



the **Church**
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

The Feast of St Mary the Virgin
August 16, 2020
Service of Ante-Communion

Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon the Apostle.

Officiant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Choristers: Jerod Bertram, Ian Corlett, Katherine Jones, John White
Organist: Robin Davis

Mass Setting: *Gloria* and *Credo* - Merbecke

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*
or on page 230 of the *Book of Alternative Services*.



The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Suite Gothique – Prière à Notre-Dame*

LÉON BOËLLMANN

Hymn 372 *Praise to the Holiest in the Height*

GERONTIUS

The Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Gloria Hymn Book #679

MERBECKE

Celebrant Glory be to God on high,

All **and in earth peace, good will towards all.**

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect *Celebrant*

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word *Please be seated.*

First Lesson *Isaiah 7.10-15*

Reader: The first lesson is written in the 7th chapter of Isaiah, beginning at the 10th verse.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that

Second Lesson *Galatians 4.4-7*

Reader The Epistle is written in the 4th chapter of the Letter of Paul to the Galatians, beginning at the 4th verse.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 362 *Tell Out, My Soul*

WOODLANDS

The Holy Gospel *Luke 1:39-55*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

All **Glory be to thee O Lord.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise be to thee O Christ.**

Homily The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Nicene Creed Hymn Book #681

MERBECKE

Please stand.

Celebrant I believe in one God,
All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

*There is no rose of such virtue
as is the rose that bare Jesu: Alleluia.*

*For in this rose contained was
heaven and earth in little space: Res miranda.*

*By that rose we may well see
there be one God in persons three: Pares forma.*

*Then leave we all this worldly mirth
and follow we this joyous birth: Transeamus.*

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 1.28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith. If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2.1,2*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.**

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;

**and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee
in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem *O Virgin Pure, Immaculate*

NEKTARIOS OF AEGINA

(A Greek Marian Hymn borrowed from the Greek Orthodox tradition)
Transliteration by John White and Ian Corlett

Agni Parthene Dhespina,	<i>O virgin pure,</i>
Ahrante Theotoke,	<i>Immaculate God-bearer lady,</i>
Hyere Nimfi Animfefe.	<i>Rejoice, O unwedded bride.</i>
Parthene Mitir Anassa,	<i>O Virgin Mother, Queen of all,</i>
Panendrose te poke,	<i>and fleece which is all dewy,</i>
Hyere Nimfi Animfefe.	<i>Rejoice, O unwedded bride.</i>
Ipsiloter a ouranon,	<i>More radiant than the rays of sun,</i>
aktinon lamprotera,	<i>and higher than the heavens,</i>
Hyere Nimfi Animfefe.	<i>Rejoice, O unwedded bride.</i>
Hara parthenikon horon,	<i>Delight of virgin choruses,</i>
angelon ipertera,	<i>superior to Angels,</i>
Hyere Nimfi Animfefe.	<i>Rejoice, O unwedded bride.</i>
Eklambrotera ouranon, fotos	<i>Much brighter than the firmament, and purer</i>
katharoter a,	<i>than the sun's light,</i>
Hyere Nimfi Animfefe.	<i>Rejoice, O unwedded bride.</i>
Ton ouranion stration, pason	<i>More holy than the multitude of all the heav'nly</i>
ayioter a,	<i>armies,</i>
Hyere Nimfi Animfefe.	<i>Rejoice, O unwedded bride.</i>

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

*Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
Virgin-Mother undefiled.
Sing of God's own Son most holy,
Who became her little child.
Fairest child of fairest Mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very Brother,
Takes our nature by his birth.*

*Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,
In the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labour cannot weary
Love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
Though it drove him from her side,
Forth to preach, and heal, and suffer,
Till on Calvary he died.*

*Sing of Mary, sing of Jesus,
Holy Mother's holier son.
From his throne in heaven he sees us,
Thither calls us every one,
Where he welcomes home his Mother
To a place at his right hand,
There his faithful servants gather,
There the crownèd victors stand.*

*Joyful Mother, full of gladness,
In thine arms thy Lord was borne.
Mournful Mother, full of sadness,
All thy heart with pain was torn.
Glorious Mother, now rewarded
With a crown at Jesus' hand,
Age to age thy name recorded
Shall be blest in every land.*

*Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son;
Glory be to God the Spirit;
Glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessèd Mary,
From all saints the song ascends,
And the Church the strain re-echoes
Unto earth's remotest ends.*

Concluding Prayers

Lord's Prayer – *said together*

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 them that 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.**

Doxology

Celebrant **Glory to God,**

All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in
Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessings & Dismissal

Priest **Let us bless the Lord.**

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 320 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Postlude *Suite Gothique – Toccata*

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