

**A Special Service for the 201st Convention of the
Episcopal Diocese of Maine
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18, 2020**

Prelude

"An Interlude," Harold Darke

Albert Melton, organist

Welcome

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Opening Hymn

Diocesan Virtual Choir

Let Wonder Be Reborn

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Diademata, G.J. Elvey



1. Let won-der be re - born with this new dawn - ing day. To
2. Lord, let the dawn con - nect our hearts with dawns long past that
3. Yet help us be a church where ques - tions are al - lowed, that
4. Our wit-ness then will thrive in a - ges yet to be as



see the world its rays a - dorn is cause e - nough to pray: Blest
shone on saints whose lives re - flect the light your Spir - it cast. Through
un - der-stands the hu - man search your Spir - it has en - dowed, that
new dis - ci - ples keep a - live this chur - ch's min - i - stry, and



be the spring and source that gives us sense and sight to
word and deed and prayer they turned their dreams to fact. May
trusts the Spir - it feeds the ques - tions that we raise, be -
find their strength is drawn from all we dared to do to



greet in time's un - fold - ing course a mo - ment of new light.
we, like them, have faith to dare: to dream great dreams and act!
liev - ing they be - come the seeds of fu - ture faith and praise.
claim the won - der of the dawn by trust - ing, God, in you.

Opening Acclamation

Jane White-Hassler and Cass Wright

Adapted from Enter With Joy, A Communion liturgy for Epiphany

Presider: God of proclamation,

People: **Through the words of prophets you reveal the possibilities of a different way for the world**

Presider: God of encounter,

People: **Through the life and actions of Jesus you reveal the passionate love at the heart of your Kingdom**

Presider: God of challenge, as we hear your word now in scripture, sermon and song,

People: **Open our knowing and understanding to your patterns and their possibilities.**

Presider: God of change, as we encounter your Word now in story, bread and wine

People: **Open our hearts and our minds to the transforming power of your love.**

Song of Praise

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kalajainen and Carol Kalajainen

Glory to God

Setting by John L. Bell and the Wild Goose Worship Group

The Collect of the Day

The Rev. Lael Sorensen

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Exodus 33:12-23

Mike Gleason

Reader: In the beginning was the Word

People: **And the Word was with God
And the Word was God**

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader: For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us:

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 99: *Dominus regnavit* *Scott Bennington, Robert Kellerman, Carl Fisher*
Words: The Lord is King, Book of Common Prayer, 1979
Plainsong, Tone VII.1, arr. Carl Fisher

Refrain: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God who is the Holy One.

1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One.

Refrain

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; * he is the
Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

Refrain

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree
that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Refrain

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Klara Tammany

Reader: In the beginning was the Word

People: **And the Word was with God**

And the Word was God

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy.

To the Thessalonians' church that is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to all of you.

We always thank God for all of you when we mention you constantly in our prayers. This is because we remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. Brothers and sisters, you are loved by God, and we know that he has chosen you. We know this because our good news didn't come to you just in speech but also with power and the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know as well as we do what kind of people we were when we were with you, which was for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord when you accepted the message that came from the Holy Spirit with joy in spite of great suffering. As a result you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The message about the Lord rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place. The news about your faithfulness to God has spread so that we don't even need to mention it. People tell us about what sort of welcome we had from you and how you turned to God from idols. As a result, you are serving the living and true God, and you are waiting for his Son from heaven. His Son is Jesus, who is the one he raised from the dead and who is the one who will rescue us from the coming wrath.

Reader: For the Word of God in scripture,

for the Word of God among us,

for the Word of God within us:

People: **Thanks be to God**

At the Sequence

Nancy Dymond

God of Our Weary Years (Lift Every Voice and Sing, stanza 3)

Words by James Weldon Johnson

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light;
Keep us for ever in the path, we pray.
Les our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget thee;
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we for ever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The Rev. George

Sheats

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon & Convention Address

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Affirmation of Faith

The Rev. Maria Hoecker

from Daily Prayers for all Seasons, pg 44

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

**to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
in life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to
God.**

Prayers of the People

The Steadman family

From *A Wee Worship Book*, Wild Goose Publications

Intercessor: Let us pray.

Because you made the world,
and intended it to be a good place,
and called its people your children
because, when things seemed at their worst,
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;
so, gracious God, we gladly say:

People: **Goodness is stronger than evil,
love is stronger than hate,
light is stronger than darkness.
Truth is stronger than lies.**

Intercessor: Because confusion can reign inside us,
despite our faith:
because anger; tension, bitterness and envy distort our visions;
because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion;
because we do not always get it right,
we want to believe:

People: **Goodness is stronger than evil,
love is stronger than hate,
light is stronger than darkness.
Truth is stronger than lies.**

Intercessor: Because you have promised to hear us,
and are able to change us,
and are willing to make our hearts your home;
we ask you to confront,

control, forgive and encourage us,
as you know best.

Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

People: **Goodness is stronger than evil,
love is stronger than hate,
light is stronger than darkness.
Truth is stronger than lies.**

Intercessor: Lord, hear our prayer,
and change our lives
until we illustrate the grace
of the God who makes all things new.

All: **AMEN.**

The Confession

The Rev. Jean Cavanaugh

From the Iona abbey Worship Book

Presider: My brothers and sisters, not out of dread or fear but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

The Rev. Tim Higgins

May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace and power of Jesus Christ, strengthen you through the power of the Holy Spirit, and keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider: May the peace of Christ be with you.

The Rev. Susan Taylor

All: And also with you.

*Dona nobis pacem
18th c. anonymous canon*

Diocesan Virtual Choir

The Great Thanksgiving

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Presider: The Lord be with you,

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts,

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

People: **It is right to give both thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Sanctus

The Rev. Carolyn Eklund and The Rev. Katie Holicky

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

White

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Rev. Laura

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Fraction

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The Rev. Peter Jenks

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

Let Us Break Bread

Pamela Kinsey, flute

Concluding Prayer

The Rev. Sheila Seekins

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop of Maine

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
The maker of heaven and earth.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
From this time forth for evermore.

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

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Holy Manna, The Southern Harmony, 1835



1. Called and gift - ed for Christ's ser - vice, set a - part by
 2. Called to tell God's cease - less sto - ry writ - ten on the
 3. Called to share the signs of hea - ven: oil and wa - ter,
 4. Called and claimed by word and sym - bol, passed through his - t'ry,



God's de - sign To pro - claim in word and wit - ness
 hal - lowed page, An - cient truths of love and jus - tice
 wine and bread - Gifts of God's own self that keep us
 hand to hand, Now re - ceive the Spir - it's mys - t'ry:



love-- dis - rupt - ive and di - vine. Not to stand in pride - ful priv' lege,
 new - ly grasped in ev' - ry age. Words pro - claim - ing Christ a - mong us,
 sealed and sa - ted, washed and fed. Com - mon things and com - mon peo - ple
 gift both pro - mise and de - mand. Yoked to Christ and one a - noth - er,



or to sit in judg - ment's seat; But to kneel in
 Word made flesh, sal - va - tion's theme, Words cre - a - ting
 here trans - fig - ured by God's grace, Shaped in - to the
 kneel be - fore the Source of all. Let us stand in



sim - ple kind - ness hum - bly wash - ing neigh - bors' feet.
 worlds of won - der where we live and move and dream.
 Christ we wor - ship, formed as one in love's em - brace.
 a - do - ra - tion; let us go and live our call.

Dismissal

The Rev. Mary Lee Wile

Postlude

Randall Mullin, organist

Toccata on "Old Hundredth," Robert Hebble

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