

HOLY EUCHARIST

Thanksgiving Day

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | NOVEMBER 27, 2025 - 10:00AM


PRELUDE

Nun danket alle Gott BWV 657 - J.S. Bach


Please stand as the bell sounds.



HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;




all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
 2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
 4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence



be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,
 shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
 to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,



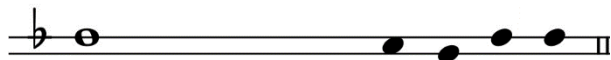
come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
 we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.
 Music: *St. George's, Windsor*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Give thanks to the God of all creation.

The People respond



Glory to God for - ev - er and ev - er.

SONG OF PRAISE

Musical notation for the first part of the Song of Praise. It consists of a treble staff and a bass staff, both in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies, 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

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Musical notation for the second part of the Song of Praise. It consists of a treble staff and a bass staff, both in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies: for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

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Refrain

Musical notation for the Refrain of the Song of Praise. It consists of a treble staff and a bass staff, both in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON *seated*

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Lord said: When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

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

Unison



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;
 3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan-dering foot - steps guide;
 4 O spread thy shel-tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,

1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:
 3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
 4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.

Music: *Dundee*, melody from The CL Psalmes of David, 1615; fauxbourdon *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635

THE GOSPEL

John 6:25-35

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

When his disciples found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir,[b] give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

THE LITANY OF THANKSGIVING *standing*

Let us give thanks to God for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of human beings, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For the courage to overcome poverty, adversity and oppression in all communities,

We thank you, Lord.

For the right use of your abundant resources to restore dignity to all your children,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

We thank you, Lord.

We thank you, Lord, and give you thanks and praise; to you be glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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!



THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Unison or harmony

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and
 *2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and
 3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv - er of all good, the
 give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
 call - ing us to make the dream come true: a
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
 world re-deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Words: Frank von Christierson (1900-1996)

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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.

Holy God, fountain of all mercy, giver of every good gift, we come before you with grateful hearts. For life itself, for the breath that sustains us, for the hope that leads us on, we give you thanks and praise. Therefore, with all who stand before you on earth and in heaven, we join in the song of your unending glory:

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

Music: Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

The Celebrant continues

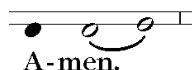
Blessed are you, O God, who revealed your abundance in liberation – touching the wounded, lifting the shamed, and inviting all to your table.

On the night before he gave himself for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you. After supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.

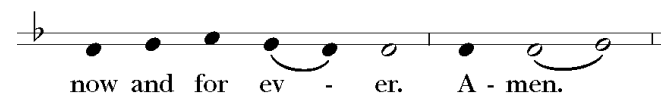
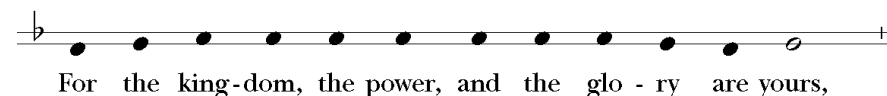
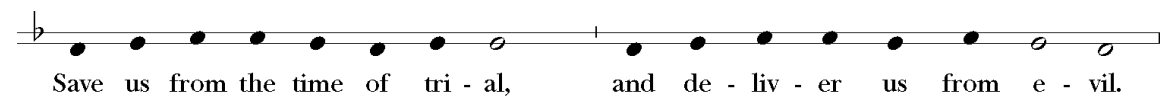
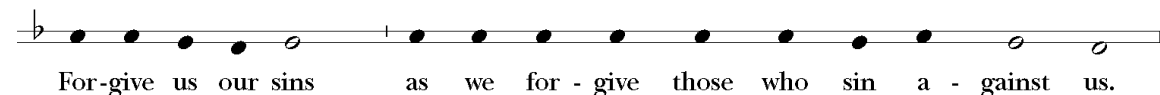
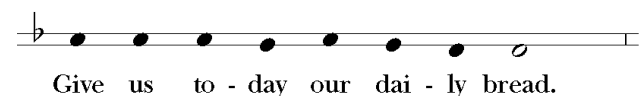
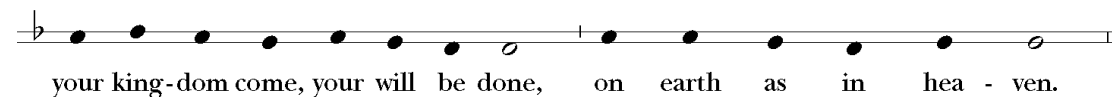
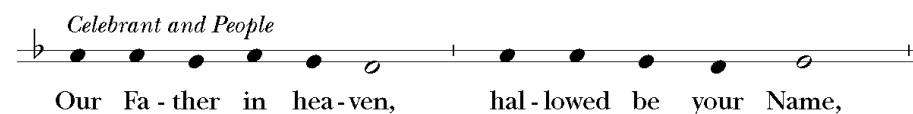
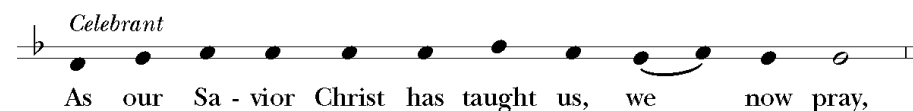
Remembering his dying and rising, we offer to you these gifts of bread and wine, and we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon them, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Draw us into your mercy, steady us in your hope, and make us generous in thanksgiving, that the world may know your justice and your peace.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

