

THE HOLY EUCHARIST *FULL TEXT*

Proper 16 in Ordinary Time

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

AUGUST 23, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Aria - Noel Rawsthorne (1929 – 2019)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Hymn 401

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725–1799), alt.

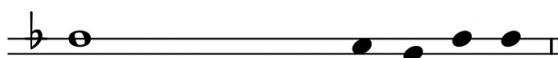
Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

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

Mass in Honor of St. Cecilia

A musical score for the Gloria, consisting of ten staves of music. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry. Lord God, heav - en - ly
King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus
Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son. Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you
take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you
take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our

prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have
mer - cy on us. 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.

Setting: *Mass in Honor of Saint Cecilia*; Richard K. Fitzgerald, Copyright; 2012, International Liturgy Publications

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

Proper 16

Living God, you sent your Son among us to reveal your wisdom and make known your ways. Increase our faith, that we may confess Jesus as your Son, take up his work on earth, and trust his promise to sustain the Church. 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.

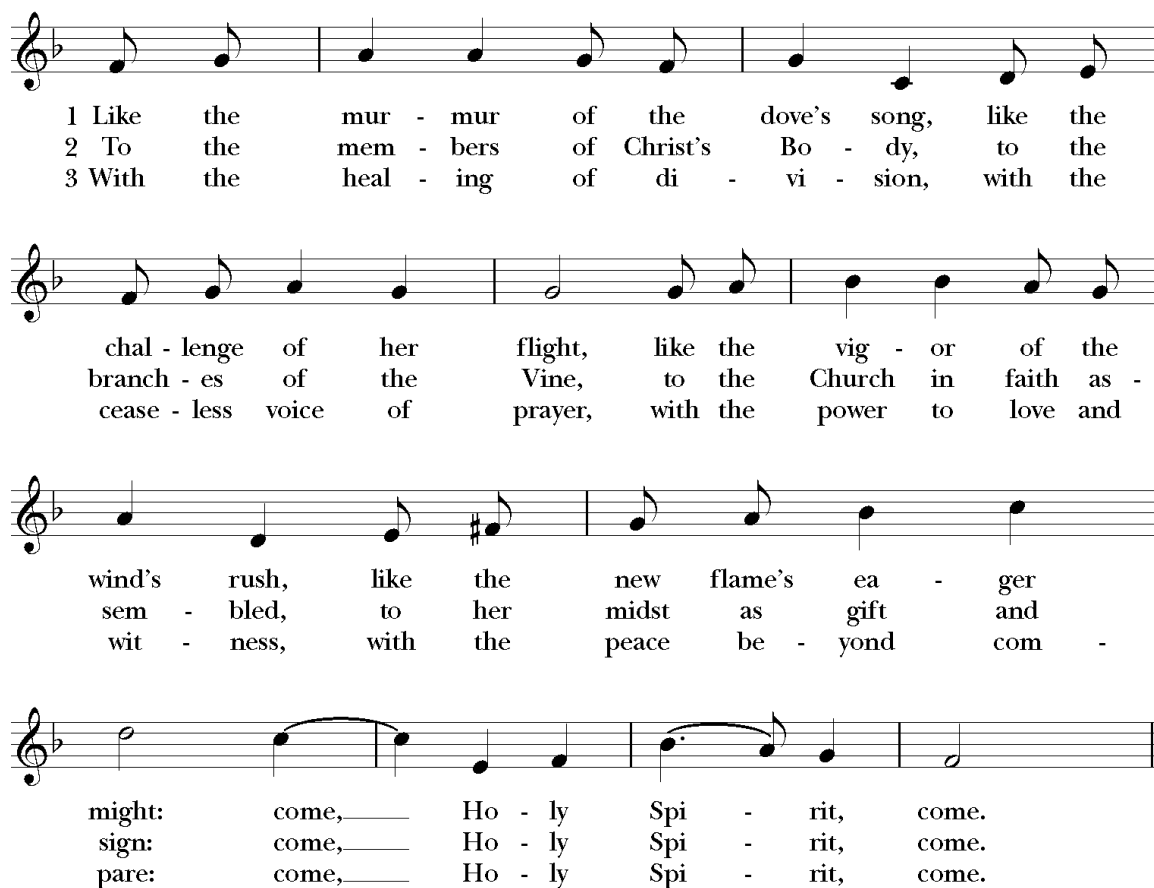
Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

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

Hymn 513



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the

chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and

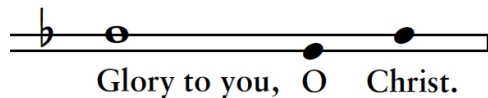
wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -

might: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, _____ Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

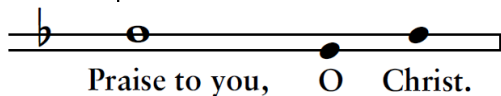
Music: *Bridegroom*, Peter Cutts (b. 1937)

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



When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Rev. Daniel Simons, Rector

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*

Christ is our Cornerstone

Noel Rawsthorne (1929 – 2019)

Christ is our cornerstone on him alone we
build; with his true saints alone the courts of
heaven are filled; on his great love our hopes we
place of present grace and joy above.

