

HOLY EUCHARIST

Proper 18 in Ordinary Time

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Adagio from Organ Sonata No. 1 – Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

Please stand as the bell sounds.



1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

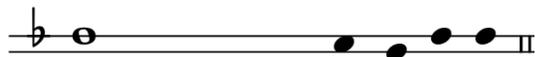
Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926)
 Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the 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 of the ages, you called the church to keep watch in the world, and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom with your spirit, that was courage. We may proclaim your prophetic Word and complete the work that you have set before us. 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.

THE LESSON *seated*

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

Antiphon



Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him - self is there.



1 Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,
 2 As we are all of one bo - dy, when we gath - er
 3 Now we pray that with the bless - ed you grant us grace



let us all re - joice and be glad now and al - ways.
 let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness.
 to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,



And as we hear and love our Lord, the liv - ing God,
 May all our pet - ty jeal - ous - ies and ha - tred cease
 our bound - less source of joy and truth, of peace and love,

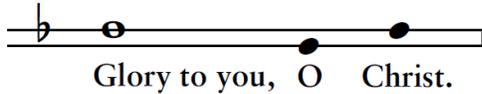


so let us in sin - cer - i - ty love all peo - ple. [Ant.]
 that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. [Ant.]
 for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end. [Ant.]

Words: Latin: tr. Joyce M. Glover (b. 1923)
 Music: *Ubi caritas*, plainsong, Mode 6; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950)

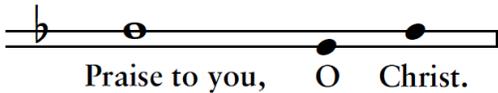
The Deacon or Priest intones

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



Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Paul Carling

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 Choir at 11am*

Christ Be With Me

Noel Rawsthorne (1929 – 2019)

Christ be with me,
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to guide me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in care of friend and stranger.



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt.

Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944)

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

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A-men.

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 Choir 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 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878–1969), alt.
 Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932)

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory – Paul Manz (1919 – 2009)

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