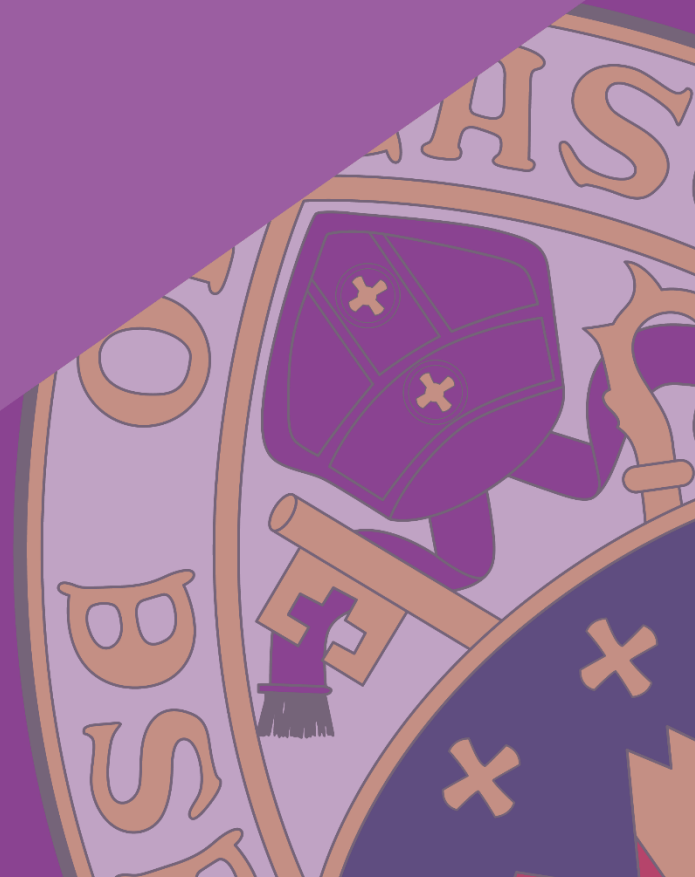




Convention Eucharist

St. Paul's, Chattanooga
Friday, February 7, 2020
4:15 pm



THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr', BWV 676
(All glory be to God on high)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT (*sung by the choir*)

I Believe This is Jesus

U. S. Moore (1904-1989)

I believe this is Jesus; come and see, oh, come and see.

The light of God shines in his face, he offers all his pardoning grace; come and see, oh, come and see.

Yes, yes, yes Lord! Oh, I believe this is Jesus; Come and see, come and see.

(Traditional Spiritual)

ENTRANCE HYMN *All stand*

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymnal 518

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis, Mathias

Hymnal S278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON *All sit*

ISAIAH 43:1-10

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true." You are my witnesses, says the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM 139:1-11

CHANT: J. TURLE

The choir introduces the antiphon, and the congregation repeats



Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

(antiphon, sung by all)

THE SECOND READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Hymnal 513

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 18:15-20

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON & ADDRESS TO CONVENTION

THE RIGHT REVEREND BRIAN L. COLE

THE NICENE CREED

All: 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Intervessor: In Christ, everything old has passed away, and everything is made new. With trust in God's promises, let us lift our prayers for the church and the world.

We pray for your church throughout the world, O God; for all bishops, priests and deacons, and for all disciples of Jesus Christ. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may be ambassadors of your reconciliation in this world that longs for mending.

Intervessor: In Christ, you are reconciling the world, O God.

***People:* Make us your new creation.**

Intervessor: We pray for the congregations and communities of the Diocese of East Tennessee and for Brian, our Bishop. Enliven and sustain our ministry, that we may proclaim your love, teach the ways of your grace, and serve as instruments of your healing.

Intervessor: In Christ, you are reconciling the world, O God.

***People:* Make us your new creation.**

Intervessor: We pray for this nation and all nations, that seeking your peace and guided by your wisdom, we may work to repair the divisions between us, that all people may find freedom from poverty, oppression and injustice.

