



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M.
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, *Rector*
THE REVEREND BETH BINGHAM, *Associate Rector*

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, *Associate Rector*
EMILY MEEKS, THOMA LIPARTIANI, *Seminarians*

PRELUDE Variations on *Old 100th* I-IV

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 525

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

THE ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA FROM MASS ON EARLY AMERICAN TUNES

William Bradley Roberts

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God heav'n-ly King, al -
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Lord, Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us have
mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer, re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the
Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN

Generous and loving God, you have blessed us with a spirit of abundance and the desire to do your will in the world around us. Please guide our hearts and minds as we work to improve our ministries, mission programs, and campus through the Comprehensive Campaign so that this parish may continue to be a beacon of welcome and hope for all your beloved people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

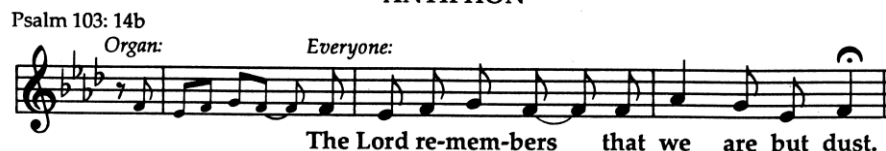
All children ages three through third grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Parents are encouraged to accompany very young children as they learn the rhythms of this service designed especially for children.

The children will return before communion.

PSALM 103

Peter Hallock

ANTIPHON



Choir: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever. **ANTIPHON**

Choir: He has not dealt with us according to our sins nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him. **ANTIPHON**

Choir: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him. **ANTIPHON**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing

HYMN (LEVAS 64)

Hankey

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems than
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and His glo - ry, of Je - sus and His love. I love to tell the
 all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams. I love to tell the
 hun - ger - in and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of

sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as
 sto - ry; it did so much for me, and that is just the rea - son I
 glo - ry, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that

noth - ing else would do.
 tell it now to thee. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in
 I have loved so long.

glo - ry to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and His love.

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people may be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons

A period of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

The people stand and say

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 people may kneel or stand

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The response to each petition (God of abundance, grace, mercy) is **Hear our prayer.**

All pray

THE CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE COMMISSIONING OF MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

So enter then this gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

The congregation stands and joins in singing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS FROM MASS ON EARLY AMERICAN TUNES

William Bradley Roberts

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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.**

AGNUS DEI FROM MASS ON EARLY AMERICAN TUNES

William Bradley Roberts

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus re-deem - er of the world: give us your
peace; Je - sus re-deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine.

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

Grant us your peace, O loving Lord, our rock and firm foundation. Our faith is in your excellent word, speaking to every nation. Your promise of sure salvation.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

HYMN AT COMMUNION

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Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Schmücke dich

SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 BLESSING

1. Not the build - ing, but the peo - ple; not just saints of long a -
 2. These are liv - ing stones who teach us how to build com - mun - it -
 3. Yet we know that long be - fore us oth - ers wor - shipped in this
 4. Nour - ished here by Word and Ta - ble, voic - ing thanks in song and

go, but the liv - ing folk who gath - er are the
 ty, how to join our gifts and ta - lents in shared
 place, leav - ing us a hal - lowed mem' - ry, ripe with
 prayer, we are strength - ened to be peo - ple formed by

church we tru - ly know. Here we find our place with
 tasks of min - i - stry. When com - pas - sion leads to
 pro - mise, full of grace. Though we cher - ish their ex -
 faith and called to care. Trust - ing in the Spi - rit's

o - thers, no more left to search a - lone, and we
 ac - tion, or lost hopes have been re - stored, then we
 am - ple, we must live in our own day, learn - ing
 guid - ance (gift be - stowed with - out re - serve), mind - ful

learn through one an - oth - er how to make God's pre - sence known.
 grasp with new a - ware - ness what u - nites us in the Lord.
 how to help our neigh - bor, liv - ing what we sing and pray.
 of the world a - round us, we go forth to love and serve.

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THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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