Prelude:

“Prelude” fromSuite No. 1 in G Major

Brian Klickman, Cellist

“Elegy”

Edward Elgar

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

Amen.
HYMN: *ELW* 422, “For All the Saints”

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
   who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
   thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
   soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
   sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
   the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
   the King of glory passes on his way.  
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,  
   through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
   singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
   Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897  
Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958 © Oxford University Press

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

FIRST LESSON  
*Revelation 7:9-17*  
*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today’s reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: “Who is able to stand?” The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God’s protection and a vision of victory.*

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.  
10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”  
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,  
12 singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”  
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”  
14 I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and
night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;  

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34

The cantor will sing the refrain first, then all are invited to repeat it.
The cantor will then sing the verses, and all are invited to sing the refrain as indicated.

Unto the Lord my praise I sing, God’s goodness ever bless; the proud convictions of my soul speak out God’s righteousness. REFRAIN

Come, magnify the Lord with me! Together sing God’s praise, whose presence overcomes all fear, whose glory lights our days. REFRAIN

O taste and see, the Lord is good! How blest are they who trust, for those who know God’s steadfast love, they walk among the just. REFRAIN

How great the trials the faithful bear, yet greater is God’s will, that from the threatening chill of death God’s truth redeems us still. REFRAIN

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-3
A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God’s purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God’s favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive
mercy. 8Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

SERMON

HYMN: ELW 423, “Shall We Gather at the River”

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain
Yes, we’ll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. Refrain

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev’ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. Refrain

4 Soon we’ll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. Refrain

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY: “Pie Jesu” from Requiem
Malcolm Archer
Chancel Choir II; Ann Rettenmaier, Soprano

Translation: Blessed Lord Jesus, give them rest. Blessed Lord Jesus, give them eternal rest.

LORD’S PRAYER
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.

BLESSING
The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.
   Amen.
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
   Amen.
The God of all grace bless you now and forever.
   Amen.

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”  C. Hubert H. Parry

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*Altar Flowers in the Nave:* The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God. In loving memory of Fred and Audrey Sammetinger, by daughter, Becky Million; in memory of Tom Tritch and Carol Brooks.