

# HOLY EUCHARIST

*in Creation Season\**

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

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PRELUDE

*Nimrod from "Enigma Variations" – Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)*

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*



*This year, St. Paul's joins Christians around the world in celebrating the Season of Creation, which goes through October 4, the Feast of St. Francis. Born in the Orthodox Church in 1989 and now embraced across many denominations, this season calls us to expand our worship and prayer so they reflect the whole Gospel for the whole world. The Episcopal Church has named the climate crisis "an all-encompassing social crisis and moral emergency," and we see its effects in disrupted patterns and disrupted lives. In this urgent time, we turn to worship that forms us for the fullness of God's justice, deepens our resolve and response, and strengthens our commitment to follow Jesus by practicing hospitality and care for all our neighbors—human and all other creatures God has made and blessed.*



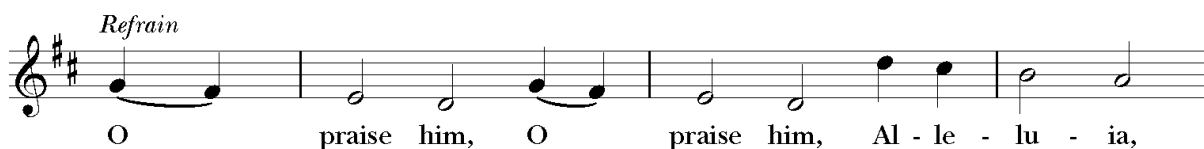
1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

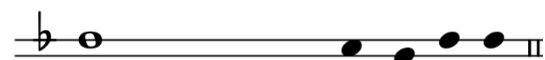
Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926)  
 Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant intones*

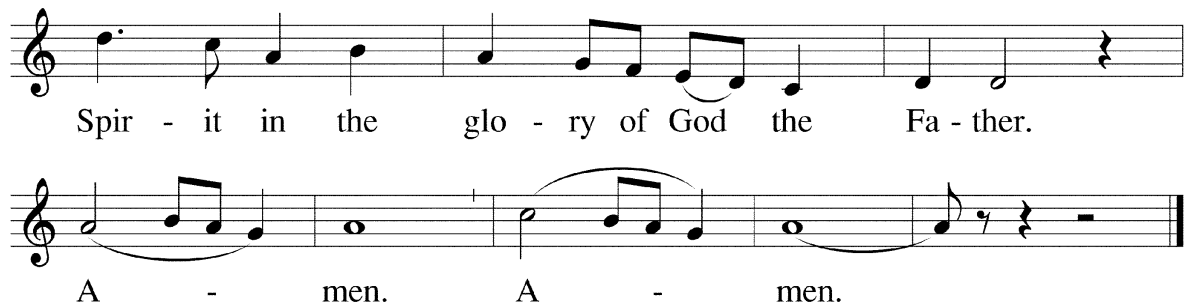
Blessed be the God of all Creation.

*The People respond*



Glory to God fore-ver and ev-er.

Glo - ry to God in the  
high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-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; You are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our pray'r, re -  
ceive, re - ceive our pray'r.  
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



Setting: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, 1977, GIA Publications, Inc.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant intones*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you show us how far your love extends in saving the lost and forgotten; mercifully grant that we might join you in the work of reuniting with all your creatures; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LESSON *seated*

*Exodus 32:7-14*

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

*At 9:00am the Psalm is sung reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk.  
At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir*



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

Wash me through and through | from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me | from my sin.

For I know | my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is e-|ver before me.

Against you only | have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil | in your sight.

And so you are justified | when you speak \*  
and upright | in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked | from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth | deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand | wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be | clean indeed.

Make me hear of | joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

Hide your face | from my sins, \*  
and blot out all | my iniquities.

Create in me a clean | heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spi-|rit within me.

