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Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 24, 2021

SOLEMN EUCHARIST
sung by the **Gentlemen of the Choir**

THE ORDINARY OF THE MASS

Missa Lauda Sion

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525-1580)

PRELUDE

Ut queant laxis
from 'Le Tombeau de Titelouze'

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir. As the ministers go to the Altar, this chant is sung by the Choir.

INTROIT

De ventre matris meae

Plainsong (Mode I)

DE ventre matris meae vocavit me Dominus in nomine meo:
et posuit os meum ut gladium acutum:
sub tegumento manus suae protexit me,
et posuit me quasi sagittam electam.

Bonum est confiteri Domino:
et psallere nomini tuo, Altissime.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

De ventre matris...

*From the womb of my mother the Lord hath called me by my name:
and hath made my mouth as it were a sharp sword;
beneath the shadow of his hand hath he hidden me,
and hath made me like to a polished arrow.*

*It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord:
and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest. (Ps. 92:1)*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

From the womb...

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

HEAR what our Lord Jesus saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The People kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY and most merciful father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and
remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life,
and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

GLORIA in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ.
With the Holy Ghost, art most high
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, by whose providence thy servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

The Subdeacon concludes

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Tone VII)

BENEDIXISTI, DOMINE

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land:
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people: and covered all their sins.
Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure: and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.
Turn us then, O God our Saviour: and let thine anger cease from us.
Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever: and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from
one generation to another?
Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us: that thy people may rejoice in thee?
Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation.
I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me: for he shall speak peace unto his people,
and to his saints, that they turn not again.
For his salvation is nigh them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land.
Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall flourish out of the earth: and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness: and our land shall give her increase.
Righteousness shall go before him: and he shall direct his going in the way.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

The People stand.

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong (Mode VI)

Cantor *People*

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest:
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

People

Al - le - lu - ia.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.
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.

HOMILY

The Rev. Matthew Moretz
Associate Rector

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing. It is customary to bow at the underlined words.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SPECIAL FORM)

The People remain standing to pray.

The Leader says

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

After each petition,

 Lord, hear us.
People Lord, graciously hear us.

After the last petition, silence is kept. The Celebrant concludes the prayers with this collect

LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit thou livest and reignest, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

THROUGH the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY

Cristóbal de Morales
(c. 1500-1553)

INTER natos mulierum
non surrexit maior Iohanne Baptista
qui viam Domini praeparavit in heremo.

*Among those born of women
there arose none greater than John the Baptist
who prepared the way of the Lord in the wilderness.*

Fuit homo missus a Deo
cui nomen erat Iohannes,
qui viam Domini praeparavit in heremo.

*A man was sent by God
whose name was John,
who prepared the way of the Lord in the wilderness.*

Antiphon for the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

The Celebrant continues

IT is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in
him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to
judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
In nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.

