



# CHRIST CHURCH

THE ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VIENNA

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
7 MAY 2023**

## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Andante Sostenuto*

A.P.F. Boëly (1785-1858)

## **HYMN 203**

- 1 **Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King.  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***
- 2 **The Lord of Life is risen for ay:  
bring flowers of song to strew his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***
- 3 **Praise we in songs of victory  
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***
- 4 **Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing to-day with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

## **GREETING**

In the name of the living God: Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The celebrant welcomes those in attendance.*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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.**

*The celebrant welcomes those in attendance.*

## **CONFESSION**

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## COLLECT

*The celebrant prays the collect set for the day.*

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## LESSON

*Acts 7.55-60*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:*

<sup>55</sup> Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

*Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

**To you Lord have I / come for / shelter:  
let me / never · be / put to / shame.**

**O deliver me / in your / righteousness:  
incline your ear to me / and be / swift to / save me.**

**Be for me a rock of refuge a fortress / to de-/-fend me:  
for you are my / high rock / and my / stronghold.**

**Lead me and guide me for your / name's / sake:  
bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me \*  
for / you / are my / strength.**

**Into your hands I com-/-mit my / spirit:  
you will redeem me / O Lord / God of / truth.**

**While they plot to-/-gether · a-/-gainst me:  
and scheme to / take a-/-way my / life.**

**But in you Lord have I / put my / trust:  
I have said / 'You / are my / God.'**

**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./ A-/-men.**

**LESSON**

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

*A reading from the First Letter of Peter:*

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual

house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', <sup>8</sup>and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN 192**

- 1 A brighter dawn is breaking,  
and earth with praise is waking;  
for thou, O King most highest,  
the power of death defiest;**
- 2 And thou hast come victorious,  
with risen body glorious,  
who now for ever livest,  
and life abundant givest.**
- 3 O free the world from blindness,  
and fill the world with kindness,  
give sinners resurrection,  
bring striving to perfection.**
- 4 In sickness give us healing,  
in doubt thy clear revealing,  
that praise to thee be given  
in earth as in thy heaven.**

## GOSPEL

*John 14:1-14*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.' <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*The appointed preacher offers a sermon.*

## CREED

*The 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,**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**

**who 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.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*A member of the congregation offers prayers.*

## PEACE

*The celebrant introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**and also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All exchange an appropriate sign of peace.*

#### OFFERTORY HYMN 445 (TUNE 337)

- 1 **God is here! As we his people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of his Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**
- 2 **Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.**
- 3 **Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.**

- 4 **Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel,  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!**

#### EUCCHARIST

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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

**[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.]**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke 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.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **INVITATION**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

**Amen.**

*The celebrant distributes communion.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN 809**

1 **Thou art the Way: by thee alone  
from sin and death we flee;  
and they who would the Father seek  
must seek him, Lord, by thee.**

2 **Thou art the Truth: thy word alone  
true wisdom can impart;  
thou only canst inform the mind  
and purify the heart.**

3 **Thou art the Life: the rending tomb  
proclaims thy conquering arm;  
and those who put their trust in thee  
nor death nor hell shall harm.**

4 **Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:  
grant us that Way to know,  
that Truth to keep, that Life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God Almighty  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN 665

- 1 **I am the Light whose brightness shines  
on every pilgrim's way,  
and brings to evil's darkest place  
the glorious light of day.**
- 2 **I am the Gate that leads to life  
along the narrow way,  
the Shepherd who will tend my sheep  
that none are lost or stray.**
- 3 **I am the Well from whose fresh springs  
life-giving water flows,  
and on each side the tree of life  
with leaves for healing grows.**
- 4 **I am the Bread, God's gift from heaven,  
sent down to satisfy  
that hunger which cries out for food;  
who eats shall never die.**
- 5 **I am the Vine whose branches grow  
united in one root;  
who dwell in me, and I in them,  
shall live and bear much fruit.**

- 6 **I am the Resurrection life,  
the power of God whereby  
whoever truly trusts in me  
shall live and never die.**
- 7 **I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,  
and truth shall set you free  
to seek and find the way to life  
and live that life in me.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Grand Choeur*

A.P.F. Boëly (1785-1858)

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