

HOLY EUCHARIST

Proper 17 in Ordinary Time

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | AUGUST 31, 2025 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Communion in F Major- L.J.A. Lefébure-Wély (1817 - 1869)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hymn 665



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)

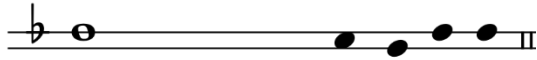
Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

THE 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

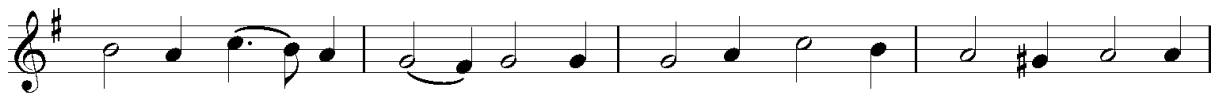
Hymn 421



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?–1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*

Music: *Allein Gott in der Höb*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?–1541); harm. Hieronymus Praetorius (1560?–1629)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God and judge of all, you show us that the way to your kingdom is through humility and service. Keep us true to the path of justice and give us the reward promised to those who make a place for the rejected and the poor. 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*

Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

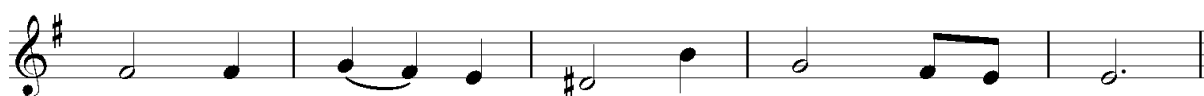
Thanks be to God.



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
 2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
 3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age
 4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
 5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
 2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -
 3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man
 4 know-ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -
 5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



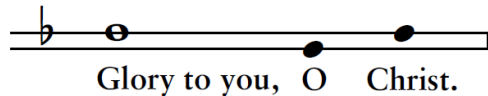
1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.
 2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.
 3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.
 4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.
 5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

Words: David W. Hughes (1911–1967), alt.

Music: *Uffingham*, melody and bass Jeremiah Clarke (1670–1707), alt.; harm. *Songs for Liturgy and More Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 1971

The Deacon or Priest intones

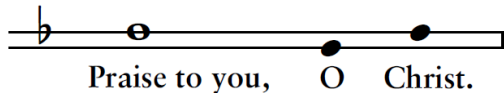
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Glory to you, O Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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

1 Fa - ther all lov - ing, who rul - est in ma - jes - ty,
 2 Bless - ed Lord Je - sus, who cam - est in pov - er - ty,
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, cre - ate in us ho - li - ness,
 4 Ho - li - est Trin - i - ty, per - fect in u - ni - ty,

judg - ment is thine, and con - demn - eth our pride;
 shar - ing a sta - ble with beasts at thy birth,
 lift up our lives to thy stand - ard of right;
 bind in thy love ev - ery na - tion and race;

stir up our lead - ers and peo - ples to pen - i - tence,
 stir us to work for thy jus - tice and char - i - ty,
 stir ev - ery will to new ven - tures of faith - ful - ness,
 may we a - dore thee for time and e - ter - ni - ty,

sor - row for sins that for ven - geance have cried.
 tru - ly to care for the poor of the earth.
 flood the whole Church with thy glo - ri - ous light.
 Fa - ther, Re - deem - er, and Spi - rit of grace.

Words: Patrick Robert Norman Appleford (b. 1925), alt.

Music: *Was lebet*. Melody from *Choral-Buch vor Johann Heinrich Reinhardt*, 1754; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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.

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:

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

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."

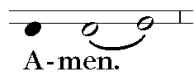
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

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.

People



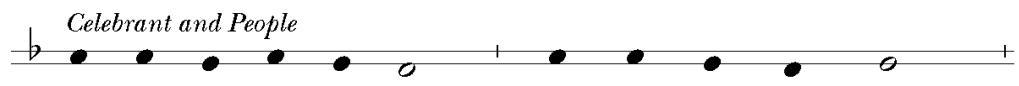
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

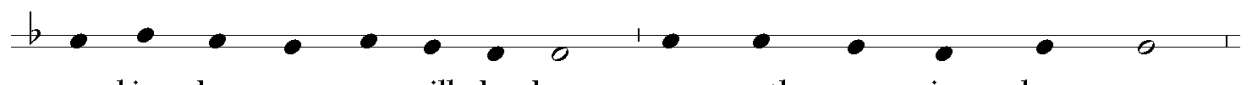


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,


Celebrant and People



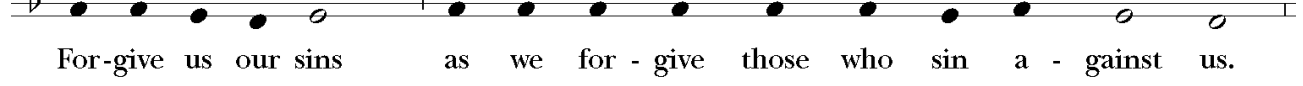
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



