

Church of the Heavenly Rest

Fifth Avenue at 90th Street in the City of New York

May 24, 2009

10:30 a.m.

Easter VII The Sunday after Ascension Day Holy Eucharist



Children are welcome in all of our worship services. But if they wish, they are invited to line up for the procession at the back of the church just before 10:30 (look for the child's cross), or they can join the other children in procession as they are passing by your pew. They are led into the Children's Chapel for a simple service with child-friendly teaching. The children then return to their families in the church at the Peace where you can participate in the rest of the service together.

The Word of God

Prelude L'Ascension – Quatre Méditations Symphoniques *Olivier Messiaen*
I. Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père (1908-1992)
IV. Prière du Christ montant vers son Père

All stand for the procession.

Hymn 214 Hail the day that sees him rise **LLANFAIR**

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis (*sung by all*) *Robert J. Powell* (b. 1932)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

All sit.

The First Lesson – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Lector: Chris Evans

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(a moment of silence for reflection)

Psalm 1:1-3 *(anthem setting sung by the Choir)*

Richard Hillert (b. 1923)

Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord.

They do not follow advice from the wicked,

or take the place of sinners,

or sit in the seat of scoffers.

They are like trees planted by streams of water

which yield their fruit in due season, their leaves do not wither.

In all they do they prosper.

Beatus vir qui non abiit

The Second Lesson – 1 John 5:9-13

Lector: Leif Wigren

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(a moment of silence for reflection)

All stand.

Sequence Hymn 435 (cc) At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

The Gospel – John 17:6-19

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

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

Looking up to heaven, Jesus prayed, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All sit.

The Sermon

The Rev. James L. Burns

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. 388

Deacon Let us pray for the church and for the world.

All may kneel. The Intercessor begins: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess
your Name ... *After each petition, the Intercessor says:* Lord in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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.

All stand.

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

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

All sit.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory, Anthem

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:
Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphic wise!
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

Text by Edward Taylor (1647-1729)
from "Sacramental Meditations"

All stand.

At the Presentation, Hymn 380, st. 3

OLD HUNDRETH

All Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, p. 367

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing ... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus (sung by all)

Robert J. Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All may kneel.

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, ... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving ... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

Celebrant 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.

At the Breaking of the Bread, Fraction Anthem

Robert J. Powell

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed___ for
 us. There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Communion of the People

*All who seek God, and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at his table.
Each Sunday during the Eucharist, lay prayer ministers are available at
the prayer desks by the lectern for anyone who would like prayers for
healing with the laying on of hands for themselves or on behalf of others.*

At the Communion,

Meditation

Largo e dolce from *Sonata in b minor* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Lisa Lacher Bryan, *flute*

Hymn 221

O Lord most high

GONFALON ROYAL

All kneel.

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

The Blessing

All stand for the procession.

Hymn 494 (cc)

Crown him with many crowns

DIADEMATA

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Grand Chœur

Théodore Salomé (1834-1896)



(cc) indicates congregational choice hymn.

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