



ST BARNABAS

Apostle & Martyr



Christ the Vine, 16th c. icon, Byzantine & Christian Museum, Athens, Greece

2nd May 2021

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

Missa cantata

Organ Prelude Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Please stand for the entrance of the sacred ministers.

Vidi Aquam

Cantor I beheld water which proceeded from the temple on the right side thereof, alleluia:
and all they to whom that water came out were healed everyone, and they say: alleluia, alleluia.
Ps. 118:1 O give thanks unto the Lord for he is gracious; Because his mercy endureth forever.
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.
I beheld water...

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. Alleluia.

R. **And grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.**

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. **And let my cry come unto thee.**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Graciously hear us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from Heaven; to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Introit

Cantor O sing unto the Lord a new song, alleluia; for the Lord hath done marvellous things alleluia: in the sight of the nations hath he shewed his righteous judgments, alleluia, alleluia. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. Glory be ... O sing unto the Lord ...

Salutation and Collect for Purity

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie *Service of Holy Communion*

John Merbecke (c.1510-c.1585)

Cantor Kyrie eleison *Lord, have mercy upon us*
Christe eleison *Christ, have mercy upon us*
Kyrie eleison *Lord, have mercy upon us*

Gloria

Merbecke

Celebrant GLORY be to God on high,

Cantor

and in 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, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

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.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader

The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22*Deus, Deus meus.**Cantor*

FOR he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor / he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.
Of thee cometh my praise in the great congregation / my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied; they that seek after the Lord shall praise him / may your heart live for ever.
All the ends of the world shall remember, and be turned unto the Lord / and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord's / and he is the Governor among the nations.
Surely to him shall all the proud of the earth bow down / and before him shall kneel all that go down into the dust, and he that cannot keep his soul alive.
Their posterity shall serve him / it shall be told of the Lord unto a generation yet to come.

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgement, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God", and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

*Reader
People*

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia*Cantor*

Alleluia, alleluia. *℟.* I go to him that sent me: but because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your hearts. Alleluia. I tell you the truth: it is expedient for you that I go away. Alleluia.

The Gospel *St John 15:1-8*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant ✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the first verse.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. ...”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Fr Stewart Murray

Nicene Creed

Merbecke

Celebrant I BELIEVE in one God

Cantor 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 the 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; Through 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, The 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 INTERCESSION

A server leads the prayers for the Church, ending each petition with:

Reader Lord, in thy mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Invitation to Confession and Absolution

Celebrant YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking

from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory

Cantor

O be joyful in God all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of his Name: O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what things he hath done for my soul, alleluia.

Offertory Hymn 167

Hyfrydol

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| <p>1. ALLELUIA! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise; Sing to GOD a hymn of gladness, Sing to GOD a hymn of praise; He who on the Cross a victim For the world's salvation bled, JESUS CHRIST, the King of glory, Now is rise from the dead.</p> <p>2. CHRIST is risen, CHRIST the first-fruits Of the holy harvest field, Which will all its full abundance At his second coming yield; Then the golden ears of harvest Will their heads before him wave, Ripened by his glorious sunshine, From the furrows of the grave.</p> | <p>3. CHRIST is risen, we are risen; Shed upon us heavenly grace, Rain, and dew, and beams of glory From the brightness of thy face; That we, with our hearts in heaven, Here on earth may fruitful be, And by angel-hands be gathered, And be ever, LORD, with thee.</p> <p>4. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to GOD on high; Alleluia to the SAVIOUR, Who has gained the victory; Alleluia to the SPIRIT, Fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia! Alleluia! To the Triune Majesty.</p> |
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Secret (Prayer over the Gifts)

Celebrant

O GOD, who by the wondrous operation of this sacrifice, hast made us partakers of thy glorious Godhead : grant, we beseech thee, that we which are taught the knowledge of thy truth, may in all our conversation walk worthily of the same; through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Mass Intentions of the Day

Celebrant

Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours be acceptable unto God the Father almighty.

People **May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, to our benefit and to that of all His Holy Church.**

THE CANON OF THE MASS

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.**

Celebrant 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, Creator and Preserver of all things.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious Resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life.

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

Merbecke

Cantor HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

BLESSED ✠ is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. ✠ Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain

remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

Amen.

THE COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray. As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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 them that 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.**

The Fraction and Pax

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

Merbecke

Cantor O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God ...

All **Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion

Cantor When the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, is come; he will reprove the world of sin: and of righteousness, and of judgment, alleluia, alleluia.

Act of Spiritual Communion

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my

heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND DISMISSAL

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you;

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All ALMIGHTY and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us depart in peace. Alleluia.

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

Post-Communion Hymn 7

Warrington

1. Forth in thy Name, O LORD, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,
In all I think, or speak, or do.
2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.
3. Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.
4. Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day;
5. For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REGINA COELI

All Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia!
He, whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As He promised, hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to Him thy prayer, alleluia!

Celebrant Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

People For the Lord hath risen indeed, alleluia!

Celebrant O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hath vouchsafed to give joy to the whole world: Grant, we beseech thee, that with the help of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you;
People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord;
People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant May the Divine assistance remain with us always and may the souls ☩ of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Organ Postlude Carillon

Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)



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