

ST NICHOLAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, HELSINKI

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Sung Eucharist on the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
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We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Eucharist! We hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments after the service.

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Please stand as the clergy enter

THE GATHERING

The Lord waits to be gracious to you;
he will rise up to show mercy to you;
for the Lord is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him. (Isaiah 30.18)

Let us proceed in peace!
In the name of Christ, Amen!

Processional Hymn: 22 All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine

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.

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

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.

Silence is kept

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
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 & Gloria *we sing*

Slow and contemplative

1 Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have
6 mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy.
11 Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy. **rit.**
5 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and
10 peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and
16 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise — you for your glo - ry. —
22 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, — Lord God Lamb of God, you
28 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
33 seat - ed at the right — hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
39 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
44 you a - lone are the Lord, — you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
50 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.

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of
your grace,
that we, running the way of your
commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly
treasure;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18. Read by Jeremy Johnson. *We sit*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.
The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.
The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.
He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.
Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112 sung to a chant by The Revd William Jacobs (c.1800-1873)

1 Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the
Lord and have great delight in his
commandments.

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.

5 It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice,

6 For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

8 Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes.

9 They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16. Read by Johnson Samuel. *We sit*

A reading from the epistle to the Hebrews

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 671 Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.1, 7-14. *Please remain standing*

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

The least among all of you is the greatest, says the Lord. **Alleluia!** (*Luke 9.48*)

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Please sit*

The Nicene Creed *please 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 *,
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 *please sit or stand*

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

The Peace *please stand*

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. *Please wave or use a 'Namaste' greeting.*

Preparation of the Table

A hymn is sung and the gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

If you would like to make a donation to support the continuing mission of the Chaplaincy then please do so after the service – we have a mobile pay option (number 95789), contactless payment option, or offerings can be made in the basket provided at the back of Church. Thank you!

Offertory Hymn: 184 For the Beauty of the Earth TUNE 1: DIX

Please stand whilst the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. One or more prayers may be said.

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.**

This, or another suitable prayer may be read:

Almighty and most merciful God, out of the fullness of your gifts we bring before you this bread and wine, and our lives: Blessed be your holy name for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer *please stand*

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
 for Christ has risen from the tomb
 and scattered the darkness of death
 with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
 unfolds for us your word,
 and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
 And though the night will overtake this day
 you summon us to live in endless light,
 the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels
 and with all the heavenly host,
 we proclaim your glory
 and join their unending song of praise:

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might, Heaven 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 score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, time signatures, notes, rests, and dynamic markings like accents (>).

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 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.
Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death,
Lord Jesus,
Until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The 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.**

The Breaking of 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.**

The Agnus Dei *We sing*

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:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

PLEASE WAIT TO BE INVITED BY THE VERGER TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

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.

Silence is kept.

By God's will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Hebrews 10.10)

Post Communion Hymn: 144 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Post-Communion Prayers

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that
true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please 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

Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes 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 Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Some announcements maybe 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 2: BLAENWERN

The ministers and people depart.

PLEASE WAIT TO BE GUIDED OUT SAFELY BY THE VERGER

Thank you for joining us in worship today, we hope to welcome you again soon!

Please join us in the crypt for refreshments and the Annual Chaplaincy Meeting

We continue to collect food for the Vallila Help Centre, which provides essential help to Ukrainian refugees in Helsinki and the surrounding areas. Please keep the refugees and the workers at the centre in your prayers. Thank you.



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