

HOLY EUCHARIST

Stewardship Season

Proper 25

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | OCTOBER 26, 2025 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

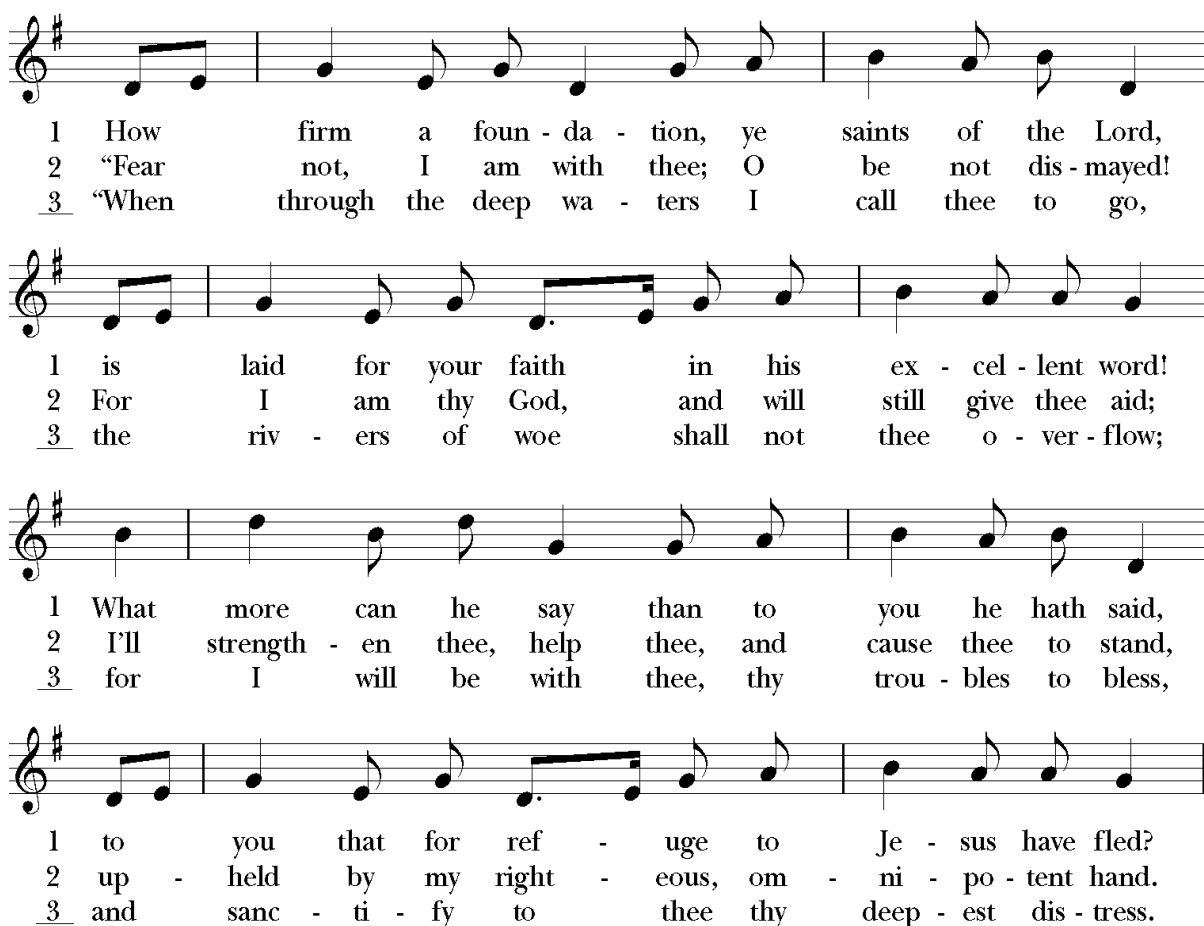
PRELUDE

I Love Thee, My Lord from "Sacred Sounds" - George Shearing (1919 - 2011)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hymn 636



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.

Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.

