

HOLY EUCHARIST

Stewardship Season

Proper 23

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | OCTOBER 19, 2025 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Andante Sostenuto from “*Symphonie Gothique*” – Charles-Marie Widor (1844 – 1937)

Please stand as the bell sounds.



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

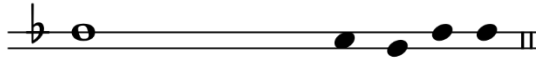
Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971)

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

A Community Mass



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
 Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men.

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, guardian of your people, always ready to hear the cries of your chosen ones, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Support our prayer lest we grow weary. Guide us to seek your enduring justice and your ever-present help. Grant 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 same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 121



*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*

I lift up my eyes | to the hills; *
from where is my | help to come?

My help | comes from God, *
the maker of hea-|ven and earth.

God will not let your | foot be moved; *
the One who watches over you will not | fall asleep.

Behold, the One who keeps watch | over Israel *
shall neither slum-|ber nor sleep;

The Holy One watches | over you *
and is your shade at | your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike | you by day, *
nor the | moon by night.

God shall preserve you | from all evil *
and is the One who shall | keep you safe.

God shall watch over your going out and your | coming in, *
from this time forth for | evermore.

Anglican Chant: William Crotch

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*

Hymn 628

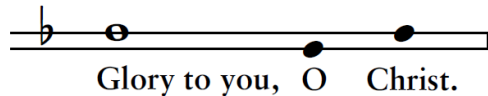
1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to
 2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
 3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
 all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
 yearn-ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

Words: William Watkins Reid, Jr. (b. 1923), alt.
 Music: *St. Ethelwald*, William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

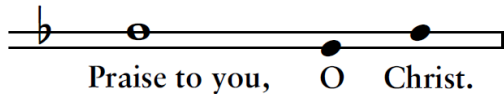
The Deacon or Priest intones

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



Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

With Mary we say, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and so we lift our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

For the church: That our lives may magnify your love, our giving reflect your generosity, our joy make you known.

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this community: That our offerings of time, treasure, and care become a song of thanksgiving, a witness to abundance, a gift that blesses far beyond our sight.

God of blessing, **hear our prayer.**

For the world: That the lowly be lifted up, the hungry filled, the powerful turned toward justice, and the earth itself cherished as holy.

God of justice, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need: That the sick may find healing, the anxious peace, the grieving comfort, the forgotten dignity.

Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.

God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died: That their souls, now at rest, may join Mary's everlasting song of praise.

Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.

God of life, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes

God of abundance, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name. Receive our prayers and make of us a living song of praise, through Christ our Lord.

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

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether

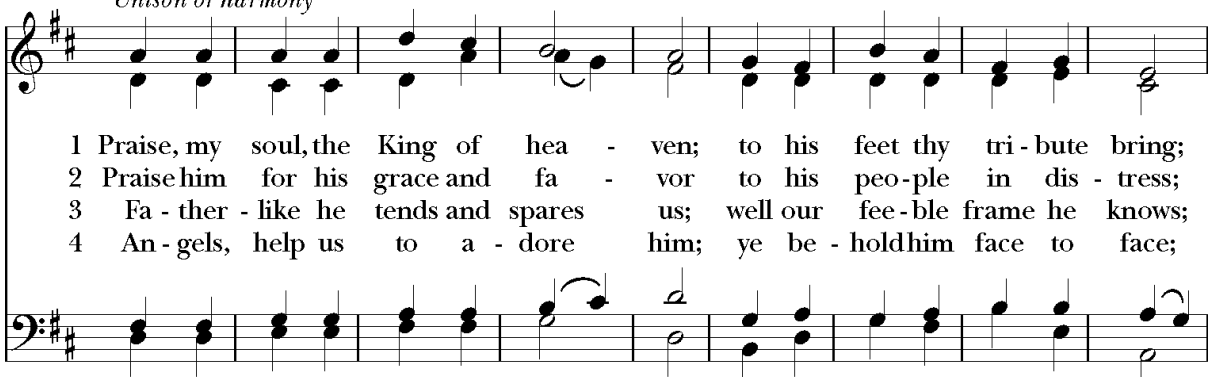
Harold Friedell (1905 – 1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