Here, gracious God, do thou forevermore draw
nigh; accept each faithful vow, and mark each
suppliant sigh; in copious show'r on all who
pray each holy day thy blessings pour.

O then with hymns of praise these hallow'd
courts shall ring; our voices will we raise the
Three in One to sing; and thus proclaim in
joyful song, both loud and long that glorious
name.

1 O Ho - ly Spi - rit, by whose breath life
 2 You are the seek - er's sure re - source, of
 3 In you God's en - er - gy is shown, to

1 ris - es vi - brant out of death; come to cre -
 2 burn - ing love the liv - ing source, pro - tec - tor
 3 us your var - ied gifts make known. Teach us to

1 ate, re - new, in - spire; come, kin - dle in our hearts your fire.
 2 in the midst of strife, the giv - er and the Lord of life.
 3 speak, teach us to hear; yours is the tongue and yours the ear.

6 Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word,
 and to the Spirit: God the Lord,
 to whom all honor, glory be
 both now and for eternity.

Words: Att. Rabanus Maurus (776–856); tr. John Webster Grant (b. 1919), alt.; para. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*
 Music: *Komm, Gott Schöpfer*, melody from *Eyn Enchiridion*, 1524; harm. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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

There is an altar book with the priests words in 14pt bold type.

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 hosts.

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.

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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.

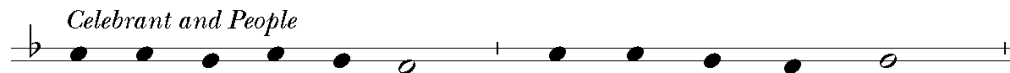
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

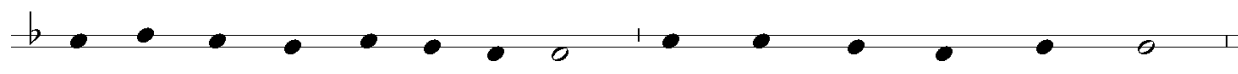


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

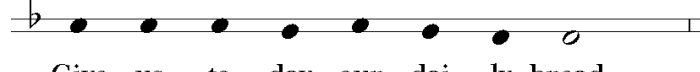
Celebrant and People



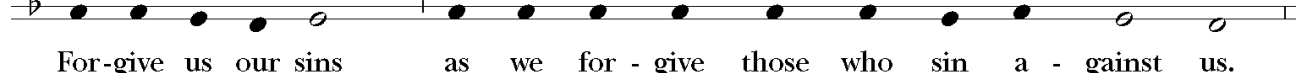
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



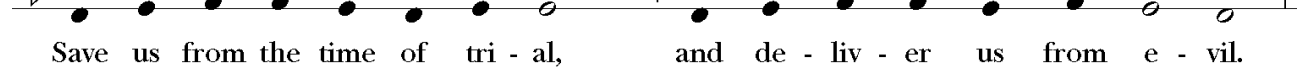
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



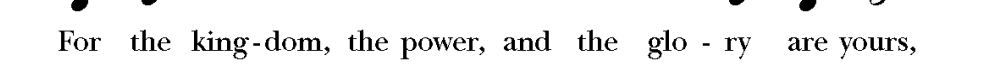
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



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

sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, grant us peace.

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MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Choir*

Ave verum corpus

W.A. Mozart (1756 – 1791)

*Ave verum corpus,
Natum de Maria virgine;
Vere passum immolatum
In crucis pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum
Unda fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.
O dulcis, o pie,
O Jesu Fili Mariae.*

Hail, true body,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Who has truly suffered, slaughtered
On the Cross for humanity.
Whose side was pierced,
Pouring out water and blood.
Be a foretaste for us
During our ordeal of death.
O sweet, O holy,
O Jesus Son of Mary.

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. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name and bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934)

Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907–1991)

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty. With the Spir - it's
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

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

Alla Marcia – John Ireland (1879 – 1962)

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