

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2020

PRELUDE

Ich dank dir, lieber Herre, BuxWV 194 D. Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)
(German for "I thank you, Savior dearest,"
a 16th century Lutheran hymn for morning worship)

The Complete Organ Works of Dietrich Buxtehude: II

HYMN 137 (LEVAS II)

Just as I am, without one plea

Tune: *Woodworth*

1. Just as I am, without one plea, But
2. Just as I am, though tossed about With
3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight
4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive; Wilt
5. Just as I am, thy love unknown Has
6. Just as I am, of thy great love The

1. that thy blood was shed for me,
2. many-a con-flict, many-a doubt;
3. rich-es, heal-ing of the mind,
4. wel-come, par-don, cleanse, re-lieve,
5. bro-ken ev-ery bar-rier down;
6. breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,

1. And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
2. Fightings and fears with in, with out, O
3. Yea, all I need in thee to find, O
4. Be-cause thy prom-ise I be-lieve, O
5. Now to be thine, yea, thine a-lone, O
6. Here for a sea-son, then a-bove: O

Lamb of God, I come, I come.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

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

***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA (S-202)

from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —
A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit for the lessons

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c (S-415)

Simplified Chant: Jerome Meachen (b. 1930)



- 1 **Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his / Name; ***
- 2 **make known his deeds among the / peoples.**
- 3 **Sing to him, sing praises to / him, ***
- 4 **and speak of all his marvelous / works.**
- 5 **Glory in his holy / Name; ***
- 6 **let the hearts of those who seek the Lord / rejoice.**
- 7 **Search for the Lord and his / strength; ***
- 8 **continually seek his / face.**
- 9 **Remember the marvels he has / done, ***
- 10 **his wonders and the judgments of his / mouth,**
- 11 **O offspring of Abraham his / servant, ***
- 12 **O children of Jacob his / chosen.**
- 13 **Israel came into / Egypt, ***
- 14 **and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of / Ham.**
- 15 **The Lord made his people exceedingly / fruitful; ***
- 16 **he made them stronger than their / enemies;**
- 17 **Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his / people, ***
- 18 **and dealt unjustly with his / servants.**
- 19 **He sent Moses his / servant, ***
- 20 **and Aaron whom he had chosen. Halle-/lujah!**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Plainsong

The cantor introduces the Alleluia, and then all repeat.

The cantor sings the verse below, and then all repeat the Alleluia.



V: Sing to the Lord a new song *
for he has done marvelous things. (Psalm 98:1)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

Fr. Bruce Walker

Silence may be kept after the homily.

All stand, as able

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM

The Deacon or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially _____], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially _____], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Saying together **Roscoe, Josephine, Larry, Bill, Gisela, Catherine, James, John, Susan, Corwin, Beth, David, Casey, Sally, Donna, Mary Lou, Jimmy, Anita, Gordon, Bob, Deborah, Betty, Oscar, Bob, Jennie, Terry, Kimberly, Burtchus, Maureen, Edmonds, Diana, Lucinda, Michael, Renee, Tony, Becca, Brian, Christine, and all those on our long term prayer list.** Are there others? (Please add the names of others either silently or aloud)

In thanksgiving we pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the coming week, especially **Katy Hunt (31), Susan Keith (2), Kathryn McGowan (3), Bud & Anita Quinley (1).**

We pray for all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad especially those listed on our military prayer list. We pray also for their families, friends, and neighbors who await their safe return.

We pray for our sister church St. Gabriel's. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Giles Chapel at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community in Asheville. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the united Church of South India.

We pray for our missionaries and their work in the world, for **Russ and Heidi Smith in Chile, John and Zsófi Wilson in Hungary, Daniel & Rachel Aytes in Thailand, and Jim & Jennifer Bowers in Mali.**

We pray for St. Francis Day School, and for its students and teachers and their families, that they may grow in stature and wisdom, and in the knowledge and love of your grace and truth.

A Prayer for our Time of Transition

O God, as we proceed through this interim time, we confidently rely upon your Holy Presence to guide us, and we are thankful for the many blessings you have bestowed upon the parishes of St. Francis and St. Gabriel's.

May we use this time well to discern your will for us in our reading of Sacred Scripture, in our celebration of the Holy Eucharist, through our sensitivity to one another, in our personal meditation and prayer, and through our sharing with others in fellowship.

