Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Canzon Quarta

G. Frescobaldi

Opening Hymn 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.CelebrantAlmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secretsare hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we mayperfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise 390 (vs. 1,4) "Praise to the Lord"

The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A reading from the book of Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; * this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People* Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 546 "Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve"

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 (All stand.)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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."

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People, Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church; *That we all may be one*.

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, for our bishops, Wayne and Kenneth, for our clergy, Jason and Vahagn, and for all bishops, priests and deacons; *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacrament.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight*.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for Patrick and all your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We give thanks for the lives of others whom you have shared with us; especially those celebrating their birthdays this week, ..., and for ...who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week, ...

Let us be a blessing for them as they have been your blessing in our lives.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence (during the silence the people may add their own petitions)

And we give thanks for the benefits we and those around us have received. *Silence (during the silence the people may add their own petitions)*

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession

Deacon or Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

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

Priest	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

Announcements

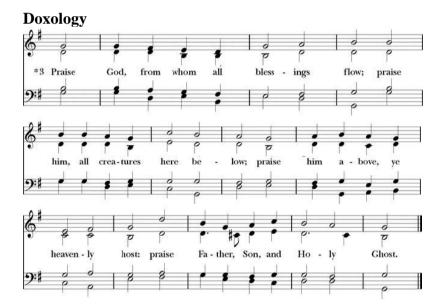
The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Plenty Good Room

Rob Glover

The people's gifts of bread and wine, along with the collection, are brought to the Altar. (Please stand.)



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B Expansive-language version, for trial use

Presider	God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

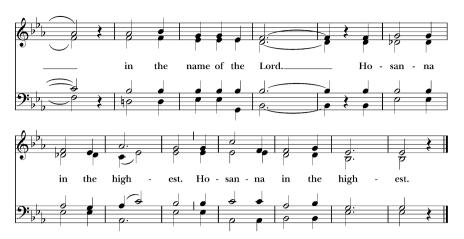
Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty

God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:





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Presider

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. *AMEN*.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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



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The Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn 593 "Lord, make us servants of your peace"

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Presider says Let us pray.

Presider 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

Closing Hymn 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

Dismissal

Deacon	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

G. P. Telemann