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Holy Eucharist and Reaffirmation of Vows

The Feast of Cornelius the Centurion

All that we know about Cornelius is contained in the Acts of the Apostles (chapters 10-11). He was the first Gentile converted to the Christian faith, along with his household. A centurion was commander of a company of one hundred men in the Roman army, responsible for their discipline, both on the field of battle and in camp. A centurion was a Roman citizen, a military career man, well-paid, and generally noted for courage and competence. Some centurions, such as Cornelius, and those whom we know about from the Gospel narratives, were men of deep religious piety.

The author of Acts considered Cornelius' conversion very momentous for the future of Christianity. He records that it occurred as the result of divine intervention and revelation, and as a response to the preaching of Peter the chief apostle. The experience of Cornelius' household was regarded as comparable to a new Pentecost, and it was a primary precedent for the momentous decision of the apostolic council, held in Jerusalem a few years later, to admit Gentiles to full and equal partnership with Jewish converts in the household of faith.

According to tradition, Cornelius was the second Bishop of Caesarea, the metropolitan see of Palestine. Undoubtedly, Cornelius and his household formed the nucleus of the first Church in this important city, a Church that was gathered by Philip the Evangelist (Acts 8:40 and 21:8).

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Prelude: *Nimrod* (Edward Elgar, arr. Scott Hyslop)

The Bishop invites the Assembly to stand and says

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The procession begins as the people sing the Song of Praise: All Creatures of our God and King
(*Lasst uns erfreuen* - arr. John Ferguson).

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now, Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
O praise him, Alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, by your Spirit you called Cornelius the Centurion to be the first Christian among the Gentiles: Grant to your Church such a ready will to go where you send and to do what you command, that under your guidance it may welcome all who turn to you in love and faith, and proclaim the Gospel to all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Bishop invites the people to be seated. Isaiah 56:6-8 is now read.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, every one who keeps the sabbath, and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy

mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Assembly remains seated as they sing Psalm 67 to simplified Anglican Chant

- 1 May God be merciful to us and / bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and / come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon / earth, *
your saving health among all / nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O / God; *
let all the peoples / praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for / joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon / earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O / God; *
let all the peoples / praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her / increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his / blessing.
- 7 May God give us his / blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of / him.

Acts 11:1-18 is now read.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There

was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

After the Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Bishop motions the people to stand. The people sing the Gospel Hymn—In Christ there is no East or West (McKee)—as the Gospel procession moves in the midst of the people.

In Christ there is no East or West,
in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate’er your race may be!
Who serve my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

The Archdeacon reads Luke 13:22-29, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” Jesus said to them, “Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, “Lord, open to us,” then in reply he will say to you, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will begin to say, “We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.” But he will say, “I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!” There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.”

After the Gospel, the Archdeacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the procession returns to the altar, the Bishop invites the people to be seated.

The Sermon

The Reaffirmation of Vows

Following the sermon, the Bishop invites the people to stand.

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, as our diocese gathers around one altar, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The bishop invites the clergy to be seated and all lay persons to remain standing

My sisters and brothers, do you each here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, reaffirm your role as a minister of the Church?

The Lay Persons reply in unison

I do, and with God's help I will represent Christ and his Church by bearing witness to him wherever I may be. According to the gifts given to me by the Holy Spirit, I will carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world. I will take my place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

The Bishop, Priests, and Deacons reply in unison

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them. Amen.

The Bishop invites the Lay Persons to be seated. An appointed child approaches the Bishop and says

Holly, Bishop in the Church of God, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made at your ordination as a bishop?

The Bishop replies

I do, and with God's help I will represent Christ and his Church as an apostle, chief priest, and pastor of this diocese. In obedience to Christ I will guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church. I will proclaim the Word of God, act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church, and ordain others to continue Christ's ministry.

The Lay Persons, Priests and Deacons reply in unison

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them. Amen.

The Bishop invites the Priests to stand and then says

My sisters and brothers, presbyters in the Church of God, do you each here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made at your ordination as a priest?

The Priests reply in unison

I do, and with God's help I will represent Christ and his Church as a pastor to the people. I will respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of my bishop and will assist you in the oversight of the Church. I will proclaim the Gospel, administer the sacraments, and bless and pardon in the name of God.

The Lay Persons, Bishop, and Deacons reply in unison

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them. Amen.

The Bishop invites the Deacons to stand and then says

My sisters and brothers, deacons in the Church of God, do you each here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made at your ordination as a deacon?

The Deacons reply in unison

I do, and with God's help I will represent Christ and his Church as a servant of those in need. I will be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of my bishop and will assist you and the priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.

The Lay Persons, Bishop, and Priests reply in unison

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them. Amen.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

The entire Assembly stands. Assigned Presbyters asperge the congregation as the Bishop prays

God and Father of all, we praise you for your infinite love in calling us to be a holy people, set apart to your honor and glory. Through the waters of Baptism, where we die and rise with Christ, you call us out of darkness, clothe us in light, and invite each of us to share in your Son's eternal priesthood. We thank you that as members of this baptized priesthood, you set us apart by pouring your gifts abundantly upon us for the work of ministry and for the building up of the Body.

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, renew in us your Holy Spirit on this day. May we exalt you, O Lord, as salt and light among the peoples of the earth. Grant that in all things we may be effective examples in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Bishop then invites the people to exchange the Peace.

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

As a Deacon prepares the gifts, the people sing the Preparation Hymn: "Glorious things of thee are spoken" (*Abbot's Leigh*).

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, wash in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as king:
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

Eucharistic Prayer D

The Bishop faces the people and says

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

The Bishop continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

The Assembly then sings (tune Matthias)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, God of 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, hosanna in the highest.

Then the Bishop continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he

gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Bishop is to hold it or 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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Bishop and People

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

The Bishop continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Cornelius and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with

Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

The Assembly then sings (tune Matthias)

AMEN!

The Bishop then says

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

Bishop and People

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 Communion of the People

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The *Pascha Nostrum* is sung while altar party communes and communion ministers move to their stations.

Alleluia! Our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ
is now our Passover indeed
and has been sacrificed;
so let us keep the feast
no more with enmity,
but with the new unleavened bread
of true sincerity.

Christ being raised from death

will never die again,
for he has died to death and sin
and now death cannot reign;
the life that he now lives,
he lives to God on high,
so also you are dead to sin
through Christ eternally.

The first fruits of the grave
is Christ our living head,
for since by one came death. By one
came new life from the dead;
for as in Adam all
must die under the law,
so now shall all be made alive
in Christ. Alleluia!

The Bishop explains the communion pattern and then says

The gifts of God for the People of God.

During communion, the musicians perform *Canzon primi toni* (Giovanni Gabrieli).
When necessary, the bishop or a priest consecrates additional bread and wine

Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify
this bread (wine) that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body (Blood)
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread (the cup) and said, “This is my
Body (Blood).” *Amen.*

The Bishop then says

Let us pray.

Bishop 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.

The Bishop then blesses the people.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

The procession begins as the people sing: *Jesus shall reign (Duke Street - arr. James Biery)*.

Jesus shall reign where-e'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his hear;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where-e'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeats the loud amen.

The Archdeacon then says

Archdeacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *March Triomphale* (Sigfried Karg-Elert, arr. Scott Olson)

Liturgical Ministers

Presider and Preacher: Herman Hollerith IV

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