



**THE DIOCESE
OF VIRGINIA**

**Service of Holy Eucharist
Celebrating the 226th Annual Convention
of the Diocese of Virginia**

Prelude: McKee, "In Christ, there is no east or west" arr. John H Vreeland

The St. George Jazz Ensemble

Opening Acclamation:

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Celebrant: 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

All: 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

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,

their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;

in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his

master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon **The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, Bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee**

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:

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.

The Prayers of the People

Gracious God, you have given us many opportunities to share our hopes and dreams as a diocese; we raise our voices to you in sorrow for the loss of the chance to meet face to face to do important work as we had planned at this time; we also raise our voices to you in gratitude for the way we have responded to the challenge to do that work in a new way.

And so we ask: God, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Bless all who are in positions of leadership in your church: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Susan, our Bishop Suffragan and Ecclesiastical Authority; for Jennifer and Porter, our Assistant Bishops; for Phoebe, Bishop and Preacher, and for all of those who are part of the priesthood of all believers, be they ordained or in the lay order.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all who are in positions of authority in our nation and our world. May they understand that power is meaningless without justice and mercy. May they remember that authority can be destructive if not tempered by accountability and love. May they know that your abundant and bottomless love is the perfect model for all that they do.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us the strength of heart to continue in our work for racial justice and healing; help us to be open to new learnings and to be humble as we realize the ways in which we have not fully loved each other. Teach us new ways to build relationships that are not centered on our differences but upon our gratitude for your love.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Creator God, remind us of the gift you have given us in this world, a gift that we have often taken for granted and even abused. Show us ways to restore this fragile earth to health in the facing of ever-mounting threats to all life.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As you invite us into deeper relationship with you, give us the words we need to invite others who do not yet know you into relationship with you, seeing them not as mere numbers on a parochial report but as beautiful souls who will be blessed by your presence in their hearts.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We are your church, generous God. Help us find the path to trusting in your providence, so that we turn from a fear that we do not have enough. Show us that we are one body in so many different ways, and we do have the gifts and resources to transform the world, most particularly when we partner in that holy work. Give us generous hearts so your will may be fulfilled.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

When the pain of illness of body and spirit and the death of beloved ones and even of hope seem ever present, remind us of your constant presence and love. Help us pray when we are ill or grieving, help us carry those who do not have the strength to pray. Shine a light of hope in these days when it feels hard to find a match to light that candle. Comfort those who struggle, celebrate those who have joined you at the Heavenly Banquet, and bless those who suffer.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Send your Wisdom to us through your Holy Spirit as we continue the work we have started today. Uphold us in that work and teach us what we need. We look to you in hope, for in you all our hope is founded. Thank you for all you have given us and all you will give us, as you always do, in your great love for us all.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Closing Collect

Creator God, be with us as we await the time when we may be together again. We put our whole trust in you knowing that in our uncertainty your truth still continues as the light for our journey. Though we are not bound together by a common place in this time, grant that we be bound together by your spirit so that the work you gave us in the Great Commission may continue, and may heal your broken world. In your holy name we pray. *AMEN.*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem “Offertorio Latinoamericano”

Julio Cuellar

Mr. Julio Cuellar and the Musicians of Santa Maria, Falls Church

Tus pueblos latinos Que hoy sufriendo están Te ofrecen con fe El vino y el pan	[Christ], your Latino peoples that are suffering today bring to you an offering of bread and wine.
Fruto de la tierra Trabajo y amor Recibe esta ofrenda Bendito señor	This is the fruit of our labor and love; please receive our offering, blessed Lord.
Bendice el esfuerzo Y su caminar Y llena su mesa De fe y de bondad	Bless our efforts and their path, and fill their table with faith and love.
Convierte este vino En tu sangre señor Y el pan de mi pueblo En tu cuerpo señor	In this wine give us your blood, Lord and in the bread of the people your body, Lord.
Renuévanos la fe A todo el pueblo latino Enseña a compartir De tu alimento divino	Renew our faith, especially to the Latino peoples suffering today. Teach us to share your food divine.
Haz que no falte el pan En la mesa del hermano Haz que tus hijos se amen Como buenos hermanos	May there always be bread on the table of my siblings and may we learn to love each other as a brother and sister is loved.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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.

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

Post-Communion Prayer

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

POSTLUDE – Guide Me, Oh, Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal 1982 #690

The Choir of Christ Church, Alexandria
Mr. Jason Abel, Music Director

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
 where the healing stream doth flow.
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through.
 Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield,
 be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside.
 Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side.
 Songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever sing to you,
 I will ever sing to you.

Participants in this Service

Presiding: The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff, Ecclesiastical Authority and Bishop Suffragan
 Assistant Bishops: The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson and the Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor
 Preaching: The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, Bishop of West Tennessee
 Old Testament: Mr. Bradfute Davenport, Esq., Grace and Holy Trinity, Richmond
 Psalm: Ms. Sacarra Branch and Ms. Tyra Gilliam, Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School,
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 New Testament: Mrs. Gladys Johnson, St. Mary's, Colonial Beach
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 The Rev. Deacon Grace Lee, St Francis Korean, McLean
 The Rev. Deacon Holly Hanback, St. Gabriel's, Leesburg
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 Mr. Celal Kamran, Candidate for Holy Orders, Virginia Theological Seminary
 Dismissal: The Rev. Deacon Christine Garcia, Christ Ascension, Richmond

Musicians:

The St. George Jazz Ensemble

Flute - Stephanie Woolsey

Alto Sax - Lisa Bogardus

Tenor Sax - David Bronston

Trombone - Stephen Hu

Solo Guitar - Tres Seaver

Rhythm Guitar - Joe Perrone

Bass - Andre Iglevsky

Drums - Brian Seals

Percussion - Halen Seals

Piano - John Vreeland

The Musicians of Santa Maria, Falls Church

Julio Cuellar: Music Director Iglesia de Santa Maria /Santa Maria Church (Lead Vocal and Guitar)

Maria S. Baldelomar (vocal)

Julio Cuellar Jr. (Percussion)

Juan Cayrampoma (Andean Winds)

The Choir of Christ Church, Alexandria

and Mr. Jason Abel, Music Director

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