

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FULL TEXT

Proper 10 in Ordinary Time

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

JULY 12, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

La fille au cheveux de lin - Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION *standing*

Hymn 371

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780–1825), alt.

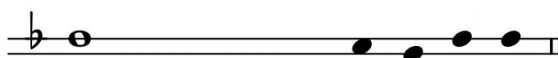
Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God;

The People respond



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

GLORIA

ELW Setting II



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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 prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 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.
Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Music: Marty Haugen, Setting 2 from Evangelical Lutheran Worship

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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*

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

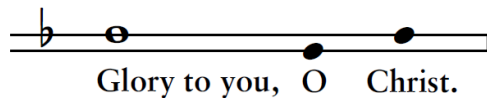
now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829–1878); alt.

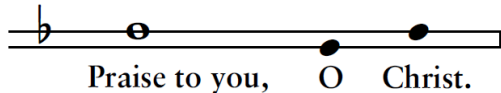
Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625–1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846–1926)

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



Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Paul Carling
Priest Associate

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

We pray for:

THOSE IN AUTHORITY IN THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD

THOSE WHO MINISTER IN CHRIST'S NAME

THE SUFFERING AND GRIEF-STRICKEN

THE NEEDS OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

OUR OWN PERSONAL NEEDS

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The Deacon says

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

The Intercessor says: *In your great love,*

The People respond: **Hear us, O God.**

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.

For those who hold authority over others, that they would be just, and merciful, and unafraid of the truth.

In your great love,

Hear us, O God.

For your church, that we would love what you love and seek what you seek.

In your great love,

Hear us, O God.

For the sick and the suffering, the grieving and the afraid, that they would know they are not abandoned.

In your great love,

Hear us, O God.

For this community, that we would bear one another's burdens, and share one another's joys.

In your great love,

Hear us, O God.

For the particular needs and thanksgivings of those gathered here, which we offer aloud or in silence...

In your great love,

Hear us, O God.

For those who have died, whom we name now aloud or in silence...

In your great love,

Hear us, O God.

[the Celebrant improvises a collect to conclude the prayers]

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*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860–1935), alt.
 Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874–1948)

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.

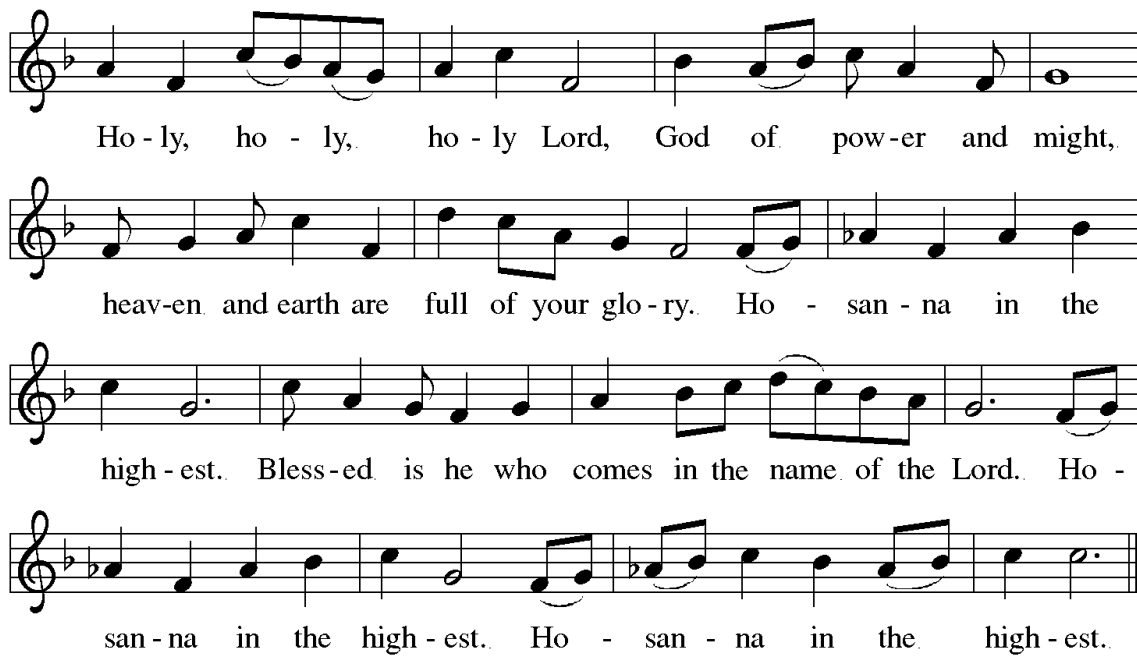
People
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The prayer continues until