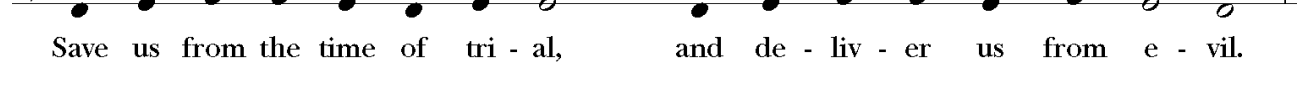
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



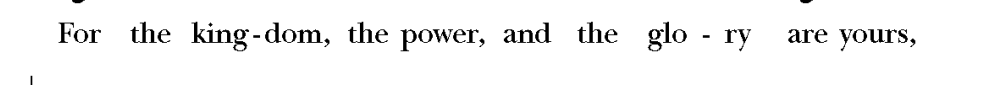
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



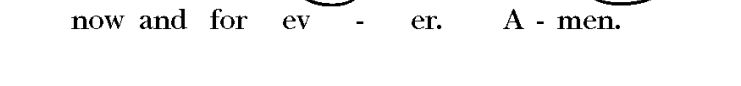
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

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:

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: have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: grant us peace.

Setting: Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis (1930-2016)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Cantor at 11am*

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.

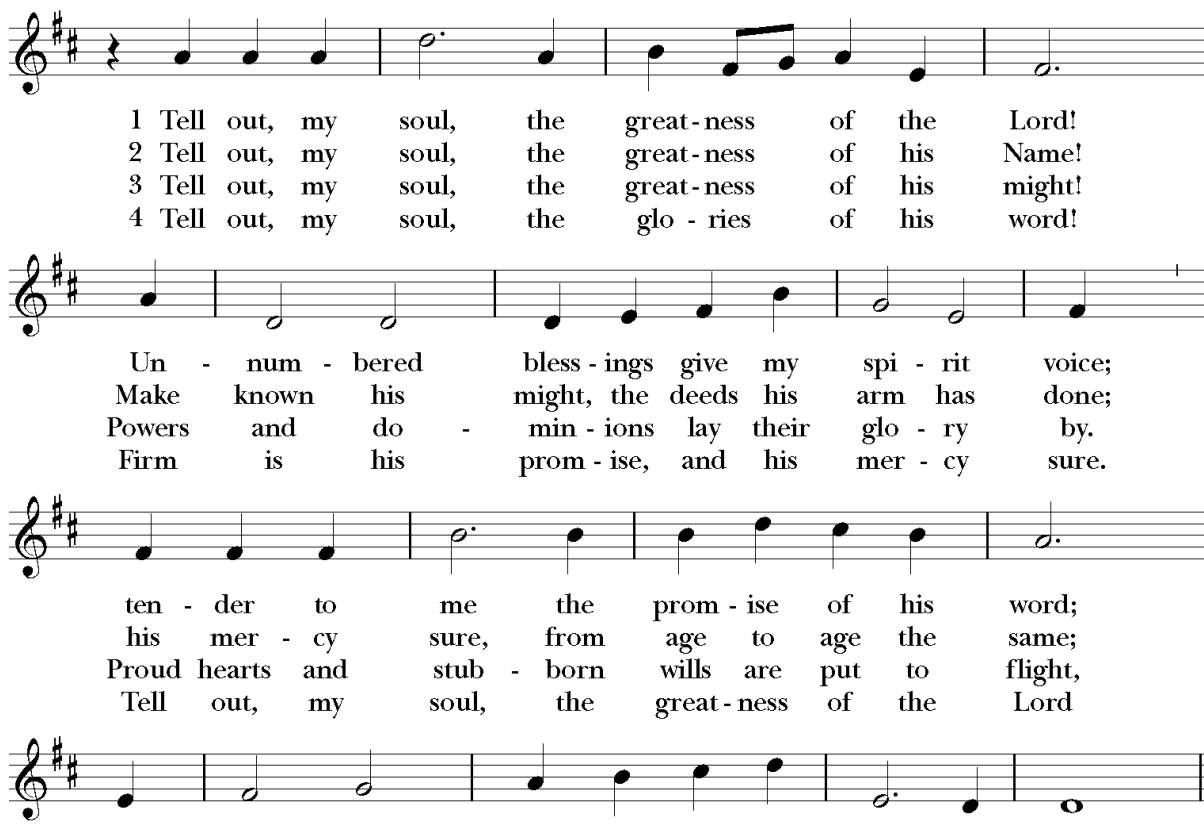
The People respond

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.**



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 rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Little" Fugue in G Minor— J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

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