The Holy Eucharist
The Commemoration of Anne McCarty Braden

St. George’s Episcopal Church
Louisville, Kentucky
Saturday, March 7, 2020
12:00 P.M. EST

The Rt. Rev. Terry A. White
Bishop of Kentucky, Celebrant
The Holy Eucharist Rite II

The service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer

Prelude

Opening Hymn 9 ~ Not here for high and holy things

Verses 4-6 Only

Bishop

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures forever.
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.

Trisagion

Sung three times

The Hymnal 1982, S 102

The Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Bishop Let us pray.

God of all people, who raises up prophets in all times and places, we give you thanks for your servant Anne Braden, who helped us to see that racial injustice and social inequality must be rooted out by persistent and determined action. Kindle in us the vision to recognize the needs before us today, and give us the courage and commitment to stand against the injustices in our world. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

First Lesson

All sit

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The people read in unison

Psalm 40

1 I waited patiently for the Lord;
   he inclined to me and heard my cry.
2 He drew me up from the desolate pit,[a]
   out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
3 He put a new song in my mouth,
   a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
   and put their trust in the Lord.
4 Happy are those who make
   the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
   to those who go astray after false gods.
5 You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
   your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
   none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
   they would be more than can be counted.
6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
   but you have given me an open ear.[b]
Burnt offering and sin offering
   you have not required.
7 Then I said, “Here I am;
   in the scroll of the book it is written of me.[c]
8 I delight to do your will, O my God;
   your law is within my heart.”
9 I have told the glad news of deliverance
   in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
   as you know, O Lord.
10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
   I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
   from the great congregation.
11 Do not, O Lord, withhold
   your mercy and your faithfulness
   keep me safe forever.
12 For evils have encompassed me
   without number;
my iniquities have overtaken me,
   until I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head,
   and my heart fails me.
13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;
   O Lord, make haste to help me.
14 Let all those be put to shame and confusion
   who seek to snatch away my life;
let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
   who desire my hurt.
15 Let those be appalled because of their shame
   who say to me, “Aha, Aha!”
16 But may all who seek you
   rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation
   say continually, “Great is the Lord!”
17 As for me, I am poor and needy,
   but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
   do not delay, O my God.
What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.
People        Thanks be to God.

Hymn 707 ~ Take my life and let it be  

1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;

   take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
   take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

   Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
   Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

   take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.  
   Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.
And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.
People        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Words of Commemoration

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

Dear People of God, we stand in the shadow of the prophets crying out for justice and peace. God calls us to be a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. Courageous women and men have taken the risk of standing up and speaking out for the least and the lowest. This work involves risking ourselves for the sake of God’s love, moving beyond ourselves in order to seek and serve Christ and one another. We are all called to the work and ministry of social justice and reconciliation. In the spirit of this call, we offer our prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Terry, our bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world.

God of love,
Hear our prayers for the church.

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,
Hear our prayers for the world.

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children’s children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,
Hear our prayers for the earth.

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home.

God of peace,
Hear our prayers for this community.

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.

God of mercy,
Hear our prayers for all who are in need.

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of
saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.

God of grace,
*Hear our prayers for those who have died.*

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts.

*The Celebrant says the concluding Collect*
Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this Louisville, this diocese, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and this nation, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Bishop* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Answer* And also with you.

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**Announcements**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A  

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

**Sanctus**  
Holy, Holy, Holy  

*Sung by all*  
David Hurd
The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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.
The Lord’s Prayer (contemporary)  
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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then is sung

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

Sung by all

David Hurd
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the

sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Hymns During Communion

Hymn 181 ~ Amazing Grace

Lift Every Voice and Sing II

Sung by all
1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; The hour I first believed! The hour I first believed!

3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; As long as life endures. I sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to brighten our way. Than when we'd first begun.
Prayer After Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Solemn Prayer Over the People

The Bishop and Clergy say together

Bishop

Our help is in the Name of the Lord

People

The maker of heaven and earth

Bishop

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

People

From this time forth for evermore.

Bishop

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; this we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.
ONCE to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood,
For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God’s new Messiah,
Offering each the bloom or blight,
And the choice goes by for ever
’Twixt that darkness and that light.

2 Then to side with truth is noble,
When we share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit
And ’tis prosperous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses,
While the coward stands aside
Till the multitude make virtue
Of the faith they had denied.

3 By the light of burning martyrs
Jesus’ bleeding feet I track,
Toiling up new Calvaries ever
With the cross that turns not back;
New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth;
They must upward still and onward
Who would keep abreast of truth.

4 Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet ’tis truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold,
And upon the throne be wrong,
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow
Keeping watch above his own.
Dismissal

A Deacon dismisses the people.

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

People  Thanks be to God.

Permissions


Anne McCarty Braden 1924 – 2006 Advocate for Racial Equality–

Civil Rights Activist Anne McCarty was born on July 28, 1924, in Louisville, Kentucky, and grew up in Anniston, Alabama. She attended Randolph-Macon Woman’s College in Lynchburg, Virginia, where she received a degree in English. After working as a journalist for newspapers in Anniston and Birmingham, Alabama, she returned to Kentucky to write for The Louisville Times. She married Carl Braden, a fellow reporter, who was active in progressive politics. She worked more than five decades as a passionate journalist and activist, publishing the stories of injustice and working to change them. In 1954, with a deep concern for racial integration and economic justice, Anne and Carl Braden arranged to purchase a house in an all white neighborhood of Louisville and had it deeded to an African American couple. White supremacists lashed out with cross burnings and by bombing the house. The bombers were never identified nor brought to trial. Anne and Carl Braden were charged with sedition. Carl Braden was convicted of sedition and sentenced to 15 years’ imprisonment. After a U.S. Supreme Court decision invalidated state sedition laws, all charges against Carl Braden were dropped. Thereafter, Anne edited The Southern Patriot, the publication of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), an interracial organization to bring white people into the civil rights movement. She supported the work of the Southern Organizing Committee for Economic and Social Justice (SOC) as well as several other regional and national organizations. Anne Braden dedicated her life to committing whites to the causes of racial equality and social justice. For her contributions to civil liberties, she received the American Civil Liberties Union’s first Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty in 1990. As she aged, her activism focused on Louisville, where she remained a leader in anti-racist drives and taught social justice history classes at local universities. She was a devoted member of St. George’s Episcopal Church in Louisville. Anne Braden died on March 6, 2006. The Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research, established at the University of Louisville, opened on April 4, 2007. The institute’s focus is on social justice, especially in the southern United States and the Louisville area. Over nearly six decades, Anne McCarty Braden’s activism was focused on the injustice of racism and the responsibility of the white community to combat it.
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- University of Louisville Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research
- St. Matthew’s Equal Justice Initiative
- The Urban Partnership of the Diocese of Kentucky
- Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together (CLOUT)