We give you thanks, O God, for you made us in your image
and called us to live in your love.
When we wandered far off, you sought us;
when we could not return, you came to us in Jesus,
who lived our life, died our death, and opened to us the way of life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Marty Haugen, Setting 2 from Evangelical Lutheran Worship

The prayer continues until

Holy and gracious God, in Jesus you came among us
and gave yourself for the life of the world.

On the night before he died for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said,
"Take, eat: This is my Body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, 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 sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his death and resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you these gifts from your own creation,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

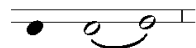
Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son.
Pour out your Spirit upon us also,
and gather into one all who share this holy food;
bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal home.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
all honor and glory are yours,
Source of all Being, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit,
now and for ever.

People



A-men.

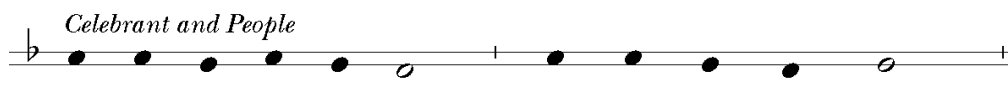
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

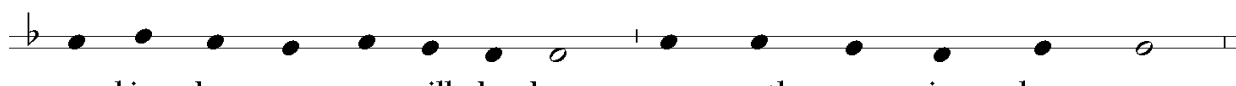


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

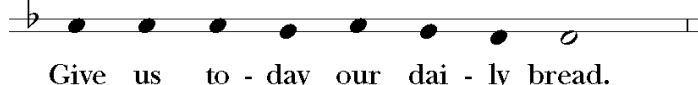
Celebrant and People



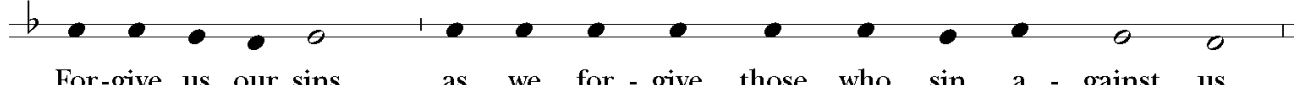
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



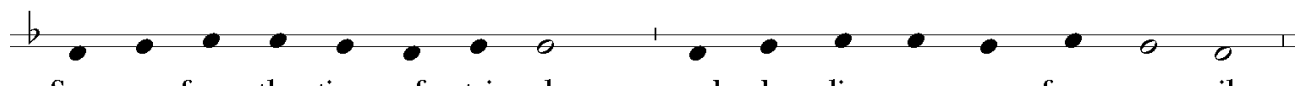
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



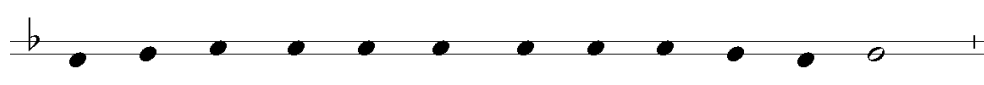
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



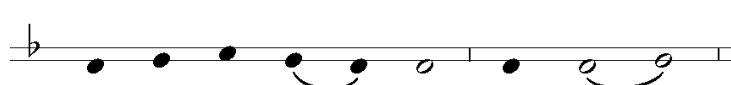
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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 bids the People to Communion.

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. If you don't wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply touch its base when it is brought to you. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

All sing 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.

Music: Marty Haugen, Setting 2 from Evangelical Lutheran Worship

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Choir*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

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 Celebrant sends them out:

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.

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 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 SENDING

Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

*The feasting continues! –
with coffee, cookies and conversation on the side lawn of the church.
Ask anyone near the front or rear doors and they will guide you there.*

VOLUNTARY

Suite Bergamesque: I. Prelude - Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

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