



**2023 Convention Eucharist**  
11 November 2023 • 9 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Welcome and thank you for including us in your spiritual journey.  
If you need assistance, please locate an usher.  
If you are new among us, please introduce yourself  
to an usher or a member of the clergy.*

**PRELUDE**

*Solemn Procession* Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1961)



# THE WORD of GOD

*Please stand*

OPENING HYMN 397

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est heav - en,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
e - ter - nal Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

THE SALUTATION

B.C.P., p. 355

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

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant*

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.**

GLORIA S-280

Robert J. Powell

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y 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  
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O** God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

*Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*

**J**oshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said

to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow*

PSALM 78:1-7

*Attendite, popule*

B.C.P., p. 694



*Sung by choir and congregation.  
Each half verse is sung on the reciting note  
up to the last accented syllable.*

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- 1 Hear my teaching, O my **péople**; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my **móuth**.
  - 2 I will open my mouth in a **párale**; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient **tímes**.
  - 3 That which we have heard and known, ’  
and what our forefathers have **tóld us**, \*  
we will not hide from their **chíldren**.
  - 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the **Lórd**, \*  
and the wonderful works he has **dóne**.
  - 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for **Ísrael**, \*  
which he commanded them to teach their **chíldren**;
  - 6 That the generations to come might know, ’  
and the children yet **unbórn**; \*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their **chíldren**;
- Second half of chant*
- 7 So that they might put their trust in **Gód**, \*  
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his **commándments**.

THE EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

**W**e do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**HYMN** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* **DUNTLEY**



1	O	Love	that	will	not	let	me	go,	I
2	O	Light	that	fol -	lows	all	my	way,	I
3	O	Joy	that	seek -	est	me	through	pain,	I
4	O	cross,	that	lift -	est	up	my	head,	I



rest	my	wea -	ry	soul	in	thee.	I
yield	my	flick -	'ring	torch	to	thee.	My
can -	not	close	my	heart	to	thee.	I
dare	not	ask	to	fly	from	thee.	I

Text: George Matheson (1842-1906). Music: Scott Solak (b. 1961), ©.



give thee back the life I owe, that in thine  
 heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that in thy  
 trace the rain - bow through the rain, and feel the  
 lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and from the



o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
 sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
 prom - ise is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.  
 ground that blos - soms red, life that shall end - less be.

**THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 25:1-13*

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

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

The Rt. Rev. Ketlen A. Solak  
*Bishop, Diocese of Pittsburgh*

**THE NICENE 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:  
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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon or other leader*

Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of others as dear to us as our own. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the communities of faith that worship in your churches and missions.

Bless our Bishop Ketlen, our clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received.

By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**



Be present with us today who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right and grant us the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For our President, Joe, our Governor, Josh, and our Mayor, Ed, and all the leaders in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote dignity and freedom of every person;

We give thanks for the good earth that God has given us; give us the will and grace to preserve it. Protect all from lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit to encompass all those whose lives are torn apart by violence and death, particularly in Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine. Be with those who mourn, those taken from their homes and families, those whose homes are destroyed, and those who are hungry and afraid. Be their rock and shield, a place of refuge in the midst of violence and destruction. Offer a way out to those who are trapped.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We remember veterans and those in active military service. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, and whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day.

We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who cry out for help in their trouble;  
For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the unemployed,  
and all who suffer;  
For refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger;

For all caregivers; for all those whom we now name:  
Deliver them mind, body, and soul.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Receive into the arms of your mercy those who have died;  
For those who have died in the communion of your Church, and those  
whose faith is known to you alone, that with all the saints, they may have  
rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant concludes with collect.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and 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 celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated*



*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

*Celebrant and People*

S-129, Robert J. Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en 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 musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. There are triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of three notes in the second and third staves.

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**All**           **We remember his death,**  
                  **We proclaim his resurrection,**  
                  **We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

**All**           **Amen.**

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.  
Then the Celebrant continues*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People**       **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

AGNUS DEI, S-163

Robert J. Powell

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*  
Spiritual, arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.  
Children, don't get weary, 'til your work is done.  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*

*The People stand or kneel.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

B.C.P., p. 365

*Celebrant and People*

**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 strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

*Bishop* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
**People** **The maker of heaven and earth.**  
*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
**People** **From this time forth for evermore.**  
*Bishop* The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon  
you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*please stand*

**HYMN 432**

*O Praise Ye the Lord!*

**LAUDATE DOMINUM**

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,  
\*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - jice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
in - tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.  
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

Text: Psalms 148 and 150; para. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.  
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

## THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Music for a Celebration* Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

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