Anglican Chant: Walter Parratt

## THE SECOND READING

*This year, during the Season of Creation, the second reading will be taken from a non-biblical source.*

A Reading from *Ladder to the Light*, by Bishop Steven Charleston

In the days of conquest, when darkness covered the land, the hoop of many nations was broken, the story of many people lost—and lost forever. The number who perished will never be counted, but their graves are still here. Their testimony is written into the earth. The wisdom of the ancestors is a mist over the valley, a cloud passing before the moon. The teachings of the elders can be heard in the rain, the message of the poets seen in the first stars that put the sun to bed. Nothing is finally lost. The ancient visions are within us. The old dreams are part of us. The steady rhythm of hope was never silenced. It beats today for all who would hear it. It beats within me. It beats within you. Life is still growing beneath the concrete. The sound of the earth is breathing beneath the glass and steel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston (b. 1949) is a Native American elder, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, an author, and a retired bishop in the Episcopal Church. He is widely recognized as a leading proponent for justice issues and for spiritual renewal in the church in both the United States and Canada. Among other roles, he has served as the national staff officer for Native American ministries, the Bishop of Alaska, and the Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School.*

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -

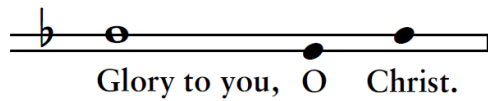
1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.

Words: James Quinn (b. 1919), based on a prayer att. to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

Music: Dickinson College, Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979)

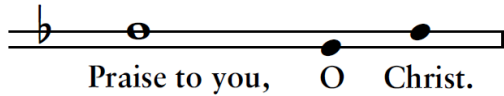
*The Deacon or Priest intones*

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



All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

*The Rev. Daniel Simons*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*



Our God,  
God of all people,  
God of heaven and earth, sea and rivers,  
God of sun and moon, of all stars,  
God of highest mountain, of deepest valleys,  
God over heaven and in heaven and under heaven.

God dwells in heaven and earth and sea and all that is in them.

God inspires all,  
gives life to all,  
surpasses all,  
upholds all.

God ignites the light of the sun,  
surrounds the stars and tells them to shine,  
makes fountains in dry lands,  
and islands in the sea,  
and stars to serve the greater lights.

God's Son is coeternal with God and like God.

And the Holy Spirit breathes in them.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity,  
Father and Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. Amen.

*This Celtic creed is attributed to the 5th century missionary and bishop Patrick, known as the Apostle of Ireland, by the 7th century Irish Bishop Tírechán. It is still used in Ireland.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Creator of all, you called the world into being and declared it good. Hear the prayers we offer for your creation, that heaven and earth may be renewed in your love.

*Silence*

For your Church, scattered across the nations, bearing witness to the gospel in word and in deed, we pray:

**That we may proclaim Christ with reverence for all creation.**

For the earth and all that inhabits it, and for the fragile places where life is under threat, we pray:

**That we may learn again to walk gently on this earth.**

For the peoples of the world, and for those in authority, we pray:

**That wisdom and justice may guide us to safeguard the common good.**

For those already burdened by drought, fire, storm, or rising seas, we pray:

**That they may find relief, protection, and hope.**

For neighbors who are sick, poor, or in any kind of trouble, we pray:

**That your compassion may heal and uphold them.**

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

For the dying and the dead, and for all who long for the new creation, we pray:

**That they may rest in the embrace of your mercy.**

*Please add particular names aloud or in silence.*

*The Celebrant says*

Receive our prayers, O God of life, and make us faithful stewards of your earth, that all creation may sing your praise, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*seated*

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Thank You!



## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

### I Was Glad

*C.H.H. Parry (1848 - 1918)*

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together:

