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CHURCH



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# CHAPEL *of* CHRIST *the* LORD

## **CSW69 Opening Eucharist**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in Eb Major, WTC I, Bach

**Welcome**

The Reverend Margaret Rose

*Presiding Bishop's Ecumenical and Interreligious Deputy  
and former Director of Women's Ministries*

**Opening Hymn**

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" LEVAS 120

**Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

**People**

**Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

**Collect of the Day**

Celebrant

God be with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

Celebrant

Let us pray together the Beijing Noonday Prayer.

**Dear God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, we pray for all who gathered in Beijing and for all those who are meant to attend and support the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women meeting. Bless them.**

**Help us to see one another through eyes enlightened by understanding and compassion.**

**Release us from prejudice so we can receive the stories of our sisters and brothers, and all our siblings, with respect and attention.**

**Open our ears to the cries of a suffering world and the healing melodies of peace. Empower us to be instruments in bringing about Your justice, peace and equality everywhere. Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

A Reading from the book of Judges

Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it. But there was a strong tower within the city, and all the men and women and all the lords of the city fled to it and shut themselves in; and they went to the roof of the tower. Abimelech came to the tower, and fought against it, and came near to the entrance of the tower to burn it with fire. But a certain woman threw an upper millstone on Abimelech's head, and crushed his skull. Immediately he called to the young man who carried his armour and said to him, 'Draw your sword and kill me, so people will not say about me, "A woman killed him." ' So the young man thrust him through, and he died. When the Israelites saw that Abimelech was dead, they all went home.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 102:18 - 28**

<sup>18</sup>Let this be recorded for a generation to come,  
so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord:

<sup>19</sup>that he looked down from his holy height,  
from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,

<sup>20</sup>to hear the groans of the prisoners,  
to set free those who were doomed to die;

<sup>21</sup>so that the name of the Lord may be declared in Zion,

and his praise in Jerusalem,  
<sup>22</sup> when peoples gather together,  
and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.  
<sup>23</sup> He has broken my strength in mid-course;  
he has shortened my days.  
<sup>24</sup> 'O my God,' I say, 'do not take me away  
at the mid-point of my life,  
you whose years endure  
throughout all generations.'  
<sup>25</sup> Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
<sup>26</sup> They will perish, but you endure;  
they will all wear out like a garment.  
You change them like clothing, and they pass away;  
<sup>27</sup> but you are the same, and your years have no end.  
<sup>28</sup> The children of your servants shall live secure;  
their offspring shall be established in your presence.

## **Gradual Hymn**

Lead Me, Guide Me LEVAS 194

## **The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

Priest or Deacon:

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

Julia Ayala Harris

President of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church

**The Prayers of the People read by CSW69 Anglican Communion delegates**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city and every city we call home, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the

destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of the saints and witnesses, Blessed Harriet Tubman, Ann Skamp, Alice Garrick, Judy Dickson, The Reverend Alice Medcof, The Reverend Joan Grimm Fraser, Elizabeth Loweth, Marge Christie, and Beth Adamson, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

***To thee, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

Celebrant:

Let us confess our sins to God.

**Celebrant and People:**

**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.**

### **The Absolution**

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.

<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	Nocturne G Minor, Chopin
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### **The Holy Eucharist**

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
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<b>People</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
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Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
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<b>People</b>	<b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>
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Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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<b>People</b>	<b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>
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Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**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.**

Celebrant

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Harriet Tubman, our saints and witnesses at

UNCSW and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

### **Celebrant and People**

**Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Prayed in the language of your heart*

### **The Breaking of the Bread and Distribution of Communion**

#### **Communion Hymn**

One Bread, One Body LEVAS 151

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**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.**

### **Blessing**

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms LEVAS 196

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



## Postlude

## Polonaise in C# Minor, Chopin

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In today's service we commemorate Harriet Tubman,  
American abolitionist and political activist,  
who through the Underground Railroad brought many slaves to freedom.

Ann Skamp, Anglican Church of Australia, International Anglican Women's Network  
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