



CHRIST CHURCH

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN VIENNA

SECOND SUNDAY OF CREATIONTIDE
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
11 SEPTEMBER 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

HYMN 276

- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,**
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,**
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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.

REMEMBERING THE QUEEN

As we mourn the death of our queen, Elizabeth the Second, cherished by many throughout the world, and virtually in the same breath give thanks for her life and her faith, we Christians know that she became wise. She was no fool, as we will hear a little later in words from Psalm 14. One verse in the psalm reads, 'The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there any who are wise, who seek after God'. It is my contention, I will not be alone, that the Queen rooted in faith did seek after God knowing the God of our Lord Jesus Christ to be her anchor. Her seeking after God made her wise. On Friday members of the church and the British Embassy, in hastily arranged services, gathered to say prayers for the Queen, the King and the Royal Family. In the service we set aside time for reflection and prayed and gave thanks for loved ones who have gone before us such as our own mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers, praying for those facing death and those who asked our prayers. We intend to hold a Service of Remembrance in the context of Choral Evensong before the funeral a week Monday. Presently we are looking at next Sunday evening or Friday evening. Towards the end of today's service, the choir will sing the *Kontakion* and we will say prayers at this time of mourning for a wise Christian, who was Queen.

Before we continue with our Sunday service in Creationtide. Let us remember our Queen, our fellow Christian in a minute of stillness.

May she rest in peace and be raised in glory.

The service continues with the Prayer of Preparation.

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.**

CONFESSION

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**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 called your Church to bear witness

that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 32:7-14

A reading from the Book of Exodus:

⁷The LORD said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' ⁹The LORD said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, 'O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 14

**The fool has said in his heart 'There / is no / God' :
they have all become vile and abominable in their doings,*
there / is not one / that does / good.**

**The Lord looked down from heaven upon the / children of / men :
to see if there were any who would act / wisely and / seek after / God.**

**But they have all turned out of the way,*
they have all alike be/ come cor / rupt :
there is none that does / good, / no not / one.**

**Are all the evildoers devoid of / under / standing :
who eat up my people as men eat bread,
and do not / pray / to the Lord?**

**They shall be struck with terror :
for God is with the company of the righteous.**

**Though they frustrate the poor man in his hopes :
surely the Lord is his refuge.**

**O that deliverance for Israel might come forth from Zion :
when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people,
then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.**

**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.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy:

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was

formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 382

- 1 **Lord, I have made thy word my choice,
my lasting heritage:
there shall my noblest powers rejoice,
my warmest thoughts engage.**
- 2 **I'll read the histories of thy love,
and keep thy laws in sight,
while through the promises I rove
with ever-fresh delight.**
- 3 **'Tis a broad land of wealth unknown,
where springs of life arise,
seeds of immortal bliss are sown,
and hidden glory lies.**

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine

in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. ⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PfarrerIn Esther Handschin (Methodist)

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 peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN 728

1 Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony,
the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.
*O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship*

*for this is your God,
this is your God.*

2 Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify
prays: 'Father forgive.'
*O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

3 Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.
*O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

EUCCHARIST

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.

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

ANTHEM

HYMN 284

- 1 **For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.**
- 2 **In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**
- 3 **For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,**

**most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 celebrant may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing:

...and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN 671

1 **I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross of Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story**

**of the Christ who died for me—
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

2 **I was lost, but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.**

3 **He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet;
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me—
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Praeludium in G Major, BuxWV 162
Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

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Your contributions make a difference, and we are thankful for them.