

# Church of the Heavenly Rest

Fifth Avenue at 90<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of New York

February 17, 2008

10:30 a.m.

## Lent II Holy Eucharist



*All children through second grade are invited to participate in CHILDREN'S CHAPEL. Follow the Children's Cross at the end of the procession to the Chapel for this special service of songs and bible stories. They will return to their families at the Peace.*

## The Word of God

### Prelude

Choral dorien

*Jehan Alain* (1911-1940)

*All stand for the procession.*

### Hymn 143 (cc)

The glory of these forty days

ERHALT UNS, HERR

*Priest*

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People*

**God's mercy endureth forever. Amen.**

*Priest*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### Kyrie eleison

*John Merbecke* (c.1505–c.1585)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer -  
cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

**The First Lesson** – Genesis 12:1-4a

Lector: Cheryl Mwaria-Simaan

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. 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 the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*(a moment of silence for reflection)*

**Psalm 121** (*sung by the Choir*)

*Henry Walford Davies*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
    from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
    the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved  
    and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
    shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
The LORD himself watches over you;  
    the LORD is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
    nor the moon by night.  
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;  
    it is he who shall keep you safe.  
The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
    from this time forth for evermore.

**The Second Lesson** – Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Lector: Euan Cameron

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*(a moment of silence for reflection)*

*All stand.*

**Sequence Hymn 505** (cc) O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God    O HEILIGER GEIST

**The Gospel** – John 3:1-17

*Gospeler*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and

be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*Gospeler*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise be to thee, O Christ.

*All sit.*

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Thomas N. J. Synan

*All stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed** (*Priest and People*)

**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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Prayer Book, p. 328

*Deacon:* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*All may kneel. Intercessor:* Almighty and everliving God . . .

## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*The Priest says*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Priest and People*

**Almighty God, 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 Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Comfortable Words

*All stand.*

### The Peace

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Then the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The Children return from Children's Chapel at this time.*

## Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### At the Offertory, Anthem

*Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)*

Sicut Moses serpentem in deserto exaltavit, ita filium hominis oportet exaltara, ut omnis qui credit in eum non pereat, sed habeat vitam aeternam.

*Thus as Moses once lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of man be evermore exalted: that all who have faith in their Savior will never die, but will have life everlasting.*  
*John 3:14-15*

*All stand.*

### At the Presentation *(sung by all)*

NOVA VITA

We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be:  
All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

### The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, p. 333

*The people remain standing.*

*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:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, . . . we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

### Sanctus and Benedictus *(sung by all)*

*John Merbecke*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be  
to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*All may kneel.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, ... all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

**Agnus Dei** (*sung by all*)

*John Merbecke*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## The Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

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.**

## The Communion of the People

*All who seek God, and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at his table. During Communion, members of the Order of St. Luke are available in the Chapel for Laying on of Hands and prayers for healing.*

## At the Communion,

**Anthem** (*sung by the Choir*)

*John Stainer (1840-1901)*

God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him might not perish but have everlasting life.

*John 3:16; from "The Crucifixion"*

**Hymn 635** If thou but trust in God to guide thee WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*All kneel.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Priest and People*

Almighty and everliving God, 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 incor-porate 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 Blessing

*All stand for the procession.*

**Hymn 473** (cc)

Lift high the cross

CRUCIFER

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Toccata in C Minor *Johann Pachelbel* (1653-1706)

(cc) indicates congregational choice hymn.



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