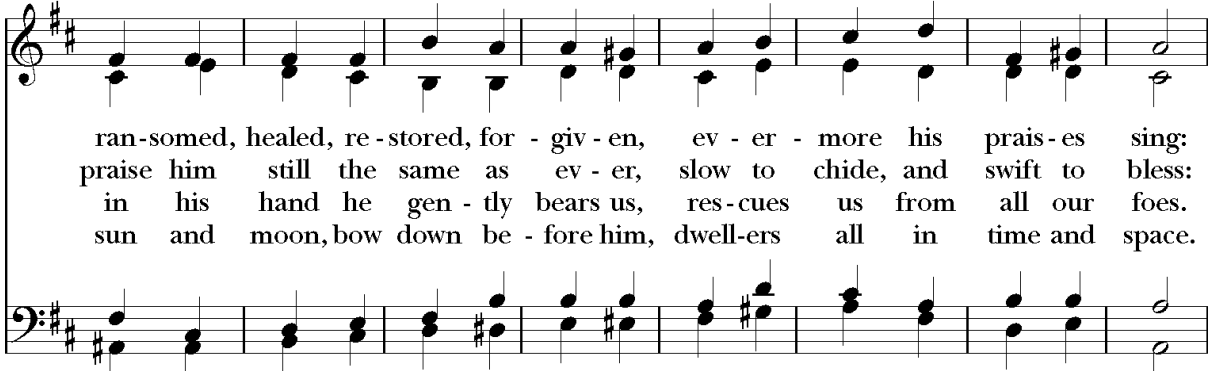
All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

As the brethren use to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

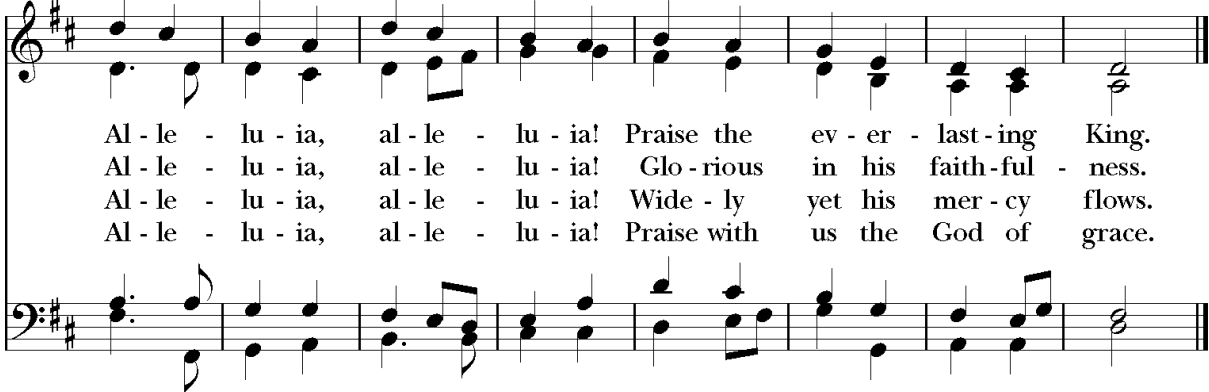
Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800–1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

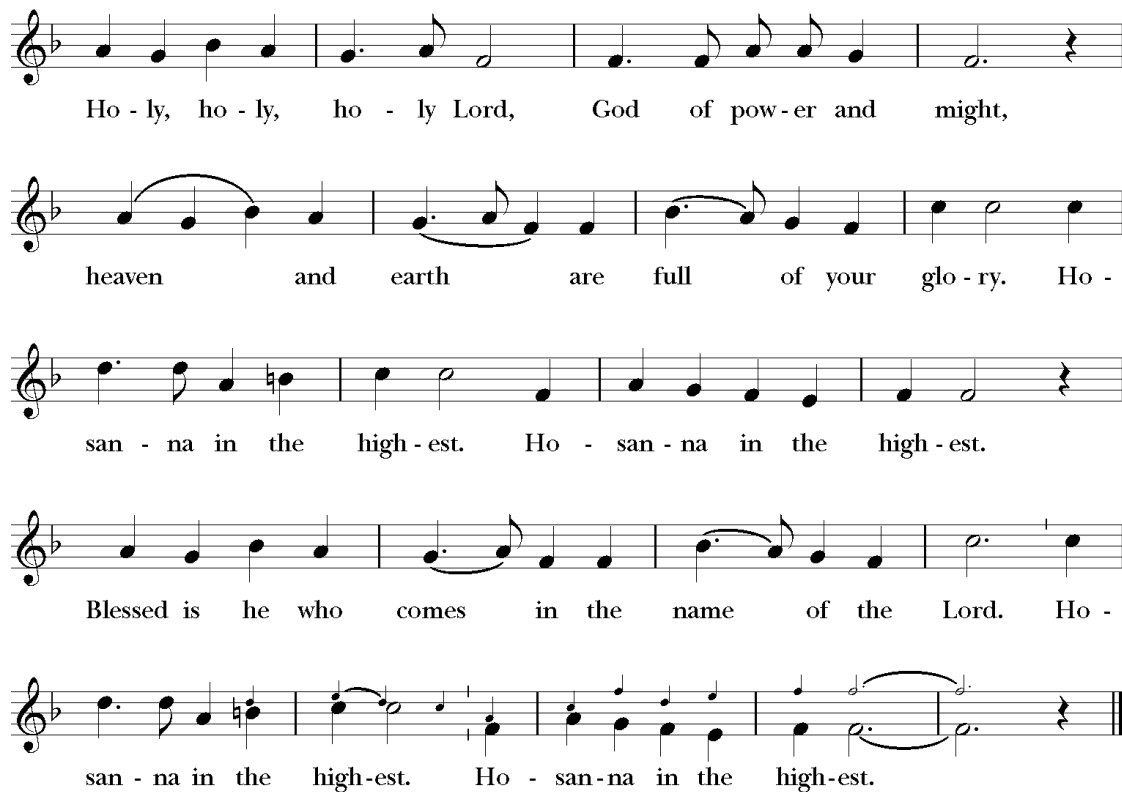
People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy God, source of all abundance. You scatter the proud and lift up the lowly. You fill the hungry with good things, you teach us that all we have is gift, to be received with gratitude and given away in love.

