



# The Church of the Epiphany in the City of Washington

11:00 a.m.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

18 July 2010

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## HOLY EUCHARIST

**Prelude** *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele, BWV 654* music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
("Adorn yourself, O dear soul")

### Gathering of the people of God

### Liturgy of the Word

The people stand as they are able and turn toward the center aisle to sing the hymn. words: Mary Louise Bringle; music: Morning Song,

Entrance Hymn: "In boldness, look to God for help" (#94 in *Voices Found*) att. Elkanah Kelsey Dare (1782-1826)

1. In bold -ness, look to God for help, like wom - en folk who dared:  
 2. In bold ness, lean on God for strength, and heal - ing from dis - ease,  
 3. In bold -ness, learn of God the truth of Mar - y's bet - ter part:  
 4. In bold -ness, love, nor count the cost. Con - front the world's harsh stare:

1. to ask that Je - sus heal a child, that crumbs of grace be shared,  
 2. of mind and bod - y, heart and will, whose bond - age Je - sus frees.  
 3. by fear and cen - sure un - de - terred, de - ter - mined in her heart  
 4. like one who washed the feet of Christ, and wiped them with her hair,

1. that out - cast ones be wel - comed to the feast God has pre - ared.  
 2. Reach out and touch the hem of Christ, and gath - er spir - it's ease.  
 3. to kneel at Je - sus' feet and learn the wis - dom he im - parts.  
 4. poured per - fume to a - noint her Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

### Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

**Presider** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People** Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

**Hymn of Praise: "Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers"** (*Benedictus es, Domine*) music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

(organ) 1. Glo - ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you.

2. Glo - ry to you for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the throne of your maj - es - ty glo - ry to you.

4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the cher - u - bim; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of heav - en, glo - ry to you.

6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 We will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day**

*Presider* Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 18:1-10a*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence is observed for reflection.*

**Psalm at the Gradual: 15**

*music: from The Portland Psalter, Robert A. Hawthorne*

*The choir introduces the refrain; all repeat together.*

The right - eous shall a - bide up - on God's ho - ly hill.

*The choir sings the psalm, the people joining in the refrain where indicated.*

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill?  
 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart. .... **Refrain**  
 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.  
 In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the LORD. .... **Refrain**  
 He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.  
 He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
 Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown. .... **Refrain**

**New Testament Reading**

*Colossians 1:15-28*

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence is observed for reflection.*

*The people stand as they are able and turn toward the center aisle to sing the hymn.*

**Hymn at the Sequence: "In life's busy moments" (#22 in *Voices Found*)**

words: Katherine L. Smith  
music: Hasting, Robert A.M. Ross (b. 1955)

May be sung in canon

1. In life's busy moments we circle in haste, like Martha so worried when  
 2. While Mary her sister sat list'ning in awe, the Lord spoke of God's love em-  
 3. Present in conflict en-riching our souls, with Mary and Martha he  
 4. Alle-luia, he comes in glorious array; we pause in dai-ly life to

3  
 Refrain  
 4

1. Je-sus she faced.  
 2. bracing us all. He comes to vis-it, he comes to share; we learn to lis-ten, we learn to care.  
 3. loves and con-soles.  
 4. ponder and pray.

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

**Gospel**

*Luke 10:38-42*

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit.*

**Sermon**

*A period of silence is observed for reflection.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

**Nicene Creed**

**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.**

### ***Prayers of the People***

*Leader* Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:  
for our world,

*People* **the heavens tell of your glory;**

*Leader* for our land, its beauty and its resources,

*People* **for the rich heritage we enjoy.**

*Leader* We pray:

for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,

*People* **that we may use your gifts responsibly;**

*Leader* for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,

*People* **that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation;**

*Leader* We thank you for giving us life;

*People* **for all who enrich our experience.**

*Leader* We pray:

for all who through their own or others' actions are deprived of fulness of life,

*People* **for prisoners, refugees, the handicapped, and all who are sick;**

*Leader* for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,

*People* **for all who seek to bring life to others.**

*Leader* We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.

*People* **Give us reverence for life in your world.**

*Leader* We thank you for your redeeming love;

*People* **may your word and sacrament strengthen us to love as you love us.**

*Leader* God, Creator, bring us new life.

*People* **Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.**

*Leader* Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The people add their own prayers at the invitation of the leader, speaking clearly for all to hear, and ending each petition with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."*

*At the conclusion of the Prayers, the people say together the Campaign for Epiphany Prayer.*

*People* **Almighty God, as we remember in Scripture and song your great acts of love throughout the ages, renew our faith, our courage and our hope in you, and set our hearts on fire with your love, so that we may do your ministry in the world, and rejoice in the mystery of your presence in all Creation. This we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***Confession of Sin***

*Presider* Let us confess our sins to God.

*The people kneel as they are able.*

*People* **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***

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

*People* **Amen.**

### ***Peace***

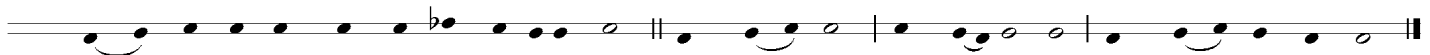
*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**



Presider:

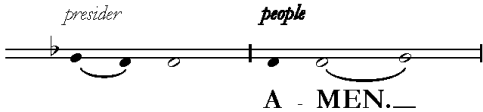
Presider and People:



There-fore we pro-claim the mys-ter-y of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.**

**Presider** 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 for ever.

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.



**Presider** Jesus taught us to love one another. I invite you to hold hands during the Lord's Prayer as a sign of God's love for us and of the love we share through Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.

**Breaking of the Bread**

music: from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



**Communion of the People**

*All are invited to receive Communion. You are invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive Communion. Hold out your hands to receive the bread; say "Amen" after the Communion sentence. When the eucharistic minister offers the wine, either take the chalice or guide it to your mouth by carefully holding the base of the chalice; say "Amen" after the Communion sentence.*

*The Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil for Healing is offered in the chapel.*

**Hymns during Communion (sung by the people)**

316 in *The Hymnal 1982* "This is the hour of banquet and of song"

*Canticum refectiois*

**Prayer for Peace**

words: David Haas (b. 1957), based on a Navaho prayer; music: David Haas



Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace un - der our feet.  
Love be - fore us, love be - hind us, love un - der our feet.  
Light be - fore us, light be - hind us, light un - der our feet.  
Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us, Christ un - der our feet.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us, peace un - der our feet.

*The hymn continues on the following page...*

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

Peace with - in us, peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Love with - in us, love o - ver us, let all a - round us be love. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Light with - in us, light o - ver us, let all a - round us be light. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christ with - in us, Christ o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Peace with - in us, peace o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace. \_\_\_\_\_

*piano*

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peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Let all a - round us be peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Let all a - round us be peace. \_\_\_\_\_

*piano*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*Presider* Let us pray.  
*The people stand as they are able.*

*People* **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Blessing**

*Presider* May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

**Dismissal Hymn: 379 in The Hymnal 1982 “God is love, let heaven adore him”**

*Abbot’s Leigh*

**Dismissal**

*Leader* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Worship is over; now service begins!**

**Postlude**

**Prelude in C minor, BWV 546**

*music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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