



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

# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

## Service of Ante-Communion

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

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Organist: Robin Davis

Mass Setting: Gloria – *A Parish Mass* – Derek Holman

Agnus Dei – *Missa Brevis in E (Collegium Regale)* – Harold Darke

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## The Gathering of the Community

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**Prelude** Improvisation on *Sursum Corda*

**Hymn 527** *How Firm a Foundation*

ST. DENIO

## 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 also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

*Celebrant* *Glory be to God in the highest,*

**All** **and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**  
**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**  
**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**  
**Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:**  
**have mercy on us;**  
**You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**  
**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**  
**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

### **The Collect**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

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#### **First Lesson** *Exodus 1.8-2.10*

*Reader* The Old Testament lesson is written in the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Exodus, beginning at the 8<sup>th</sup> verse.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if

it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 65** *Te decet hymnus. Sung by all.*

VIII. 1.



*Cantor* <sup>1</sup> PRAISE IS due to thee, O God, in **Si**-on :  
and unto thee shall the vow be performed **in** Je-ru-sa-lem.

*All* <sup>2</sup> Thou that hearest the **prayer** :  
unto **thee** shall all flesh<sup>h</sup>come.

*Cantor* <sup>3</sup> My misdeeds prevail a-**gainst** me :  
O be thou merciful **un**-to our sins.

- All*     <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those whom thou choosest and re-**ceiv**-est :  
          that they may **dw**ell in thy courts.
- Cantor* <sup>5</sup> We shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy **hou**se :  
          even of thy **ho**-ly tem-ple.
- All*     <sup>6</sup> Thou shalt show us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our sal-**va**-  
          tion :  
          thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain **in**  
          the broad sea;
- Cantor* <sup>7</sup> Who in his strength setteth fast the **moun**-tains :  
          and is gird-ed a-bout with **power**;
- All*     <sup>8</sup> Who stilleth the raging of the **seas** :  
          the roaring of their waves, and the tumult **of** the peo-ples.
- Cantor* <sup>9</sup> They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth are afraid at thy **to**-kens :  
          thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and even-**ing** to praise thee.
- All*     <sup>10</sup> Thou visitest the earth and **wa**-ter-est **it** :  
          thou makest it **ve**-ry plen-teous.
- Cantor* <sup>11</sup> The river of God is full of **wa**-ter :  
          thou preparest their grain, for so thou pro-**vi**-dest for the **earth**.
- All*     <sup>12</sup> Thou waterest her furrows, smoothing the ridges there-**of** :  
          thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the **in**-crease of it.
- Cantor* <sup>13</sup> Thou crownest the year with thy **good**-ness :  
          and thy paths **drip** with fat-ness.
- All*     <sup>14</sup> The pastures of the wilderness **drip** :  
          and the little hills re-**joice** on ev-ery<sup>^</sup>side.
- Cantor* <sup>15</sup> The pastures are clothed with **flocks** :  
*All*     the valleys also stand so thick with grain **that** they laugh and sing.
- Cantor* Glory be to the Fa-ther, and to the **Son**:/  
          and **to** the Ho-ly<sup>^</sup>Ghost;
- All*     As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be :  
          world with-**out** end. Amen.

## **Second Lesson** *Romans 12.1-8*

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 601** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BLAENWERN

## **The Holy Gospel** *Matthew 16.13-20*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

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

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Priest* The Gospel of Christ.  
*All* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

### **Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.**

**Solo** *Silent Noon*

RALPH VAUGHN WILLIAMS

Soloist – Jenny Cohen

*Your hands lie open in the long fresh grass,  
The finger-points look through like rosy blooms:  
Your eyes smile peace. The pasture gleams and glooms  
'Neath billowing clouds that scatter and amass.*

*All round our nest, far as the eye can pass,  
Are golden king-cup fields with silver edge  
Where the cow-parsley skirts the hawthorn hedge.  
'Tis visible silence, still as the hour glass.*

**Intercessions**

**Hymn** *Search Me, O God, and Know My Heart Today* (Tune CP # 201) SURSUM CORDA

*Search me, O God, and know my heart today;  
try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.  
See if there be some wicked way in me;  
cleansing me from every sin and set me free.*

*I praise thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;  
fulfill thy word and make me pure within.  
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;  
grant my desire to magnify thy name.*

*Lord, take my life, and make it wholly thine;  
fill my poor heart with thy great love divine.  
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride,  
I now surrender, Lord-- in me abide.*

*O Holy Spirit, revival comes from Thee,  
Send a revival, start the work in me,  
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;  
For Blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

**All 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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All And also with you.**

## Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*



## 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.**

*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.**

**All**      **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

### Blessing & Dismissal

*Celebrant*    Let us bless the Lord.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**    *All for Jesus*

JOHN STAINER

*All for Jesus – all for Jesus,  
This our song shall ever be;  
For we have no hope, nor Saviour,  
If we have not hope in thee.*

*All for Jesus – thou wilt give us  
Strength to serve thee, hour by hour,  
None can move us from thy presence,  
While we trust thy love and power.*

*All for Jesus – at thine altar  
Thou wilt give us sweet content;  
There, dear Lord, we shall receive thee  
In the solemn sacrament.*

*All for Jesus – thou hast loved us;  
All for Jesus – thou hast died;  
All for Jesus – thou art with us;  
All for Jesus crucified.*

*All for Jesus – all for Jesus –  
This the Church's song must be;  
Till, at last, we all are gathered  
One in love and one in thee.*

**Postlude** *Fugue in D*  
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