



WELCOME TO THE BANQUET

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Wood, Thomas Waterman, 1823-1890. *Sherry, Sir*,
from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Regarding the cover image: The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.” ~ Matthew 23:11-12

Thomas Waterman Wood spent time during the Civil War and shortly thereafter in the upper South of Nashville, TN, and Kentucky. During his stay, he made a number of sketches of African-Americans, and upon his return to the Northeast, he developed these into insightful works of the life of the freed slave. This painting of an African-American domestic, a generation after emancipation, was one of several works on the theme of the American household in the boom times of the late 1880's and early 1890's, especially in the Northeast. Ironically, she is serving, serving in freedom, a paradox that engages the viewer.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray: **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.**

Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ says: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and

GATHERING SONG

I'LL FLY AWAY

Please stand as you are able.

Albert E. Brumley

Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away
I'll fly away O glory
I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away
When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away
I'll fly away O glory
I'll fly away

When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away
Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away
I'll fly away O glory
I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

CANTICLE

A SONG OF GOD'S LOVE

Said by all

1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent their only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent their Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.

CHORUS

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

LEVAS #194

As we sing, the reader comes to the middle of the room, just as Christ comes among us. All turn in toward the reader.

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Please sit.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

We are convinced that the wisdom and image of God is present equally in all people. Thus, after the homily and a brief time of pause and reflection, the floor will be opened for a discussion and sharing around the themes of the text. There is space provided in your bulletins or the art notebooks for you to take notes or reflect in any way that would be meaningful for you. All we be welcome to share.

HOMILY

Please feel free to use the space below to reflect on what words or images might be emerging for you this morning.

CONVERSATION

We welcome now a time of sharing and conversation. There is so much wisdom here, we invite you to share what is coming up for you or what you have drawn or what questions you may have. All are welcome to share. All are welcome to disagree. Please raise your hand and a microphone will come to you.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

This is a statement that we repeat in order to remember who we are, who God is and how we want to live in the world.

Leader God is One God,

All **the almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is - seen and unseen.**

God is Jesus Christ,

the eternal Son, divine and human, our Savior. His life, death, and resurrection reveal to us that God is love.

God is The Holy Spirit,

at work in the world. Speaking through prophets past and present, inspiring us, holding us accountable, leading us to grow into the full stature of Christ.

With God's help,

We will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.

With God's help,
We will persevere in resisting evil, and when falling into sin, we will repent and return to God.

With God's help,
We will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

With God's help,
We will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself.

With God's help,
We will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

CONFESSON AND RESPONSE

God, you have called us to be Love in the world:

We do not always recognize our belovedness;
We do not always recognize the belovedness of our neighbor;
We know we harm our relationship with you
And our relationships with each other
With words said and unsaid
With deeds done and undone
We ask for your unreserved forgiveness.
We ask for your unconditional love.
Help us to forgive without reservation.
Help us to love without condition.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive 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.

PEACE

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited, to follow with us on the path of the cross and find the nourishment at the table of God's love.

Come, **Let us walk in love, as Christ loves us.**

As the music plays, the congregation will gather around the altar on the for communion. Please bring your bulletin with you.

SONG

SOLID ROCK
LEVAS #99

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer has been adapted from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, San Francisco.

Celebrant It is with all our hearts and all our minds

People **We give thanks to you, Mother and Father of all creation
You make all things and call them good.
You love us into being,
You form us in your image
and breathe into us the breath of life.**

Intercessor Give thanks for God's work among all of her people.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant When we turn away, when we ignore your love.

All **You remain steadfast. You are faithful to us.
You liberate us from captivity,
Freeing us to love your world more fully
You set before us the way of life.**

Intercessor Pray for enemies and for friends.
Free prayers from the people.

Intercessor Pray for the violent and for those who suffer at others' hands.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By his baptism of suffering and death
you give your people birth into a living hope.
Raising Jesus from the dead,
you make a new covenant with us,
by water and the Spirit,
and give us to one another.

All **We who were lost people are now your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who calls us out of death into his Life.**

Intercessor Pray for the hungry and sick and afraid.
Free prayers from the people.

Intercessor Pray for prisoners and those without homes.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant On the night when he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: this is my Body which is broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Intercessor Pray for the dead and for mourners.
Free prayers from the people.

Celebrant On the third day you raised Jesus from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who came to the tomb to care for his body.
On that day Jesus was recognized by his disciples
in the breaking of bread.
And so, remembering these your
mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
We offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
and we praise you and we bless you.

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

Celebrant Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.
By your spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in loving service to all the world,
until all may feast at your heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ, and
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION

Behold what you are. Become what you receive.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to gather at the table of God's love.

If you would like to receive the sacrament, please come forward.

Once you have received the bread, you are invited to dip it in the cup or drink from the cup if you would like.

If you would like gluten free, please let us know.

After, you are invited to return to your original seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

LEVAS #188

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sebillows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,

And has shed His own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

3 My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

4 And, Lord, hast the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

As needed.

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Said by all, please turn to face the open doors of the nave, as we prepare to go into the world.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon dismisses the People and the People respond.

Thanks be to God.

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer!

We love the sound of kids in our service.

Here are some ideas to keep them engaged:

Relax: It's OK for kids to be kids. We offer coloring pages, worship bags, and books they can use during the service.

Sit Close: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see.

Explain: Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

Participate: Kids learn by mimicking what you do. So sing, pray, respond, etc. and kids will follow your lead.

Wander: It's OK to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids wander.

Need to Leave? No problem, there are spaces to take a break - kids need that sometimes. Come back when you're ready!

Ask: Questions or need help? Just ask our ushers.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19:14 NRSV



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YOUR NAME
Here

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAG - As we gather together for worship today it is important to wear your nametag to help us all remember names or just meet for the first time. Don't have a nametag yet? Sign-up for one in the narthex/lobby near the entrance to the chapel. It will be ready for you next Sunday in the nametag cabinet.

CALENDAR

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant The Rev. Joyce Keeshin
Preacher The Rev. Philip DeVaul
Deacon The Rev. Gary Lubin
Sacristan Elise Allred
Scripture Reading..... Paige DeVaul
Intercessor Amy Spitzer
Chalice Bearers Jane Allan, Andrew Cole
Ushers..... Maria Cole, Andrew Cole
Altar Guild..... Julia Joyce, Pattie Kovach, Brian Weinewuth, Kelli Wisecup
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