We ask this, Lord of our lives, through your son Jesus, and through your Holy Spirit, who teaches us how to pray, and how to live together in peace forever. Amen.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of our patron saint, Francis and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:* And with thy spirit.**

The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Doxology

As the offering is presented at the altar the people say

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord

***People:* and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Eucharistic Prayer II

The people remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

***People:* It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

PROPER PREFACE

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
People and Celebrant

**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.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI (S-158)

from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE EUCHARIST

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS *(The minister and the people receive communion at this time.)*

INVITATION TO THE EUCHARIST FOR THOSE AT HOME (may be said during communion)

In union with the faithful of every generation and especially with those present at Saint Francis Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer my own thanks and praise to You, my Lord and my God. I present my mind, soul and body towards heaven with the earnest intention of being present in spirit with those who call You, Lord of all. I remember Your death and resurrection and I await Your coming in glory. I unite myself with those gathered at your altar and embrace You with all my heart, knowing that nothing can ever separate Your love from me. May I live, move and have my being in Your loving presence. Amen (prayer adapted from the Armed Services Prayer Book by Fr. Walker+)

HYMN 439

What wondrous love is this

Tune: *Wondrous Love*

Unison



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 88 (LEVAS II)

My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of Calvary

Tune: *Olivet*

1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of Calvary;
 2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart;
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs attend my steps;
 4. When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold shroud me spread, Shall o'er my grave be roll;

1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!
 2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;
 3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;
 4. sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll;

1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;
 2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee;
 3. Bid dark - ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way;
 4. Blest Sav - ior, then in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move,

1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
 2. Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire.
 3. Not let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 4. O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Præludium A-dur, BuxWV 151 Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

The Complete Organ Works of Dietrich Buxtehude: II

MUSIC NOTES

We now enter our second week of surveying the complete organ works of Dietrich Buxtehude! Buxtehude, of Danish descent, was one of the key figures in German music of the middle Baroque and, for four decades, the organist-choirmaster of St. Mary's Church, in Lübeck. A prolific composer of choral works for the Lutheran liturgy, he was also a master at writing for the large, colorful and fully developed organs found on the back walls of urban churches throughout northern Germany. His organ music expresses as well as any other composer's the ever-present tension in all music between strict musical forms (dance, fugue, march, etc.) on the one hand, and on the other, less strict musical fantasies — music that sounds as if it has just been just been improvised on the spot. We call this style the "stylus phantasticus," or the "fantastic style." Both the ensuing drama in this tension and Buxtehude's renown as a key proponent of the particular North German brand of the "stylus phantasticus" were such that even the young J. S. Bach was moved to travel on foot (250 miles!) to Lübeck to study with the elder master. Bach over-staying his planned time there by several weeks in order to soak up as much as possible of the day-to-day work of his musical hero — he nearly lost his job back home because of it!

Just like last week, we have a sacred work and a free work (again, the former being based on a hymn tune and the latter being a Buxtehude-original). The prelude, *Ich dank dir, lieber Herre*, BuxWV 194, is based on one of the very earliest Lutheran hymns, *I thank you, Savior dearest*. It was composed sometime around the year 1535, just shortly after Martin Luther published his "95 Theses" in 1517. The hymn was written to be sung during morning worship. As I've been thinking about Sunday's Gospel lesson, that scathing declaration from Jesus to take up our own crosses and follow him, the second verse really stuck out to me. Here's an English translation of the first two verses:

*I thank you, Savior dearest, whose watch hast o'er me kept,
my Master, best and nearest, who warded while I slept.
While darkness closed around me beside me you have stood:
no evil dared come near me. I thank you, Lord my God.*

*My heart with praise is filled to you, my God and Lord.
In heaven high exalted your help to me afford,
that I may do your bidding this day before me lies,
the pathway straight pursuing that leads to Paradise.*

The postlude, Buxtehude's *Præludium in A major*, BuxWV 151, is a free work. This piece is characteristic of Buxtehude's "stylus phantasticus," but in miniature — down the road, I'll have to play two or three pieces in this style that are nearly ten minutes long! After a dramatic free section, a brief fugue gives way to more loosely organized fugue-like music. Exploring various colors and themes, Buxtehude rarely sticks with any affect very long, and is much more "all over the map" than his later student, J. S. Bach.

-Thomas Alexander

COMMUNION NOTES

A spiritual Communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive holy communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. Please note elements are being made available, prior to the liturgy, for use at this time. Details can be found in the Lych Gate.

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:

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