

WORSHIP LEAFLET FOR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 – 10:30 AM
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST PETER CHURCH, DANBURY

PRELUDE: *K(yrie)* from *Annum per annum*

Arvo Pärt

INTROIT CHANT: Da pacem, Domine

Graduale Romanum

Da pacem, Domine, sustinentibus te, ut prophetae tui fideles inveniantur: exaudi preces servi tui, et plebis tuae Israel.

Grant peace to those who are waiting for you, O Lord, so that your prophets may be proved trustworthy; hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum domini ibimus.

I rejoiced when it was said unto me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord"

KYRIE ELEISON

John Marbecke

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Old Scottish Chant

FIRST READING: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

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Wrath and anger are hateful things,
yet the sinner hugs them tight.
The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance,
for he remembers their sins in detail.
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
Could anyone nourish anger against another
and expect healing from the LORD?
Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,
can he seek pardon for his own sins?
If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,
who will forgive his sins?
Remember your last days, set enmity aside;
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 103

Jeff Ostrowski

R The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide,
nor does he keep his wrath forever.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord,
and if we die, we die for the Lord;
so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

ALLELUIA

Graduale Simplex

R. Alleluia

Confitebor tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo;
Narrabo omnia mirabilia tua

R. Alleluia

R. Alleluia

I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonders.

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
“Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?”
Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.
That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king
who decided to settle accounts with his servants.
When he began the accounting,
a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.
Since he had no way of paying it back,
his master ordered him to be sold,
along with his wife, his children, and all his property,

in payment of the debt.
 At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said,
 ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’
 Moved with compassion the master of that servant
 let him go and forgave him the loan.
 When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants
 who owed him a much smaller amount.
 He seized him and started to choke him, demanding,
 ‘Pay back what you owe.’
 Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him,
 ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’
 But he refused.
 Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison
 until he paid back the debt.
 Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened,
 they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master
 and reported the whole affair.
 His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant!
 I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.
 Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant,
 as I had pity on you?’
 Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers
 until he should pay back the whole debt.
 So will my heavenly Father do to you,
 unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Da Pacem, Domine

Arvo Pärt

Da pacem, Domine, in diebus nostris
 Quia non est alius
 Qui pugnet pro nobis
 Nisi tu Deus noster.

Grant peace, Lord, in our time;
 For there is none else
 Who would fight for us
 If not you, our God

SANCTUS AND AGNUS DEI

John Marbecke

COMMUNION: Spiegel im Spiegel

Arvo Pärt

RECESSIONAL: *S(anctus)* and *Coda* from *Annum per annum*

Arvo Pärt

MUSIC NOTES:

Some of the music at this Mass was written by the contemporary Estonian composer, Arvo Pärt (b. 1935). He composed in the minimalist style, using a reduced harmonic language that gives his music a bell-like quality. Pärt was born in Soviet Estonia, before emigrating to Europe in 1980; he now resides in Berlin, Germany. A devote Orthodox Christian, Pärt is a deeply religious composer. Today’s Offertory Motet, *Da pacem Domine*, is an especially poignant choral work. It was commissioned for a peace concert in Barcelona in 2004. Pärt began composition of this piece two days after the 2004 Madrid train bombings, and dedicated the work in memory of the victims of this tragic event.