

Goodson Chapel Duke Divinity School

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Being celebrated with the 'Grail of Peace' Wednesday, November 9, 2011 Eleven Twenty-Five in the Morning



Icon of the Parable of the Ten Virgins

Archbishop Malkhaz Songulashvili

Malkhaz Songulashvili is Archbishop of the Evangelical Baptist Church of Georgia and pastor of the Peace Cathedral in the capital city, Tbilisi. He is a noted author and Bible translator. His advocacy of religious liberty for all and nonviolent action have gained national and international recognition. In 1996 he was decorated with the golden cross by the Patriarch of Constantinople. In September 2005 he was awarded the Lambeth Cross by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and in April 2011 he received the Order of Christ the Saviour from the Patriarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. He thought Hebrew, history and theology at Tbilisi State University for 20 years. He has founded Baptist School of Iconography and Liturgy Today he celebrates a Eucharistic anaphora in Goodson Chapel with the recently recovered chalice that was used in the observance of the Lord's Supper by the Baptist church in Tbilisi beginning in 1868. The silver chalice, which is several centuries older, is hand-engraved with a Latin phrase that reads "Drink ye all of it."

Order of Service

At the sound of the bell, please prepare your hearts for worship.

PRELUDE:

OPENING SENTENCES: Psalm 141 1-2

PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 79: Holy God We Praise Thy Name (stanzas 1-4) GROSSER GOTT

OPENING PRAYER:

Come, O Holy Spirit.

Come as Holy Fire and burn in us.

Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,

Come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,

Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,

Come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,

Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.

Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,

Until we are set free from the service of ourselves,

To be your servants to the world. Amen

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Leader If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

People: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins, and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, and new life has begun. Brothers and sisters, know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE:

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25 1-13

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

HOMILY

GEORGIAN EUCHARIST

(Being celebrated with the 'Grail of Peace', a historic chalice from Tbilisi, Georgia recently discovered in Georgia, USA)

PRAYER OF INCENSE

Celebrant:

Blessed be God now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Congregation:

Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, King of Glory, who knew all things before the creation, show yourself to us now, who call you at this holy hour. Redeem us from the shame and our transgressions. Accept from the hands of us sinners this incense, as you accepted the offerings of prayer and thanksgiving of all your children.

Con-celebrant:

Let our prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice.

ANAPHORA

Celebrant:

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God the Father and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation:

And with your Spirit.

Celebrant:

Let us lift our hearts.

Congregation:

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:

Let us give thanks to our Lord.

Congregation:

It is right indeed to worship Father, Son and Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity, one in essence and undivided.

Celebrant:

It is right to hymn you, who created the cosmos by the mighty power, who made beings inspired from on high; who has given us, the humans, this world, infinite in variety; O one God! You did create the face of every body men and women, in your image and likeness. You are the sunny night, One in unity of being and everlasting to you heavenly bodies obey to the jot of a second, you are the true God, the Most Holy Trinity invisible, inconceivable, incomprehensible, ineffable, ever existing and eternally the same.

Con-celebrant:

You have brought us from nothing into being. If we praise you, how can we praise you? What can we say in praise of you, Who are not to be praised by the intellect? Glory to you, our God, glory to you!

Con-celebrant:

We give thanks to you, to your only begotten Son and to your Holy Spirit for all good things that have been done for us, whether known or unknown, whether manifest or hidden.

Celebrant:

O God, we thank you for you are comforter of our woes, Your mercy suddenly spreads forth over us! We thank you also for this liturgy, which you have been pleased to accept from our hearts and minds. Therefore with thousands of archangels and tens of thousands of angels, the cherubim and seraphim and all the company of heaven we are singing, crying and shouting the triumphal and celestial hymn and singing:

Congregation:

GOODSON CHAPEL

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, 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:

With all these powers, O Lord, we also cry aloud and say. Holy, are you, God, and all holy and magnificent is your glory; who so loved your world, as to give your only begotten Son that all who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life; who when he had come and had fulfilled the whole salvation for us, in the night in which he was given up or rather gave himself up for the life of the world: took bread in his holy, pure and blameless hands and when he gave thanks and sanctified and broke it, he gave it to his disciples and apostles saying: *Take, eat this is my body which is broken for you, for the remission of sins.*

Congregation:

Amen.

Celebrant:

In the same way, after the supper, he took the cup saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins.

Congregation:

Amen.

Celebrant (says privately):

Do this in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Son of Man and confess his resurrection, until he comes.

Con-celebrant:

We believe and confess.

Congregation:

Your death, Lord, we proclaim, and your resurrection we confess. Fear not, this story is true, joy is given to us, all sore grief is put away from us, the sun is come near us, darkness is no longer dark for us. Good has overcome ill; the essence of the good is lasting!

Celebrant:

Remembering therefore all those things that have come to pass for our sake: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the sitting at the right hand, and the second coming, O Lord, we give you thanks.

Congregation:

We sing to you, we bless you; we give you thanks to you, O Lord, and pray to you, our God.

Celebrant:

O God, you who can not be expressed by human tongue! You are the fullness of all; and You fill us with your sun-like radiance. Therefore we ask you, we pray and we implore you: send down your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts set before you. Sanctify them and make this bread and wine to be for us the body and blood of Christ our Lord.

Congregation:

Amen.

Celebrant:

As this bread was harvested from different fields, brought together, grained, baked as one loaf, so bring all of us together at your wedding in your kingdom. Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.

Congregation:

Come, Lord Jesus!

Celebrant:

(Breaking bread and saying): The body of our Lord Jesus Christ was broken for us.

Congregation:

Amen

Celebrant:

(Elevating Chalice and saying): The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for us.

Congregation:

Amen

Celebrant:

As we celebrate this Holy Communion, we remember those, who have gone to their peace in faith: our forefathers, fathers, mothers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, Mary the Theotokos, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, and every righteous spirit made perfect in faith. (at this point the congregants are invited to utter the names of those departed who had played significant role in their spiritual journey by saying Remember Lord my [spiritual guide] N)

Congregation:

Grant us boldness, courage, endurance, heart for service and ministry after their example.

PRAYER BEFORE THE COMMUNION

Con-celebrant:

To you, O Lord, we entrust our whole life and our hope.

Con-celebrant:

Count us worthy to consume this bread and wine at this sacred and spiritual table with a pure conscience for communion in the Holy Spirit and not for our condemnation.

Celebrant:

We thank you, O Lord, for counting us worthy to call upon you, the God of Heaven and Earth, as Father, and say

Congregation:

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.

Celebrant:

For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to ages of ages.

Congregation:

Amen.

COMMUNION (the communion elements are bread and wine)

Celebrant:

With reverence to God, with faith and with love to the neighbour, draw near and receive this bread and wine as Disciples of Christ, remembering that the body of our Lord was broken for us, and the blood of our Lord was shed for us on the Calvary

Congregational Song During the Distribution (sung in English)



PRAYER AFTER THE COMMUNION

Celebrant:

We thank you, O Lord, who loves humankind, for counting us worthy to participate in your Holy Communion.

Con-celebrant:

O God merciful, we have none beside you; from you we beg aid on the road, however long we travel, shelter us from the mastery of foes, the turmoil of the seas, the evil one by day and night!

Con-celebrant:

Abandon us not, hearken to our supplication, give us strength to endure suffering for your love's sake.

Celebrant:

For you are our sanctification and to you we give glory, the Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

Amen.

*BENEDICTION:

*RECESSIONAL HYMN UMH No. 720 Wake, Awake For Night is Flying WACHET AUF

POSTLUDE:

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