

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 7:9-17

HYMN 343

ST. AGNES

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Please stand. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Choir I am the first and the last says the Lord and the living one.
 I was dead and behold I am alive for evermore.
People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says
 The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Right Reverend Andrew M.L. Dietsche
 Bishop of New York

HYMN 704

HEREFORD

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

Rector Reverend Father in God, I present these persons for Confirmation.
 Reverend Father in God, I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

(The People stand.)

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People We will.

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop 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.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Bishop 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 FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deacon Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Open their hearts to thy grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Send them into the world in witness to thy love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon Bring them to the fullness of thy peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence is kept, and then the Bishop says

Bishop Almighty God, we thank thee that by the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ thou hast overcome sin and brought us to thyself, and that by the sealing of thy Holy Spirit thou hast bound us to thy service. Renew in these thy servants the covenant thou didst make with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service thou dost set before them; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION OF CANDIDATES

Please be seated. The candidates are presented by name.

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

The Bishop anoints each candidate with Holy Chrism

For Reception

The Bishop stands, takes the hand of the person being received, and says

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, let thy fatherly hand ever be over these thy servants; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy Word, that they may serve thee in this life, and dwell with thee in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *(Please stand.)*

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

THE GREETINGS *(Please be seated.)*

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

*arranged by Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)*

DEEP river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.
Deep river, my heart is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
To that promised land where all is peace?

African-American Spiritual

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Bishop Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Bishop proceeds with the Preface.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

(Sung by the Choir, following which the People kneel.)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Bishop continues and concludes:

“...O Father Almighty, world without end.”

People AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Bishop And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop Behold the Lamb of God: Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Sacrament is distributed at the High Altar and, for convenience and accessibility, also at the Chantry Chapel Altar. Gluten-free hosts are available; please ask the priest at the altar rail.

AT THE COMMUNION, AGNUS DEI AND ANTHEM

Martin How
(b. 1930)

THE Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul, he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalm 23:1-4

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray.

(Please kneel.)

People Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE PONTIFICAL BLESSING

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop 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.*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

AT THE PROCESSION, HYMN

BLAENWERN

1. Love Di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in
2. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive; sud-den-
3. Fi-nish then thy new-cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less let us be; let us

us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art
ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be
see thy great sal-va-tion, per-fect-ly re-stored in thee: changed from glo-ry

all com-pas-sion, pure un-bound-ed love thou art; vi-sit
al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and
in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

us with thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
praise thee, with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

VOLUNTARY

Allegro maestoso, from Sonata in G, Op. 28

Edward Elgar

Healing and intercessory prayer will be offered by clergy and trained lay volunteers in the Chantry Chapel at the conclusion of today's service for anyone who desires it.

FESTAL EVENSONG — 4 p.m.

PRELUDE Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685-1750)

HYMN 184 CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES *Gerre Hancock*
(1934-2012)

PSALM 65, The Book of Common Prayer, Page 416 Anglican Chant (*Taylor*)

LESSONS Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38 and Matthew 7:15-29

HYMN 47 GOTT SEI DANK

MAGNIFICAT AND NUNC DIMITTIS in D *George Dyson*
(1883-1964)

THE GREETINGS (*Please be seated.*)

HYMN 186 CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

SERMON The Right Reverend Nick Holtam
Bishop of Salisbury, United Kingdom

AT THE OFFERING, ANTHEM 'Let my Love be heard' *Jake Runestad*
(b. 1986)

ANGELS, where you soar up to God's own light,
take my own lost bird on your hearts tonight,
and as grief once more mounts to heaven and sings, let my love be heard.
Let my love be heard whispering in your wings.

Alfred Noyes

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

PSALM 150 (*Sung by the Choir.*) Anglican Chant (*Talbot*)

VOLUNTARY King David's Dance *Stephen Paulus*
(1949-2014)

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5:15 P.M. ORGAN RECITAL

Michael Kleinschmidt
Assistant Organist 1990-1993

The flowers adorning the Church today are offered to the glory of God and in memory of the following:
Thomas Biallot, Robert Means Brannon, Guernsey Curran, Jane Rutherford Faile, Margaret Crane Hurlbut,
The Rev'd Leslie John Alden Lang, Judith Lobman Stires and Lena Succa.