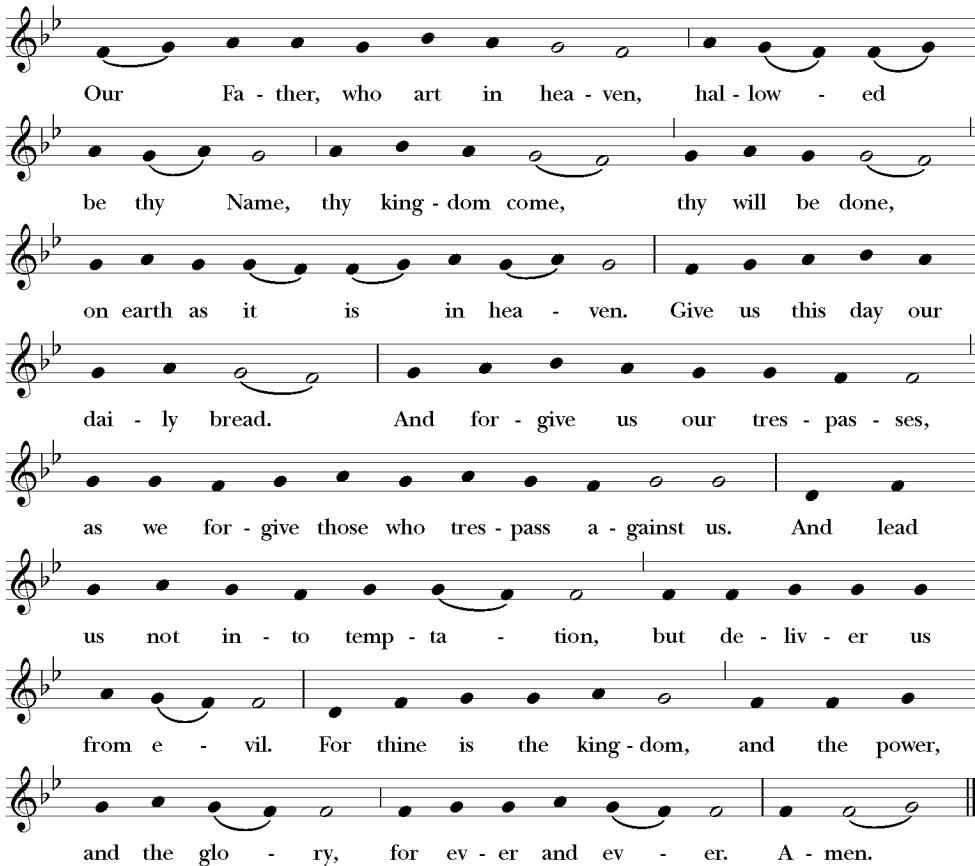
The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may
die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

AT THE COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

MOTET

In festo S. Johannis Baptistae

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Ut queant laxis resonare fibris
Mira gestorum famuli tuorum,
Solve polluti labii reatum,
Sancte Joannes.

*O for your spirit, holy John, to chasten
Lips sin-polluted, fettered tongues to loosen;
So by your children might deeds of wonder
Meety be chanted.*

Nuntius caelo veniens Olympo,
Te patri magnum fore nasciturum,
Nomen, et vitae seriem gerendae,
Ordinae promit.

*Lo! a swift herald, from the skies descending,
Bears to your father promise of your greatness;
How he shall name you, what your future story,
Duly revealing.*

Ille promissi dubius superni
Perdidit promptae modulus loquelae;
Sed reformasti genitus peremptae
Organa vocis.

*Scarcely believing message so transcendent,
Him for a season power of speech forsaketh,
Till, at your wondrous birth, again returneth,
Voice to the voiceless.*

Ventris obstruso positus cubili,
senserat Regem thalamo manentem:
Hinc parens nati meritis uterque,
Abdita pandit.

*You, in your mother's womb all darkly cradled,
Knew your great Monarch, biding in his chamber,
Whence the two parents, through their offspring's merits,
Mysteries uttered.*

Gloria Patri, genitaeque Proli
Et tibi, compar utriusque semper
Spiritus alme, Deus unus, omni
Tempore saeculi.
Amen.

*Praise to the Father, to the Son begotten,
And to the Spirit, equal power possessing,
One God whose glory, through the lapse of ages,
Ever resounding.
Amen.*

Office hymn for Second Vespers of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling

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 BLESSING

MAY God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. Amen

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Praecambulum in G

Heinrich Scheidemann
 (c. 1595-1663)

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5:30 P.M. SOLEMN EUCHARIST
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles

Missa Petre ego pro te rogavi – Alonso Lobo
Tu es Petrus – William Byrd
Janitor Coeli – Diego Ortiz

THURSDAY, JULY 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

Missa de Beata Virgine – Francisco Guerrero
Ave Maria – William Cornysh
In festo S. Mariae Magdalenaee – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Missa Quarti toni – Tomás Luis de Victoria
In festo transfigurationis Domini – Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
O nata lux – Thomas Tallis

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

Saint Bartholomew

Messa a tre voci – Antonio Lotti
Sanctus Bartholomaeus – Jacob Gallus-Handl
Omnipotens sempiterne Deus – Adrian Willaert