Intercessor: In Christ, you are reconciling the world, O God.

People: **Make us your new creation.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who are sick, afraid, weary, hungry, or alone, that your hand may hold them fast, and they may know the joy of your redemption. Give us compassion for our neighbors' needs, and make us witnesses of your love and power.

Intercessor: In Christ, you are reconciling the world, O God.

People: **Make us your new creation.**

Intercessor: We pray for your children who are alienated and rejected by their neighbors and your church, that you may gather them to yourself, and that we may show them your love with humility and repentance.

Intercessor: In Christ, you are reconciling the world, O God.

People: **Make us your new creation.**

Intercessor: We pray for those who are dying and those who have died, that they may find delight and rest in you for all eternity.

Intercessor: In Christ, you are reconciling the world, O God.

People: **Make us your new creation**

The celebrant prays the concluding collect:

God of patient love, when we wander far away, you search us out and bring us home. Through baptism you clothe us with the glory of Christ and restore our inheritance. Cast out our fear, and give us generous hearts to embrace all who seek a place at the table of your overflowing love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

People: **Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The clergy offers an absolution

THE PEACE *All stand*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The offering from today's Convention Eucharist goes to support Metropolitan Ministries, a Chattanooga-based ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee. MetMin is a community hub where people come together in compassion, kindness, and mutual respect to provide needed assistance that prevents homelessness and fosters hopefulness.

AT THE OFFERTORY (*sung by the choir*)

Do Not Be Afraid

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

Marianna Allen, soprano

Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine. When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. Do not be afraid... When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. Do not be afraid... You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love. Do not be afraid....(Gerald Markland, based on Isaiah 43)

PRESENTATION HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

Hymnal 424

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be
 3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to

God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion,
 done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
 God. For the good we all in - her - it,

thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
 God's will be done. In our world - wide task of car - ing,
 thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,

si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in
 for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests
 for the truths that still con - found us, most of all that

earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 love has found us, thanks be to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

The people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION



Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Setting: Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

INVITATION (*clergy*)

All are welcome to receive Communion. When you come forward, you will be served the bread and the wine. You may eat the bread right away or you may dip the bread into the cup. To receive only a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate you do not wish to receive Communion.

AT THE COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI (*sung by the choir*)

Craig Phillips

COMMUNION HYMN

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

Hymnal 304

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia, alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup: Alleluia, alleluia!
So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee, That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be: Alleluia, alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully. (Percy Dearmer)*

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain
 when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

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The Post Communion Prayer *People are invited to either stand or kneel.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us the strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

Those Who Served This Afternoon

Presider: The Right Reverend Brian L. Cole; **Deacon:** The Reverend Suzanne Burch; **Communion Ministers:** The Reverend Canon Michelle Warriner Bolt, The Reverend Brad Whitaker, The Reverend Claire Brown, The Reverend Joe Woodfin, The Reverend April Berends; **Ushers:** Betty Grisard, John Beard, Mike Cooper, Janet Hale, Bert Whitaker, Lucy Powell; **Acolytes:** Ellis Coffelt, John Arrowsmith, Charles Nicely; **Vergers:** Julie Brandao, Jill Cavan, Jeremy Weldon; **Eucharistic Ministers:** Bo Hixson, Katherine Betts, Kelly Coffelt, Shannon Mowrer; **Lectors:** Lenora Corbin, Theo Maedgen; **Intercessor:** Celeste Humphrey; **Choir:** St. Paul's Senior Choir and St. Andrew Choir, with members of *In Spiritu* Compline Choir, Paul Thomas, Director of Music; **Convention worship planning team:** The Rev. Claire Brown, The Rev. Drew Bunting, The Rev. Taylor Dinsmore, The Rev. April Berends, Paul Thomas, Kathlyn Wender, Kat Cantelou, Tarbell Patten, Brian Henry, The Rev. Canon Michelle Warriner Bolt