



# *Welcome!*

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# THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 290 Come, Ye Thankful People

*St. George's Windsor*



1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest - home:  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest - home;



all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;  
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide;



come to God's own tem - ple come, raise the song of har - vest - home.  
 grant, O har - vest Lord, that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er more.  
 come, with all thine an - gels come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

*Celebrant:* 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 GLORIA S 280

Robert Powell

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and  
peace\_ to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al- mighty-y\_ God and  
Fa - ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je - susChrist, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

*Congregation seated*

### The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (p. 153)

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

<sup>11</sup> "Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, <sup>12</sup> lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, <sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. <sup>17</sup> Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' <sup>18</sup> You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

### The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (p. 968)

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup> For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup> By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, <sup>14</sup> while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 433 We Gather Together

*Kremser*

1 We ga - ther to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,  
he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.  
the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:  
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:  
sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

The Gospel

Luke 17:11-19 (p. 876)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Organ Improvisation

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matt Marino

THE NICENE CREED *standing*

BCP 358

*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.*

## A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

BCP 836

Leader: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed up us.

Leader: For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

*People: We thank you, Lord.*

Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

*People: We thank you, Lord.*

Leader: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

*People: We thank you, Lord.*

Leader: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

*People: We thank you, Lord.*

Leader: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

*People: We thank you, Lord.*

Leader: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

*People: We thank you, Lord.*



Leader: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

*People: We thank you, Lord.*

Leader: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

*People: We thank you, Lord.*

Leader: Above all, we give thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

*People: To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*The congregation kneels.*

*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.*

Celebrant: 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. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE *standing*

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

Anthem Benedictus es, domine

Healey Willan 1880-1968

Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers:  
praised and exalted above all forever.

Blessed art Thou for the Name of Thy Majesty:  
praised and exalted above all forever.

Blessed art Thou in the temple of Thy holiness:  
praised and exalted above all forever.

Blessed art Thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim:  
praised and exalted above all forever.

Blessed art Thou on the glorious throne of Thy kingdom:  
praised and exalted above all forever.

Blessed art Thou in the firmament of heaven:  
praised and exalted above all forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Text: Song of the Three Young Men (Daniel 3:52-56)*

## PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (vs. 3)

*Old 100th*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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.*

Celebrant: 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 with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 S 125

Richard Proulx

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.

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*Congregation kneeling*

Celebrant: 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:

*People: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer to 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.*

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

*People: 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please be guided by the ushers to either the front or back rail. You may sip the wine from the common cup or intinct [dip] your wafer into the smaller intinction cup. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest. Everyone is welcome to receive a blessing.*

### Hymn 719 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Materna

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years  
for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with bro - ther-hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
and crown thy good with bro - ther-hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Hymn 439 What Wondrous Love

*Wondrous Love*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Hymn 416 For the Beauty of the Earth

*alt. tune Dix*



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
6 For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so free - ly given,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of night.  
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild.  
faith and hope and love di - vine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.



Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *standing*

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*People: Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM *standing*

*National Anthem*

*O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,  
o'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

THE BLESSING

HYMN 397 Now Thank We All Our God

*Nun danket alle Gott*

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,  
who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,  
who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;  
with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

THE DISMISSAL

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

POSTLUDE Marche Triomphale (Now Thank We All Our God) Sigfrid Karg-Elert 1877-1933

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