



125th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia
Williamsburg, Virginia
10 February 2017 ☩ 11 a.m.

Quasquicentennial Council Eucharist

Instrumental Prelude

All are invited to sit at tables and communion instructions are given.

The Bishop then invites the Assembly to stand and says

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**The procession enters as the people sing the Song of Praise: "All people that on earth do dwell"
(tune *Old 100th*).**

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise for tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God in deed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from earth and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Assembly sits. The assigned Reader then reads Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 17-18 (New Revised Standard Version).

A reading from Deuteronomy.

Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Assembly remains seated as they sing Psalm 24 (setting by David York).

Assembly



Choir

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

Assembly

Lift up your heads, O gates; and the King of glory shall come in.

Choir

- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

Assembly

Lift up your heads, O gates; and the King of glory shall come in.

Choir

- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Assembly

Lift up your heads, O gates; and the King of glory shall come in.

Choir

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 “Who is this King of glory? *
“The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.”

Assembly

Lift up your heads, O gates; and the King of glory shall come in.

Choir

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 “Who is he, this King of glory? *
“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

Assembly

Lift up your heads, O gates; and the King of glory shall come in.

The assigned Reader then reads Romans 12:1-12 (*New Revised Standard Version*).

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 judgment, 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.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand and sing the Gospel Hymn: "Be thou my vision" (tune Slane).

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in my dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Deacon reads Luke 17:11-19, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The procession returns to the altar accompanied by instrumental music. The Preacher then invites the people to be seated.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Following the sermon, the Bishop and people stand and say together

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

The Deacon and People pray responsively

Let us give thanks for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

Silence

We give you thanks, O God, for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth, and sky, and sea.

We thank you for our daily food and drink so freely bestowed on us. We give thanks for our homes, our families, and our friends.

With grateful hearts,
help us to live generously, O God.

We give you thanks, O God, for minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve. We thank you for work that contributes to the common good and rest that lets us return to you.

I invite your thanksgivings.

The People may add their own petitions

With grateful hearts,
help us to live generously, O God.

We give you thanks, O God, for all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ. Help us to hear your call as we serve and pray for those in need.

I invite your prayers for those in need.

The People may add their own petitions

With grateful hearts,
help us to live generously, O God.

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Open our eyes and strengthen our wills, that we might reflect your generosity through our words and actions.

With grateful hearts,
help us to live generously, O God.

We give you thanks, O God, for the witness of those who have gone before us. I invite your prayers for those who have died.

The People may add their own petitions

Surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, with all the blessings they have left for our parishes and diocese, may we be empowered by your Holy Spirit to finish the race that is before us.

With grateful hearts,
help us to live generously, O God.

The Bishop concludes the prayers by saying (adapted from St. Ignatius)

Lord God, teach us to be generous.
Teach us to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek rest;
to labor and not to ask for any reward
other than knowing that we are doing your will.
This we pray in the name of your most generous gift to us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

People *Amen.*

The Deacon then says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Deacon and People

Holy God, heavenly Father,
you formed us from the dust in your image and likeness,
and redeemed us from sin and death by the cross of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through the water of baptism
you clothed us with the shining garment of his righteousness,
and established us among your children in your kingdom.

But we have squandered the inheritance of your saints,
and have wandered far in a land that is waste.

For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses.

Receive us again into the arms of your mercy,
and restore us to the blessed company of your faithful people;
through him in whom you have redeemed the world,
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Bishop then says

May 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 Bishop then invites the people to exchange the Peace.

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Bishop designates the offering. The Assembly sits as the diocesan choir sings *Locus iste* (This place) – composed by Philip Stopford

*This place is the work of God,
a mystery surpassing all comprehension,
above all reproach.*

Text - Latin chant

When the anthem ends, the people stand and sing the Presentation Hymn as gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented at the altar: “Take my life and let it be” (tune *Hollingside*).

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee;
take my love; my Lord I pour
at thy feet its treasured store.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Eucharistic Prayer D

The Bishop faces the people and says

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

The Bishop continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Assembly then sings (S125; setting composed by Richard Proulx)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Bishop then continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Bishop 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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Bishop and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Bishop continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints in this diocese and beyond who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

The Assembly shouts

AMEN!

An instrumental fanfare then sounds.

When the fanfare is completed, the Bishop says

Using the Contemporary form,
as our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

Bishop and People

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 Communion of the People

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. S167 is sung as the Fraction anthem while the altar party communes and communion ministers move to their stations.

Cantor

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

People

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Cantor

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

People

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Cantor

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

People

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

The Bishop then says

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Diocesan Choir Communion Anthem: *Draw us in the Spirit's tether* – composed by 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! 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! 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! We will serve thee faithfully.*

Text - Percy Dearmer

Congregational hymn: "God we Gather" (tune *Bruton*)

God we gather as your people called to holy time and space,
dancing in a sacred story of deliverance and grace,
over land and over waters, far and wide, your name is heard,
carried by your sons and daughters trusting your life-giving word.

As your creatures blest with mem'ry we recall salvation's hymns,
tunes of hope for all the ages, words of light that never dims:
with her timbrel, Miriam dancing, David playing on his lyre,
savior Jesus, born of Mary, worshipped by the angels' choir.

Yet great fear is all around us. Greed and rage leave dreadful scars.
Hoarded wealth and unshared power fashion unjust prison bars.
In a land of milk and honey, bring us healing, right our wrongs.
move us with bright notes of promise. Help us wisely use your songs.

God, creator most amazing, Jesus, healer, teacher, friend,
Holy Spirit, stirring in us dreams of peace on grace-filled wind,
in your eyes all time is holy. All of earth is sacred, too.
All your children are beloved. Help us know them, one with you.

Congregational hymn: "I come with joy" (tune *Land of Rest*)

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.

When necessary, the bishop or a priest consecrates additional bread and wine

Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread (wine) that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body (Blood) of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread (the cup) and said, "This is my Body (Blood)." *Amen.*

The Bishop then says

Let us pray.

Bishop 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 Bishop then blesses the people.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

The procession begins as the people sing: "O God our help in ages past" (tune *St. Anne*).

O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the storm blast,
And our eternal home:

under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

The Deacon then says

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Postlude

Liturgical Ministers

Herman Hollerith, IV, Presider
Timothy M. Dombek, Preacher

Lectors:

Joe Davis (St. Martin, Williamsburg), Ginger Meisenhelder (St. George, Pungoteague)

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Musicians:

Rebecca E. Davy (Music Director & Organist), Larry Clemens (Trumpet), Wendell Banyay (Trumpet), Susan Lindsay (Horn), Dru Stowe (Trombone), Dan Knipple (Timpani). We thank all who traveled from across the diocese to serve as choir members for this liturgy!

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Sound: Jim Rayburn

Diocesan Liturgical Commission:

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