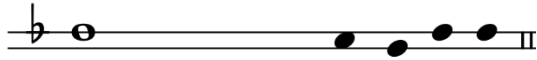
Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938–1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929)

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, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner. As we stand before you, grant us the gift of humility, that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbor. We make our prayer 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.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

*Psalm 84:1-6*

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.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O | God of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.

The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young, *
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
my Ruler | and my God.

Happy are they who dwell | in your house; *

they will always be | praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength | is in you; *

whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a | place of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.

They will climb from | height to height; *

the God of gods will be re-|vealed in Zion.

THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

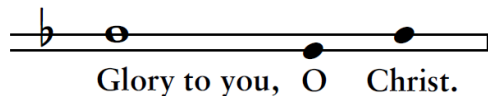
in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650, alt.; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
 Music: *Brother Jame's Air*, J. L. Mcbeth Bain (1840?-1925)

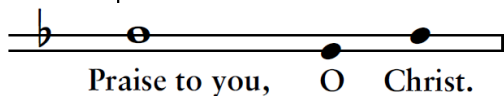
The Deacon or Priest intones

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



Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Paul Carling

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, talent, and treasure, become a song of thanksgiving, a witness to abundance, and 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*

The House of Faith Has Many Rooms

Music: Craig Phillips (b. 1961)
Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

The house of faith has many rooms
where we have never been;
there is more space within God's scope
than we have ever seen.

We dare not limit God's domain
to what our creeds declare,
or shrink from probing things unknown
lest God should not be there.

The way to God is not escape,
though truth does make us free:
the life of chosen servanthood
is perfect liberty.

Yet still we seek at journey's end
the last and sweetest grace:
the gift of room to turn around
and know God face to face.



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
 * 4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -
 4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930), alt.; after Joachim Neander (1650–1680)
 Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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 and gracious God, source of all abundance. You scatter the proud and lift up the lowly. You fill the hungry with good things, you lead us to know all we have is gift, 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, gave it to his friends, and said: "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.

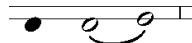
Christ is risen.

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 riches, faithful in prayer, generous in love, and fearless in witness, until lowly are raised up, the world knows your love, and all tell out your glory.

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:

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 2/4 time signature. The first line of music contains a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign, and then a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the' are written below the first line. The second line of music starts with a 3/4 time signature, followed by a 2/4 time signature, and then a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you' are written below the second line. The third line of music continues with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' are written below the third line. The score ends with a double bar line.

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*

How Firm a Foundation

Text: Robert Keen (ca. 1787)

Tune: The Sacred Harp, arr. Tom Trenney

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath
said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall
lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to
stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent
hand.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to
go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

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 forever.

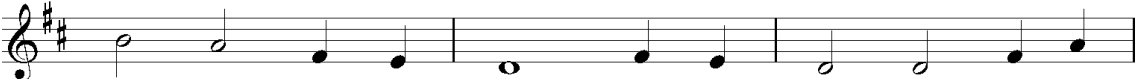
Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

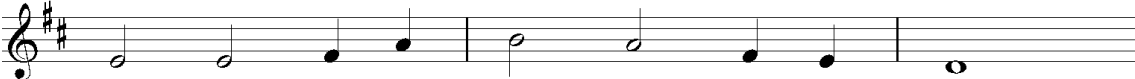
Hymn 686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



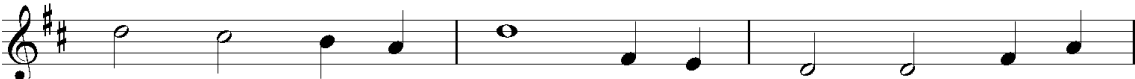
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



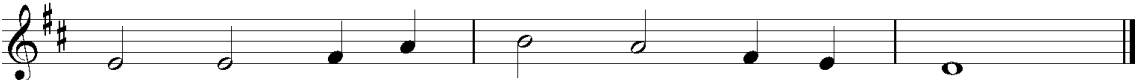
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735–1790), alt.

Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934)

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Longpont, Op. 31 No. 21 – Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)

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