

4 Advent 2005 - The Visitation of the Bishop with Holy Eucharist Rite II and the Blessing of Gifts to the Altar and the Office Renovation

The Vicar will formally welcome the Bishop.

Opening Hymn

Hymnal p.59

Hark a thrilling voice is sounding.

“Christ is nigh,” it seems to say.

*“Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the Day.”*

*Wakened by the solemn warning,
From earth’s bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.*

*Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven.*

*So when next he comes with glory,
And the world is wrapped in fear,
May he with his mercy shield us,
And with words of love draw near.*

*Honor, glory, might, and blessing
To the Father and the Son
With the everlasting Spirit
While unending ages run.*

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.

Bishop Continues:

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.*

The Gloria (said in unison)

*Glory to God in the highest,
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 of the Day

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Let us pray

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitations, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Be seated for the lessons.

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 7: 4, 8 – 16

Psalm 132:8 – 15

Second Lesson: Romans 16:25-27

*Stand (instruction may vary depending on sightlines –
follow the guidance of the Vicar)*

Gradual Hymn (one time in unison)

*Bless the Lord, My Soul, and bless his holy Name
Bless the Lord, my Soul, who leads me into life*

Gospel: Luke 1:26 – 38

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

Vicar: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon

Bishop Chane

The Nicene Creed (unison – Led by the Bishop)

*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, and 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.*

*The Prayers of the People are Form III in the Prayer Book,
beginning on page 387. Led by the Prayer Leaders*

Leader: Father, we pray for your Holy Catholic Church;
People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.
People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;
People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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

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

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

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;
People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The people add their own petitions

The Confession

Bishop: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 hearts; 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 delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Bishop: 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

Bishop: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you

The congregation greets one another with a sign of God's peace.

The vicar returns to the altar to signal beginning of Offertory preparations

Offertory Hymn – Prepare the way, O Zion H - P. 65

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

O Blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.

His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.

Refrain

The Blessing of the Gifts for use at the Altar.

Marlene Hines brings forward the gifts to be blessed.

Verger hands bowl and box wood to the LEM to present to the Bishop to bless.

*The **Bishop** blesses the water to be used then, if desired, and also to be used for the blessing of the office renovation.*

Bishop: We thank you almighty God for the gift of water, over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Now sanctify this water we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The **Bishop** lays hands on, or asperges, or does what is seemly in his sight as he says:*

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart these purificators, this Host Box and this carafe to your praise and glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Vicar invites the Ingathering of the UTO

The people bring forward their offerings

*The **Bishop** gives the the Offertory Sentence:*

Walk in Love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ushers bring forth the elements.

Ed Knight will receive the elements

*The Vicar sets the Table with the assistance of Tom
Hattaway who then continues to assist at the table*

*The **Bishop** and Vicar concelebrate – the Bishop voices, the
Vicar signs.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer A page 361

Celebrants: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrants : Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrants: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrants continue:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Celebrants and People

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrants continue:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Taking the Bread and Cup in turn

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrants continue

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. AMEN.

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread.

The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the peace. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministration of Communion
Paten: Bishop Chane Chalice: The Vicar

After the Communion the vessels are taken to the Sacristy

Post Communion Prayer (Unison)

*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 your 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Announcement by the vicar that we will process downstairs
after the closing hymn for the blessing of the office, the
Bishop's blessing, and the dismissal.*

Closing Hymn - Rejoice, believers H - P.68

*Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
Up, watch in expectation at mid-night comes the cry.*

*See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
Rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bride-groom is at hand.*

*Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
A rise, thou Son so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands up-lifted, we plead, O Lord to see
The day of earth's redemption, and ever to be with thee!*

PROCESSION TO THE OFFICE

Order of Procession :

*Verger and LEM carrying asperges and key to office
The Congregation
The interpreter
The Chaplain escorting the Bishop and Vicar*

*(This arrangement allows the verger and LEM to help
arrange the congregation so that there is a space for the
bishop where he can be seen. The interpreter will place
herself as needed. The chaplain holds the book.*

*The **Vicar & Vice-Chair** address the Bishop on behalf of
the congregation:*

We present to you this office, newly renovated and its
furnishings, to be set apart for our service to God's holy
Church.

*The **Bishop** leads the following as he asperges and blesses:*

Bishop: All things come from you , O Lord;

People: And from your own gifts do we give to you.

Bishop: Prosper the work of our hands

People: Prosper our handiwork

Bishop: Show your servants your works;

People: And your splendor to their children.

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart this newly renovated office in which to serve to your praise and glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop Blesses the People saying:

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel this way with us.

So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.

And may the blessing of the One who made us, and who loves us, and who travels with us, be upon you and those you love dearly this day and always, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Vicar dismisses the People:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Lets us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Community announcements will be made in the Parish Hall during fellowship.

Ministers of the Service: The Congregation

Celebrant and Preacher: The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane, Bishop of Washington

Concelebrant and Deacon of the service: The Reverend Barbara A. Allen, Vicar, St Barnabas Episcopal Church of the Deaf

Bishop's Chaplain and LEM: Mr. Thomas Hattaway, Vice-Chair of the Mission Committee

Response Leader and LEM: Mr. Ed Knight, Treasurer of the Community

Readers: Mr. Rudy Hines, Dr Ronald Sutcliffe, Ms Shelley Simms, Mrs. Kary Hattaway

Interpreter: Ms Karen Newquist-Gifford

Verger: Mrs. Tracy Dieter