HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesday, 25 October 2023
10:30 a.m.

The Chapel of the Good Shepherd on Chelsea Square
THE GENERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
New York City
ORGAN VOLUNTARY

All stand at the entrance of the ministers.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

GLORIA Sung by the Choir

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere
with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The people respond

Amen.

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Collegium Regale
LESSONS

A reading from the Paul’s letter to the Romans.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
1 If the LORD had not been on our side,*
   let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side,*
   when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive*
   in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us*
   — and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters*
   have gone right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD!*
   he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;*
   the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD,*
   the maker of heaven and earth.
The people stand.

The Gospel

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Peter said, “Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?” And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon.

The Rev. Canon William Cavanaugh, M.Div. ('81)

The Dedication of the Rev. Cn. Prof. J. Robert Wright Memorial Altar Book

Presenters: We present to you this Altar Book to be set apart for the service of Christ’s holy Church.

V. All things come from you, O Lord;
R. And from your own gifts do we give to you. V. Prosper the work of our hands;
R. Prosper our handiwork.
V. Show your servants your works;
R. And your splendor to their children.
V. All kings shall bow down before him:
R. All nations shall do him service.

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 Altar Book to your praise and glory and in memory The Rev. Cn. Prof. J. Robert Wright through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Silence

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence
The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Awards

During this time of pronounced change for General Seminary, the church, and the world, the Alumni Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the recipients of the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award are The Rev. Dr. Ellen Barrett (Sr. Helena OSB), Class of 1975, and The Rev. Canon Milton Cole-Duvall, Class of 1982.

Raised up during the tumultuous change and challenge of the late 20th century, Barrett and Cole-Duvall lived into General Seminary’s mission: they were leaders of the church in a changing world. Through quiet, yet brave ministries they modelled faithful Christian charity while personally confronting the often-unjust structures of church and society, never wavering in their commitment to radical welcome, social justice, and inclusive “beloved community”.

The Alumni Executive Committee is humbled to lift up Barrett and Cole-Duvall for embodying the qualities of servant leadership through lifelong ministries bearing effective and prophetic witness to the full humanity of all persons, who are all loved by God.

The Rev. Canon Andrew Gerns will receive the award on behalf of The Rev. Dr. Barrett.
THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

Land of Rest

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Christians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 Together met, together bound, we'll


1 given, loved, and free, in awe and wonder
2 find, as all are fed, the new communion
3 proud division ends. That love that made us
4 presence, always near, is in such friendship
5 go our different ways, and as his people


1 to recall his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's communion bread.
3 makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
4 better known: we see and praise him here.
5 in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.
Music: Land of Rest, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

**Sanctus & Benedictus Sung by the Choir**

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*Collegium Regale*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

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.

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:

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

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.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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**

*At the Fraction, Agnus Dei Sung by the choir*  
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION**

*General Seminary*  
The Rev. David Charles Walker (1938-2018)  
*Class of '73*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Service Participants

The Rev. Susan Wrathall (AEC President, Class of ’06)
Celebrant

The Rev. Deacon Denise LaVetty (AEC Secretary, Class of ’13)
Deacon

The Rev. Canon William Cavanaugh (Class of ’81)
Preacher

The Rev. Brandt I. Montgomery (Class of ’12)
Presenter of the J. Robert Wright Memorial Altar Book

The Choir of the General Theological Seminary

Buck McDaniel
Organist & Choirmaster
Artist in Residence

Thomas Wilson
Assistant Organist