

For those who have died: Stephanie

For those in need of comfort and consolation: Mike & Rebecca

We pray for those who have been deployed:
And all military personnel and their families.

Almighty God, lost in the darkness we search for light; surrounded by our created wastes, we seek a promised land; threatened by war, we break the bonds that make for peace. Help us to find our light, our land, and our peace in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Birthdays

Brigitte Bower

Frank Soto

Laurie Adamson

Lily Miranda

Anniversaries

Bob & Pat Corless

Altar flowers given by Frank & Katrina Soto
in thanksgiving for Frank's birthday.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Panis Angelicus”

by Charles Gounod

Brianna Finnell, soloist

Larry Gates, keyboardist



Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S129

Brianna Finnell, cantor

Larry Gates, organist

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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.**

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ
died for you and feed on him in your heart
by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN

“O wheat whose crushing was for bread”

WLP 760

Brianna Finnell, cantor

Larry Gates, organist

1. O wheat, whose crushing was for bread,
O bread whose breaking is for life,
O life, your seeming end is seed,
a seed for wheat, our bread and life.

2. O fruit whose crushing was for wine,
O wine whose flowing is for blood,
O blood, your pouring out is life,
our life in you, O fruitful vine.

3. O life whose crushing was for love,
O love whose spending was to death,
O death, your mourning is our joy,
full joy and birth to lasting life.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you physically, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

A General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

(omit vs 2 & 3)

Hymnal 304

Brianna Finnell, cantor

Larry Gates, organist

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody;

adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

**by Nicholas Bowden
Larry Gates, music director**