

ST NICHOLAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, HELSINKI

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Sung Eucharist, Sixth Sunday of Easter, 9th May 2021

THE GATHERING

I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' (*Psalm 122.1*)

Let us proceed in peace. Alleluia, Alleuia, Alleluia!
In the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

HYMN: 758 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

STAND

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God has rescued us from the power of darkness, alleluia! and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, alleluia, alleluia! (*Colossians 1.13*)

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

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.

Prayers of Penitence

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.

Silence is kept


**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.**

The President declares 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.**

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy;
Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - - - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria



Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,

heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God, and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - - - men.

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The

Collect is said.

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD **SIT**

First Reading: Acts 10.44-48

Read by Bryan Taylor

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Sung by the choir to a chant by William Longhurst (1819-1904)

Epistle: 1 John 5.1-6

Read by...

A reading from the first epistle of St John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: 114 Come Down, O Love Divine

STAND

Gospel: John 15.9-17

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

A little while and you will no longer see me, says the Lord; and again a little while and you will see me. (*John 16.16*)

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon
SIT

ANTHEM: If ye love me by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Choir

The Nicene Creed
STAND

**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.**

**For ecumenical reasons, and according to the Anglican – Oriental Orthodox Agreement, Filioque can be omitted.*

Prayers of Intercession

The response to the petition
Lord, in your mercy is
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT STAND

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.

Preparation of the Table

OFFERTORY HYMN: 289 Holy Spirit, Truth divine
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STAND

During this hymn, a collection is taken to support the continuing mission of the Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy does not benefit from 'church tax'.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, bread of life,
as we come to you in this supper grant us never to hunger;
grant that, believing in you, we may never thirst;
we ask this in your name, who are alive and reign for ever. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



And_ al - so 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.____

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:



ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r_ and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The president recalls the Last Supper, and the following acclamation is used

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly, either:

Amen.

Or:

...in songs of everlasting praise:

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

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.

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus bear-er of our sins: have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re-deem-er of the
world: grant us your peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion:

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion. The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own Church. Those who are prevented by conscience or the rules of their own Churches from receiving the Blessed Sacrament are invited to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: 496 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

SIT

Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty; the water that I will give, says the Lord will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life, alleluia! (*John 4.14*)

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, '
now and for ever. **Amen.**

STAND

**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.**

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**
God has claimed us as his own.
**He has brought us out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**
Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Dismissal Gospel: John 11.25,26

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

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Blessing

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.

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

Amen.

Some brief announcements may be made by the president

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 428 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling TUNE: BLAENWERN **STAND**

The ministers and people depart.

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