MUSIC NOTES

Although Lennox Berkeley, born near Oxford on May 12, 1903, had begun composing as a child, he did not initially plan a career in music. He studied at Gresham's School, Holt (which his colleague and sometime collaborator Benjamin Britten was to attend a decade later), then read French and Philology at Merton College, Oxford. After encouragement from Ravel he moved to Paris in 1926 to study with Nadia Boulanger. His *Missa Brevis* was composed for Westminster Cathedral Choir in 1960; the writing is marked by elegance, charm, wit and masterly craftsmanship.

In an article “Truth in Music” (1966), Berkeley offered his views about composing works for the church: “Being a Roman Catholic, I have naturally been drawn to the Latin liturgy and felt at home with it; it’s part of my life, and I have wanted to bring to it what I have to offer, however unworthy.”

DAILY OFFICE AND MASS

Monday through Friday Services: 8 a.m., 12:10 and 5:30 p.m.

(The Tuesday 12:10 p.m. Healing Eucharist includes the laying on of hands and anointing of the sick)

Choral Evensong on Tuesday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Wednesday, May 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Choral Evensong on Thursday, May 16, at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday Eucharist: 12:10 p.m.

Prayers at the Shrine of our Lady of Fifth Avenue

Monday through Saturday at 12 p.m.

Intercessions may be sent via the website by using the Prayer Request Tab or by leaving a written request in the box near the Shrine itself.

Confessions in the Resurrection Chapel, Saturdays from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 19 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 A.M. SAID EUCHARIST

9 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Sermon by The Rector

11 A.M. FESTAL EUCHARIST

Sermon by The Rector

4 P.M. FESTAL EVENSONG

Sermon by Father Spencer

PARISH NOTICES

If you are a visitor this morning, **we welcome you to Saint Thomas Church** and hope that you are with us again soon. There is a **guided tour** of the church following the voluntary at the end of this service. To join the tour, please meet the tour guide by the gallery stairs in the narthex.

There will be **no Sunday School today** to enable the class to support its fellow confirmation candidates. However, **Nursery** care is still available for children of parents attending the 9 and 11 a.m. liturgies.

You are invited to **Coffee Hour**, which takes place in Andrew Hall following this service. To get there, take the Great Staircase to your left at the front of the nave.

This Saturday, May 18, at 3 p.m., Ken Cowan plays the final **Grand Organ Recital** of the year. No tickets required; donation requested.

The **Strategic Planning Working Group** will complete the planning process by the end of June. As the focus will soon turn to drafting the plan document for our parish and choir school, Wellspring Consulting will host a final round of parish gatherings on Sunday, May 19, and Tuesday, May 21. We look forward to seeing you as Wellspring and members of our Strategic Planning Working Group present some of their findings and recommendations, followed by time for your questions and comments. **On Sunday, May 19**, gatherings will be held from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. (Living Room); from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. (Andrew Hall); and from 5:15 to 6 p.m. (Living Room). Then, on **Tuesday, May 21**, a gathering will be held from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in Andrew Hall. Refreshments will be provided at all sessions.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join us in our Theology Class at 10 a.m. today as we welcome the Reverend Meg Saunders, Senior Advisor to **FRRME (Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East)** America, a charitable organization that provides humanitarian assistance to those who have fled persecution and genocide, including Christians, Yazidis, Shabak, and others throughout the Middle East. Her ministry also supports the operations and outreach efforts of St. George’s Anglican Church in Baghdad, Iraq. Her presentation will be entitled: **The Persecuted Church: Seeing Through the Eyes of Iraqi Christians**. Coffee and tea are provided.

Bible study continues on Friday, May 17, at 12:45 p.m. on the second floor of the parish house.