

THE HOLY EUCHARIST *FULL TEXT*

Proper 12 in Ordinary Time

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

JULY 26, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Adoration – Florence B. Price (1887 – 1953)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hymn 518

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

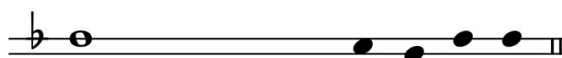
Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1856), alt.
Music: Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659–1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

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.

God of eternal wisdom, you alone impart the gift of right judgment. Grant us an understanding heart, that we may value wisely the treasure of your kingdom and gladly forgo all lesser gifts to possess that kingdom's incomparable joy. 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*

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.
Thanks be to God.

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; e - ter - nal
 2 E - ter - nal life, raise me from death; e - ter - nal
 3 un - til by your most cost - ly grace, in - vit - ed

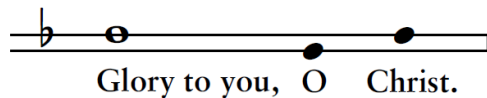
hope, lift up my eyes; e - ter - nal power, be
 bright-ness, help me see; e - ter - nal Spi - rit,
 by your ho - ly word, at last I come be -

my sup - port; e - ter - nal wis - dom, make me wise.
 give me breath; e - ter - nal Sa - vior come to me:
 fore your face to know you, my e - ter - nal God.

Words: Christopher Idle (b. 1938), from a prayer of Alcuin (735?-804)

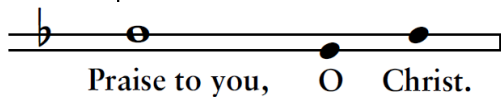
Music: *Ach bleib bei uns*, melody Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654); harm. Seth Calvisius (1556-1615)

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



Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

*The Rev. Paul Carling
Priest Associate*

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

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. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe-ly in His bos - om gath - er;
 2. God His own doth tend and nour-ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour-ish;
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His chil-dren sev - er;
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num-bers, Your pro-tect - or nev - er slum-bers;
 5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

1. Nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
 3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
 5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Words: Carolina Sandell-Berg, 1955; tr. Ernest W. Olson, 1925
 Music: Swedish Folk Melody

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.

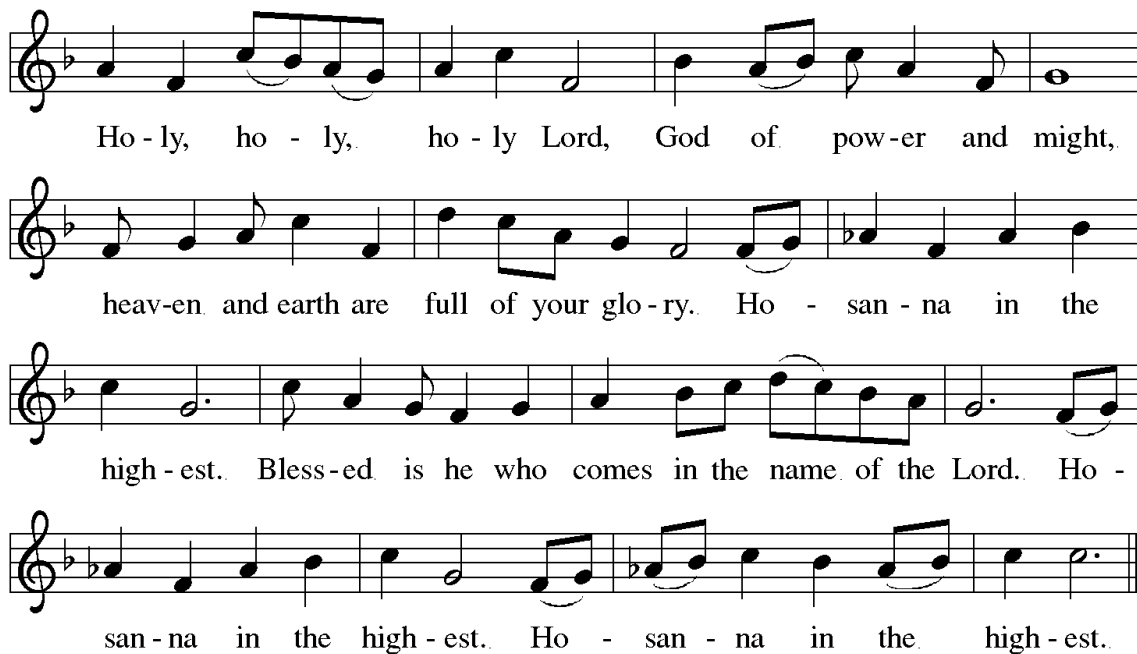
People
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

Amen.

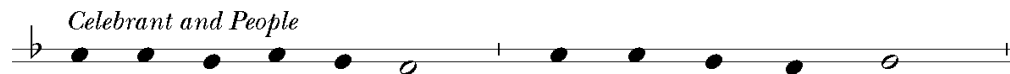
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

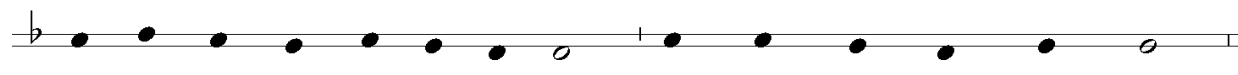


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People



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



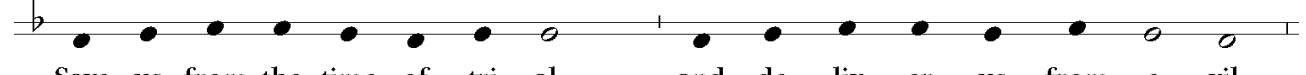
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



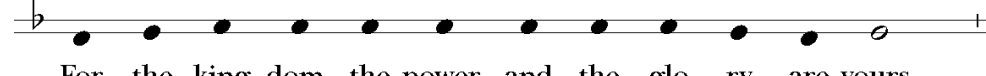
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



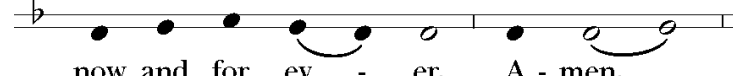
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852–1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796–1867), alt.

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

‘Gigue’ Fugue in G Major BWV 577 – J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

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