HOLY EUCHARIST

Proper 16 in Ordinary Time

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | AUGUST 24, 2025 - 9:00AM & II:00AM

PRELUDE

Adoration – Florence B. Price (1887 – 1953)

Please stand as the bell sounds.



6 Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854); para. of Psalm 103

Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731–1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God;

The People respond



Glory to God fore-ver and ev-er.

GLORIA Hymn 421



Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?–1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis* Music: Allein Gott in der Höh, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?–1541); harm. Hieronymous Praetorius (1560?–1629)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, your Son submitted to a baptism unto death and set the earth ablaze; from his cup of suffering, you call the church to drink. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and give us strength in time of trial to run the race that lies before us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON seated Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

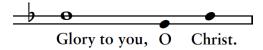
Thanks be to God.



Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984), alt. Music: Blaenhafren, Welsh melody THE GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

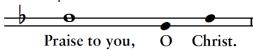
The Deacon or Priest intones

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



Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH standing

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, She* is worshipped and glorified. She 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.

*Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word, and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray now to God, who hears our prayers even before we ask.

Holy One, inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

That the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble.

In your presence may they find strength.

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Make us alive to the needs of our community.

Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.

We pray for the particular needs and thanksgivings of those gathered here.

Please add your particular intercessions and thanksgivings aloud or in silence.

We remember those who have died, especially those we now name...

Please add particular names aloud or in silence.

Hear us, O God,

For we put our trust in you.

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect, or the following

These things, loving God, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes, in the name of Christ we pray.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY sung by the Choir at 11am

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.

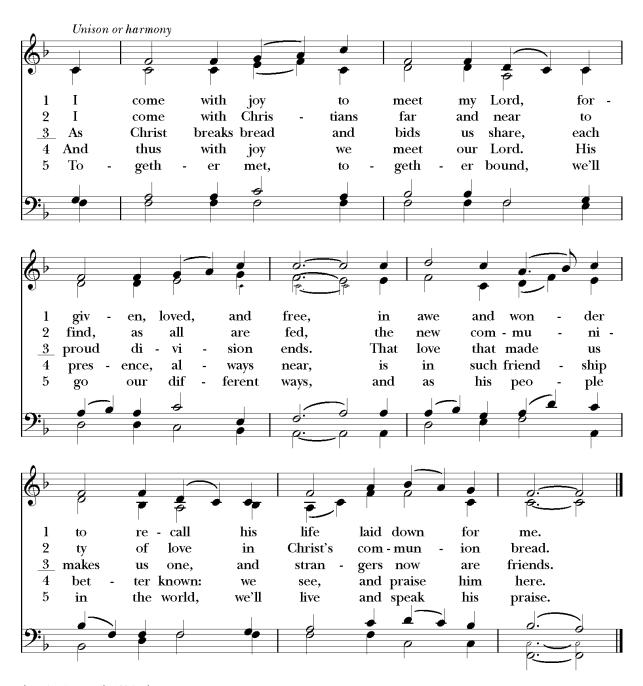
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.

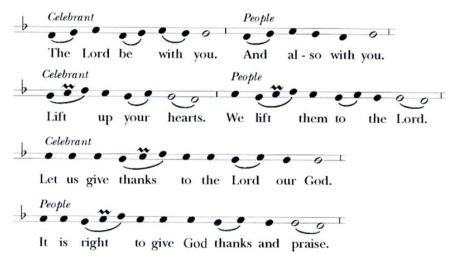
Music: St. Helena, Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word; and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.



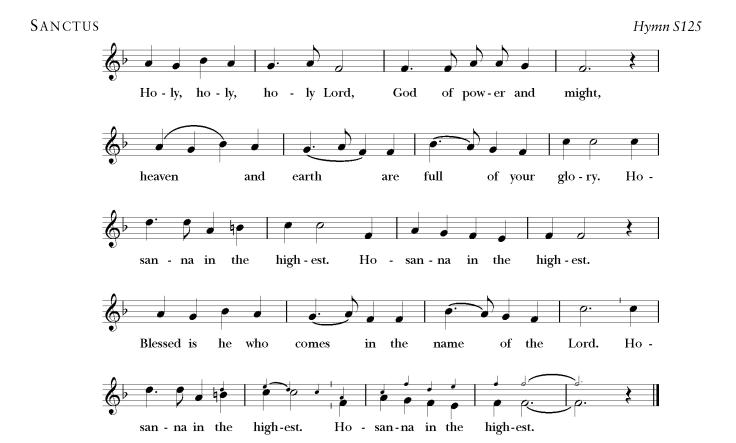
Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: Land of Rest, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)



We praise you and we bless you, gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters, and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death, and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor on Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God. Living among us Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the offering of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

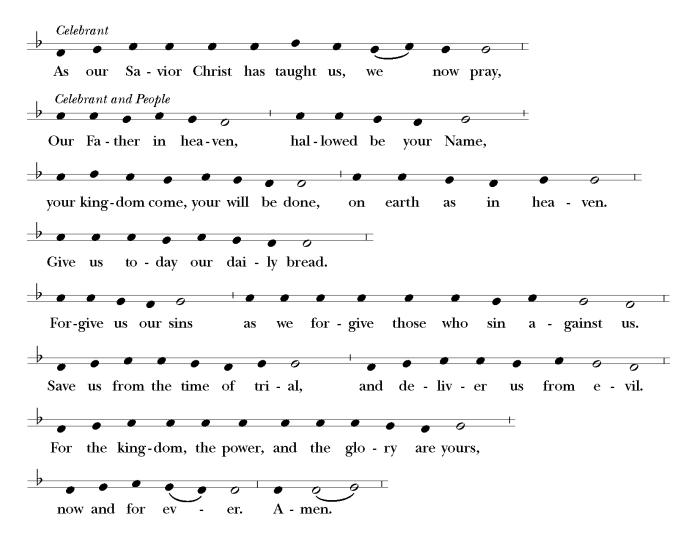
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Setting: Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens

THE COMMUNION

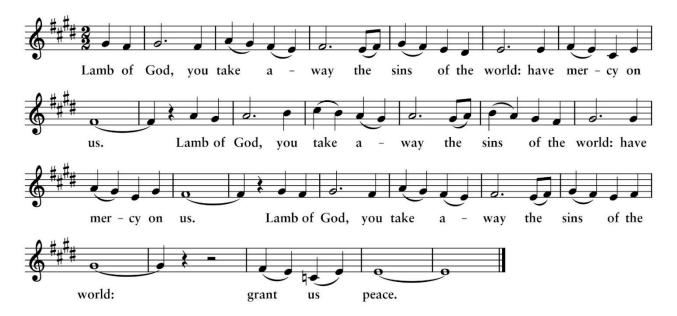
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

This is the Bread of Heaven.

Broken for the life of the world.

Everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



Setting: Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis (1930-2016)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION sung by the Cantor at 11am

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you. allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. allelu, alleluia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7 Music: Seek Ye First, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION standing

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior, Amen.

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent out to bring the Sacrament to the sick or homebound, the following charge is given.

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.

The People respond

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

THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the People with these or other words

The blessing of God Almighty: Source of all Being, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and always. Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION Hymn 423



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso e Vivace – Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

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