People



THE LORD'S PRAYER



Setting: Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

THE COMMUNION

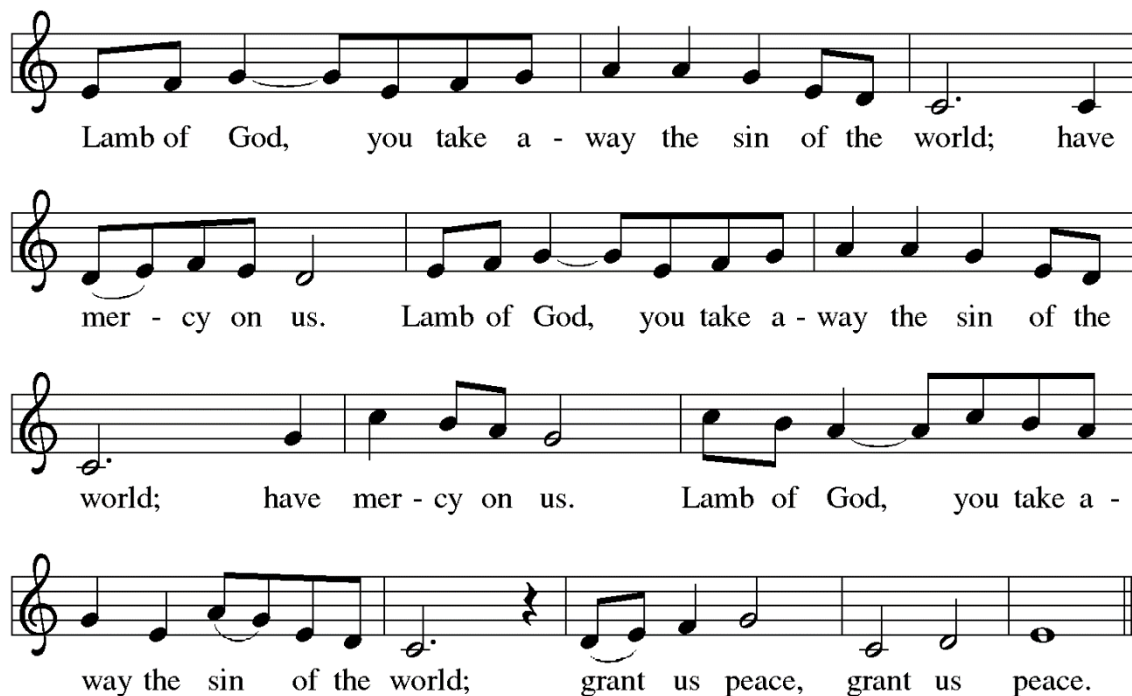
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Everyone 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.

All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Setting: ELW Setting One S112

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.

THE BLESSING

May the Holy One, whose abundance knows no limit, awaken gratitude in you, kindle courage in you, and send you forth in peace. And the blessing of the God who creates, redeems, and sustains be with you now and always.

Amen.

FINAL HYMN

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re-joice-es;
 With ev-er-joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est hea-ven,

who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 e-ter-nal, Tri-une God, whom earth and heaven a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev-er-more.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)
 Music: *Diademata*, George Job Elvey (1816-1893); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, and let your lives be an offering of thanks.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God - Virgil Fox

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