



All Saints' Episcopal Church



ALL TOGETHER SUNDAY
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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Prelude: Chorale Improvisation on *Freu dich sehr*

from Genevan Psalter; arr. Paul Manz

Opening Hymn: "We are all children of the Lord"

MHSO 105

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "We are all chil-dren of the Lord, young and old, big and lit - tle. We are all chil-dren of the Lord, let us live in har - mo - ny! Man - y names, man - y fac - es, man - y lands, man - y plac - es, but through time and through spac - es we are one hu - man - i - ty. We are all chil-dren of the Lord, one by one, all to - geth - er. We are all chil-dren of the Lord, just like one big fam - i - ly." The score ends with a double bar line.

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, And Holy Spirit.

People: 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.*

Kyrie: "Lord, have mercy upon us"

Blue Hymnal S 91

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Epistle

A Letter from St. Paul to the Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

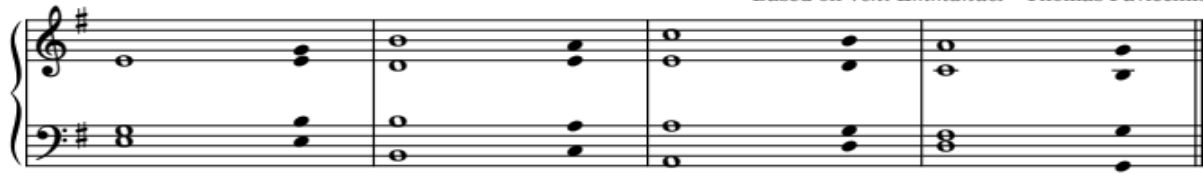
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Based on *Veni Emmanuel* - Thomas Pavlechko



- 1 Give the King your justice, O **God**, *
and your righteousness to the King's **Son**;
- 2 That he may rule your people **righteously** *
and the poor with **justice**;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the **people**, *
and the little hills bring **righteousness**.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the **people**; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the **oppressor**.

Response. O come, O come Emmanuel

- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon en**dure**, *
from one generation to an**other**.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the **mown field**, *
like showers that water the **earth**.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous **flourish**; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no **more**.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of **Israel**, *
who alone does wondrous **deeds**!
(repeat second half of chant)
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for **ever**! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. **Amen**.

Response. O come, O come Emmanuel

Sequence Hymn: “Prepare the way, O Zion”
(vv. 1 & 2 before Gospel; v. 3 after)

Blue Hymnal 65

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 3:1-12

People’s response before the Gospel **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

People’s response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Sean Maloney

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers of the People – [from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary] *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Holy God, yours is the voice that calls from the places we least expect, inviting us into ever deeper relationship with you that we might live surrounded by your love. Hear now our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christ's church, that we may never become settled in comfort but that we might always be in pilgrimage serving those we encounter. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who hold authority over us, that they might escape from their fears and hatreds and govern in the glory of your mercy and wisdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for each other in this parish community, that we might discern our own calls to be in Christ in all the places our day-to-day lives take us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
We pray for the natural world and for our own stewardship of creation, that we might be advocates for actions needed to leave an abundant creation to future generations. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in need of healing and relief from their burdens, worries, and fears. [Especially we lift up...*prayer list.*] Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died and those who grieve, hasten the day of Christ's return that we might be reunited with all whom we have loved but see no more. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you entered into our world and blessed our lives through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, your son and our Lord. Bless us still as we strive to become the people we were meant to be. **Amen.**

Your presence here is a balm to our souls. Let it also inspire us to leave from here as renewed beacons of your love that we might live in your eternal kingdom in the here and now. All this we ask through Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand*

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements: Birthdays and Anniversaries

Offertory Hymn: "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

Blue Hymnal 67

The Holy Communion:

Eucharistic Prayer D

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.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks;
for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light
inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all
things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to
rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you
night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence,
they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and
giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you,
and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Celebrant and People

Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy"

Blue Hymnal S 114

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

Fraction Anthem: "O Lamb of God"

Blue Hymnal S 158

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn: "Thank you for the gift of Jesus"

MHSO 139 (vv. 1 & 4)

1 Thank you for the gift of Je - sus: for his
 2 Thanks for all the men and wom - en who, with
 3 Hopes and dreams that live a - mong us, new com -
 4 Boun - teous God, take tal - ents, mem - ories, all we

life a - mong the poor, for his free - ing
 o - pened hearts and ears, heard his call and
 pas - sions, deep - er cares, grow from seeds of
 have and dear - ly hold; work in them your

words and spi - rit, faith and hope that still en - dure,
 lived his pas - sion in their strug - gles, joys, and tears.
 your own plant - ing, stem from faith of our fore - bears.
 pres - ent pur - pose, give them back a hun - dred - fold.

for the love he felt and nur - tured in the
 Through their touch - ing, speak - ing, teach - ing, plen - teous
 So the past re - news the pres - ent, soon the
 So your peo - ple born to - mor - row may with

shamed and dis - pos - sessed. Through his love our
 gifts and guid - ing prayers, you have raised in
 seed be - comes the tree, soon your for - est
 joy sing out one day, "God is good and

hearts are o - pened, through his life our lives are blessed.
 us the prom - ise: we shall be your friends and heirs!
 stretch - es high - er, fur - ther than the eye can see.
 God is gra - cious, God has blessed us on our way."

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Postlude: Magnificat quinti toni Johann Pachelbel

Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome! Please contact the church office (aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org) if you would like to receive our weekly e-bulletin..

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