



## Sung Eucharist I I:00am

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### **WELCOME** to St John's this morning on the Feast of St Peter and St Paul!



The Feast of St Peter and St Paul honours two great apostles of the faith. Peter, the rock on whom the Church was built, and Paul, the fearless missionary to the Gentiles, reminding us of the Church's foundation and its outward call to share the gospel. Their shared martyrdom in Rome witnesses to the cost of discipleship.

Traditionally, this feast is also a time for ordinations. We pray for all being ordained as Deacons and Priests around this time. Joe celebrates six years of being ordained today. Thanks be to God!

This act of worship is livestreamed on our Facebook page, please do 'follow' us on Facebook: St John the Divine, Richmond Team Ministry.

The clergy in the Richmond Team Ministry are always happy to meet for pastoral conversations about faith or to offer spiritual counsel. If you would like to speak with a member of the clergy, do be in touch directly or through the RTM Parish Office.

#### **Richmond Team Ministry**

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The organ is played as we prepare for worship.

Please stand to sing the **Introit Hymn** when the bell rings.

- I The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word: from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy Bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore opprest, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distrest; yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, 'How long?' And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

- 4 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace for evermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
  O happy ones and holy!
  Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.
  SAMUEL JOHN STONE (1832–1900)
  A&M 506

#### The Gathering

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### The Greeting

Joe greets the people.

The Lord be with you And also with you.

Joe introduces our worship.

#### **Prayers of Penitence**

Jesus said to his apostles, 'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'

Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour; in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

Joe says:

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### The Gloria

Refrain:

Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest!

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Refrain

#### The Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

#### The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the readings and the psalm.

#### First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (12.1-11).

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.'

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And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 125

The choir lead the psalm appointed for the day and the congregation are invited to join in with the **Response**.

Response: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion that stands for ever.

- I Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 As the hills stand about Jerusalem, so the Lord stands round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. **R**
- 3 The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous turn their hands to evil. **R**

- 4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 Those who turn aside to crooked ways the Lord shall take away with the evildoers; but let there be peace upon Israel. **R**

#### **Second Reading**

A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy (4.6-8, 17-18).

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing the Gradual Hymn

I My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always thine, that I from thee no more may stray, no more from thee decline.

- 2 Before the cross of him who died, behold, I prostrate fall; let every sin be crucified, and Christ be all in all.
- 3 Anoint me with thy heavenly grace, and seal me for thine own; that I may see thy glorious face, and worship near thy throne.
- 4 Let every thought and work and word to thee be ever given:
  Then life shall be thy service, Lord, and death the gate of heaven.
- 5 All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run. MATTHEW BRIDGES (1800–1894) A&M 335

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### **Gospel Reading**

The Lord be with you **And also with you.** 

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (16.13-19). **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Sermon

Please sit.

#### The Creed

#### Please stand.

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: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 with have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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 Intercession**

Please sit or kneel for the prayers of intercession.

These or other responses may be used.

Either: Lord, in your mercy or: Lord, hear us.

Hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### The Liturgy of the Sacrament

#### The Peace

Please stand.

Joe introduces the Peace with the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,

Who said to your Apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;

Look not on our sins,

But on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We greet each other with a sign of peace, and then sing the **Offertory Hymn** 

- I Take up thy cross, the Saviour said, if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.
- 2 Take up thy cross: let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
- 3 Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel: thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.
- 4 Take up thy cross then in his strength, and calmly every danger brave; 'twill guide thee to a better home, and lead to victory o'er the grave.
- 5 Take up thy cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only they who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.
- 6 To thee, great Lord, the One in Three, all praise for evermore ascend:
  O grant us in our home to see
  the heavenly life that knows no end.
  CHARLES WILLIAM EVEREST (1814–1877)
  A&M 135

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#### **Preparation of the Altar**

#### Taking of the Bread and Wine

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Father, accept all we bring before you this day. Guide us with your love and feed us at your table as you nourish the faith of the Church by the preaching of your apostles Peter and Paul. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good that we should give you thanks, praise and glory, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth. Himself the chief cornerstone. he founded his Church upon the apostles firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven. And so with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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.

Please sit or kneel.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and the cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Peter, Paul, John the Divine, Matthias, Mary Magdalene and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Breaking of the Bread**

Joe breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The Agnus Dei is sung.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

#### **Giving of Holy Communion**

Joe says:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

During the distribution of Holy Communion, the organ is played.

#### **Prayer after Holy Communion**

Let us pray.

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Notices

Information about our life together is shared.

#### The Dismissal

We stand to sing the **Post Communion Hymn** 

- Who would true valour see, let him come hither: one here will constant be. come wind, come weather; there's no discouragement shall make him once relent his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.
- 2 Whoso beset him round with dismal stories, do but themselves confound, his strength the more is. No lion can him fright: he'll with a giant fight, but he will have the right to be a pilgrim.
- 3 Hobgoblin nor foul fiend can daunt his spirit; he knows he at the end shall life inherit. Then, fancies, fly away; he'll not fear what men say; he'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim. **JOHN BUNYAN (1628-1688)**

A&M 823

#### The Blessing

The Lord be with you **And also with you.** 

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with Peter and Paul and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

The organ is played as the procession departs.



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