And so, with Mary and all who sing your praise, with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, we proclaim the glory of your name:

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.

Setting: Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. In him you have shown us the riches of your mercy and the measure of your love.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

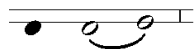
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Send your Spirit upon us also, that we may live as stewards of your mysteries, faithful in prayer, generous in love, and fearless in witness, until the world is turned upside down with joy, and you are all in all.

Through 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.

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

The bread we break is Christ's body, given for the life of the world.

Glory to God, who gives without measure.

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. If you wish not to drink from the common cup, just reach out to touch the base with your hand as it comes by, or cross your hands across your chest. Individual wine cups are available on the side altars (alcohol-free option indicated by the blue dot)

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 11am*

O Lord, hear my prayer

Jacques Berthier (1923 – 1994)

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.

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.

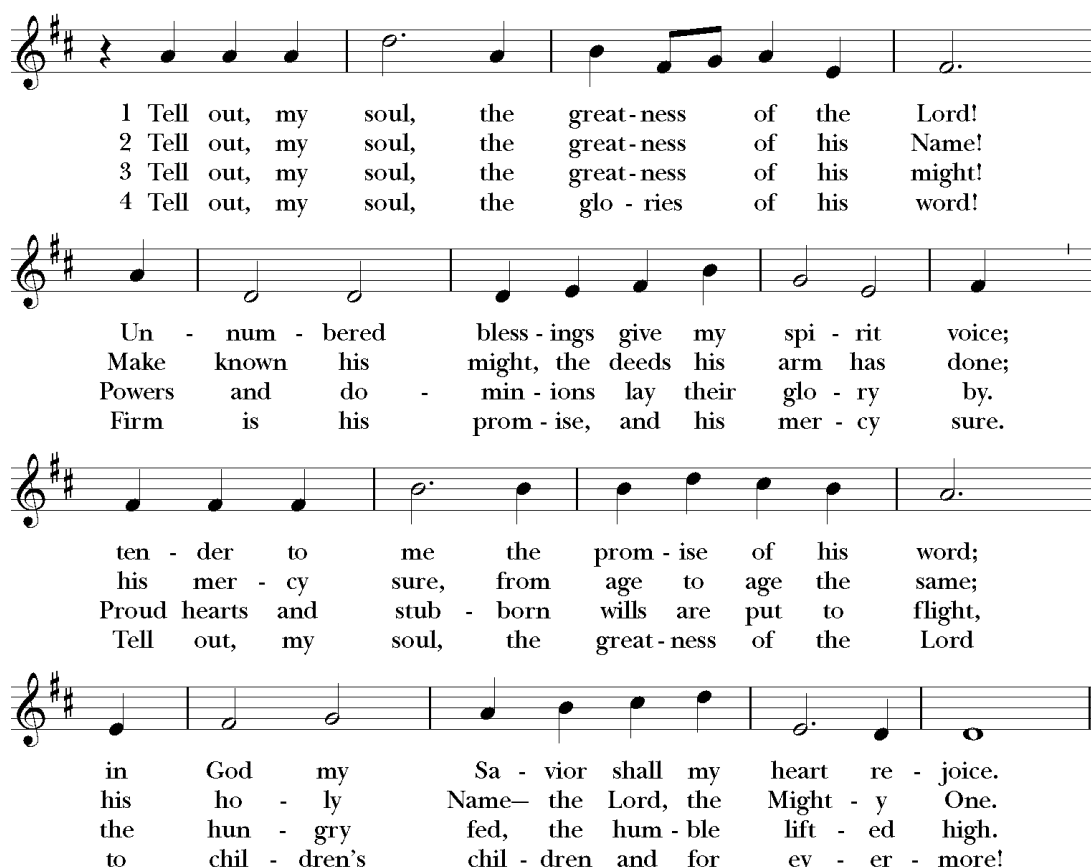
THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the People with these or other words

May God, who gives without measure, fill your hearts with gratitude, your hands with generosity, and your lives with abundant joy.

And 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.



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary*
 Music: Woodlands, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, offering our lives as a song of praise.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major BWV 541 – J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

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