

ST NICHOLAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, HELSINKI

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Sung Eucharist on the Thirteenth 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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The order of service indicates whether to sit or stand, however please feel free to adopt the posture that you feel most comfortable with. If you have difficulty coming up for communion then please let the Verger know and we will bring Communion to you.

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Please stand as the clergy enter

THE GATHERING

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

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

Processional Hymn: 565 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father. Grace and mercy be with
you.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Almighty God,
you judge us with infinite mercy and justice and love everything you have made.
In your mercy
turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life, and the sorrow of parting into the
joy of heaven; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

God has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ.
But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission, and confess them before God
our Father.

Silence is kept

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart: Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where dust and ashes have no
dominion.

All **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made
in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life
of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth, for the love she received from you and showed
among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living
and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due
time we may share with your servant Elizabeth that clearer vision promised to us in
the same Christ our Lord; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

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

Gracious God, we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless us as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Lamentations 3.22-26, 31-33. *We sit*

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.
For the Lord will not reject for ever.
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion

according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

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

Psalm 121 sung to a chant by Sir Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not suffer your foot to stumble; * he who watches over you will not sleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand, So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall keep you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep your soul.
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

The Second Reading: Second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, 4.16-5.4. *We sit*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling— if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

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

Gradual Hymn: 649 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.25-33. *Please remain standing*

Alleluia, alleluia.

'It is the will of him who sent me', says the Lord,

'that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day'.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (6.35-40)

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

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*

Jesus says:
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen 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.

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Offertory Hymn: 314 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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:

May all who are called to a place at your table
follow in the way that leads to the unending feast of life.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer *please stand*

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you
thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly
King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because through him you have given us the hope of a
glorious resurrection;
so that, although death comes to us all,
yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;
for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away; and when our
mortal flesh is laid aside
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the
company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever
praising you and saying:

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.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
 who, in your tender mercy,
 gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
 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;
 he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual
 memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
 and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to
 your 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
 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you
 restored our life:
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
 in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty

resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith
in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other
benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any
sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and
service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all
who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly
blessing;

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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

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:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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.

Music During Communion: Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Silence is kept.

Post Communion Hymn: 375 King of Glory, King of Peace

Post-Communion Prayers

Father in Heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the King, and all humankind,
peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Some announcements maybe made by the president.

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

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!

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