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord

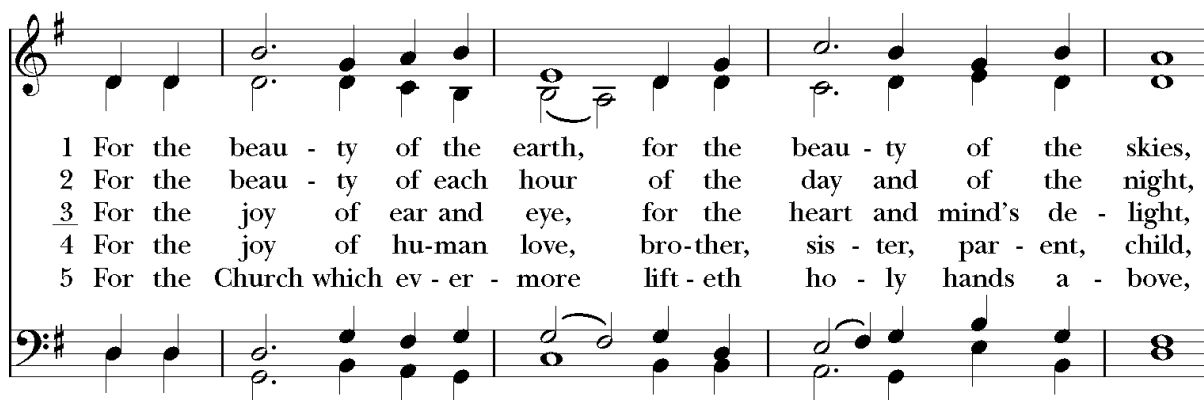
For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee

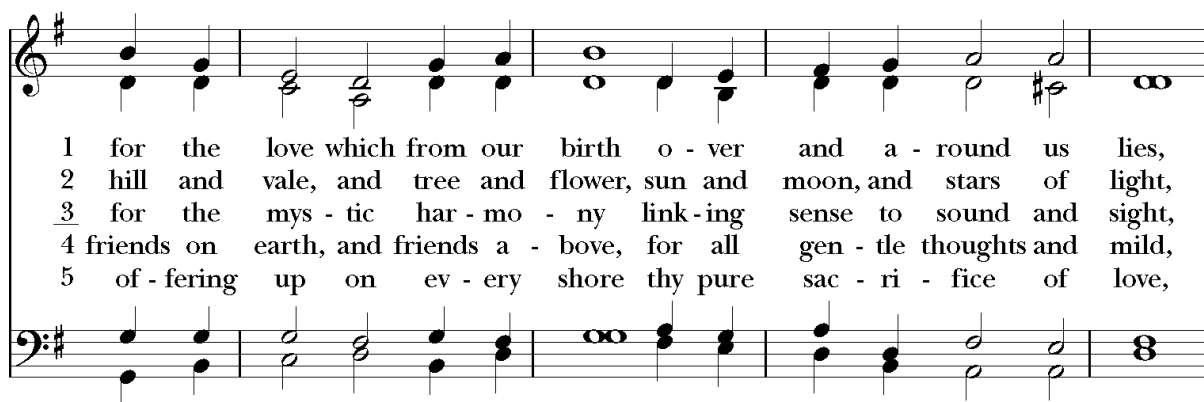
Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee

Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good

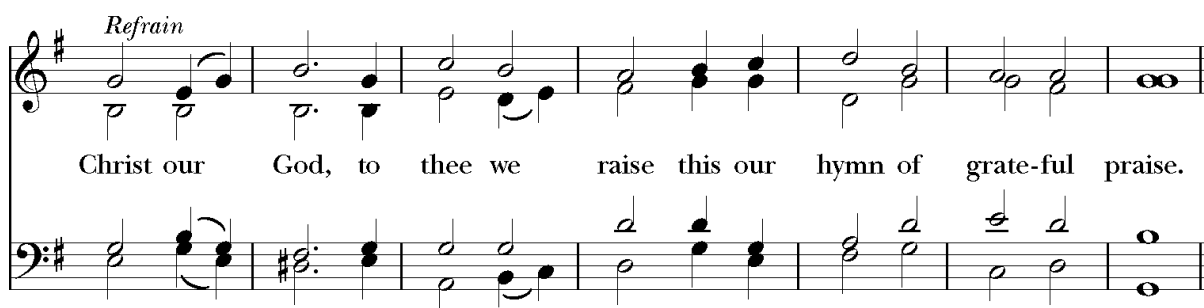


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,



1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
 4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
 5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

*Refrain*



Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

6 For each perfect gift of thine  
 to the world so freely given,  
 faith and hope and love divine,  
 peace on earth and joy in heaven,

*Refrain*

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.  
 Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874-1948)

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Creation Season Prayer 1

*Celebrant*      *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we turned your generosity into our scarcity, your beauty into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption.

Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life. Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people.

And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Hymn S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to you, the Creator. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: "Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

He took the wine, and gave thanks to you. He gave it to his friends saying: "This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me."

And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

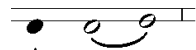
**Christ will come again.**

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Redeem in us all that destroys, and stir up in us all that creates.

Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew. Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever.

*People*

  
**A-men.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

## THE COMMUNION

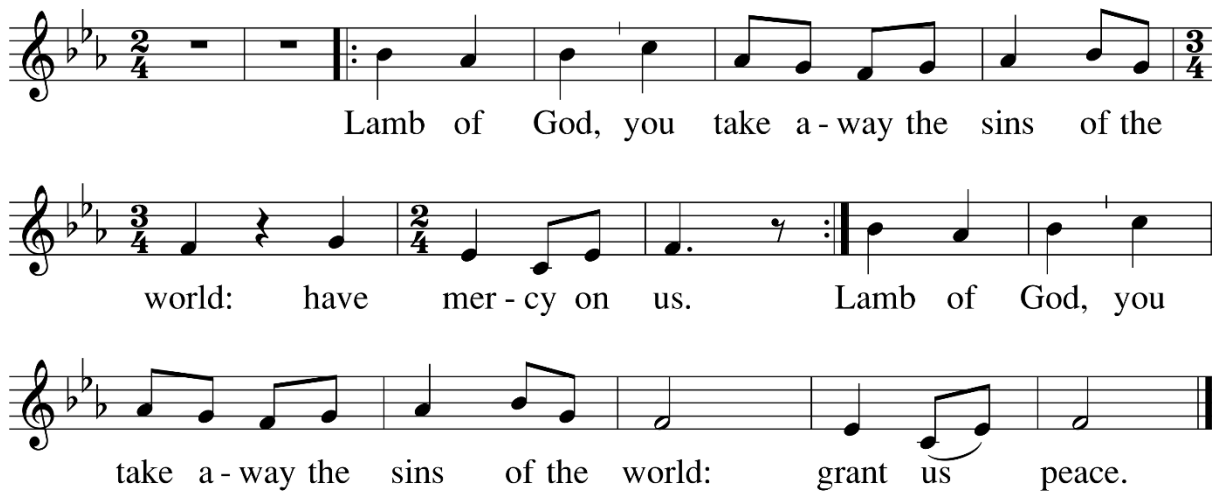
*The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying*

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

**All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.**

*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:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx, 1977, GIA Publications, Inc.



MUSIC AT COMMUNION      *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

**O for a closer walk with God**

*C.V. Stanford (1852 – 1924)*

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

Return, O holy dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION      *standing*

**Holy One,**  
**you feed us with bread from heaven**  
**and the gifts of this bountiful earth.**  
**In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace**  
**and you call us to friendship with one another.**  
**You have given us the gift of reconciliation.**  
**May we who have tasted that gift from you,**  
**offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another**  
**And may you always walk among us as friend.**  
**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 saying*

Go forth now to care for God's world  
and live in harmony with all creation.

Go out into all the world as prophets and preach the good news to all.

And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son,

and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you

that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

**Amen.**

1. O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and  
 2. O beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in  
 3. Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your

coun - se - lor all - wise, un - bound - ed splen - dor  
 flow - er, field, and face, you show your - self a -  
 in - sight here im - part, and give your ser - vants

grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies: un -  
 maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place. We  
 low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart to

fail - ing is your treas - ure, un - fad - ing your re -  
 see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had  
 know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are

ward; sur - pass - ing world - ly pleas - ure, the  
 been; you fan the glow - ing em - ber and  
 tried, to seek you more sin - cere - ly when

rich - es you af - ford. Come, stream of end - less  
 kin - dle hope with - in. Come, fire of glo - ry  
 false i - deals have died: for vi - sion we im -

flow - ing, and res - cue us from death; come,  
 gra - cious, bless all who trust in you; un -  
 plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light; in

wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.  
 dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your Church a - new.  
 prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata in G Major from “12 Pièces pour orgue” - Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)*

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