

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FULL TEXT

Creation Season*

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Boëllmann (1862 – 1897)

Prière à Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique - Léon

Please stand as the bell sounds.



**St. Paul's joins Christians around the world in celebrating the Season of Creation, which goes through October 4, the Feast of St. Francis. Born in the Orthodox Church in 1989 and now shared by the Roman Catholic Church and many Protestant denominations, this season calls us to expand our worship and prayer so they reflect the whole Gospel for the whole world. The Episcopal Church has named the climate crisis "an all-encompassing social crisis and moral emergency," and we feel its weight in disrupted seasons and disrupted lives. And yet the ground of our response is not fear but love: a world made good, given into our keeping, and cherished by God before it was ever entrusted to us. In these weeks we return to wonder—learning again to see creation as gift, so that our care for it grows from delight rather than duty, and our worship forms us to cherish what God so plainly loves.*

HYMN IN PROCESSION *standing*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The music is a hymn in procession, characterized by a steady, march-like rhythm. The lyrics are as follows:

1. We have a com - mon call - ing, O God of love and grace—
2. You call us to be part - ners— to no - tice and to care;
3. We'll work to build strong lead - ers; we'll lis - ten to our youth.
4. We see our neigh - bors suf - fering— es - pe - cial - ly the poor—
5. O God, as con - gre - ga - tions, we don't act out of fear;
to care for your cre - a - tion, to tend what you em - brace.
you make us lov - ing stew - ards of land and sea and air.
We'll strength - en con - gre - ga - tions to help them speak the truth.
and so we'll work toward jus - tice and toward an earth re - stored.
our mor - al ob - li - ga - tions will mo - ti - vate us here.
We have one home, one fu - ture; we're not in this a - lone.
We see our cli - mate chang - ing; God, show us what to do
We'll work with oth - er part - ners in our com - mu - ni - ties—
We'll work as lov - ing neigh - bors to plan and to pre - pare.
We seek a blest to - mor - row; our voi - ces rise a - bove.
We're called to work to - geth - er for this our com - mon home.
to care for your cre - a - tion, to heal the earth with you.
for mor - al, wise per - spec - tives must shine in times like these.
We'll al - lo - cate for cli - mate; the earth de - serves its share.
May we, to - day, be faith - ful in this great work of love.

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

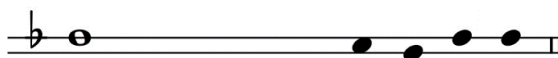
Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the God of all creation.

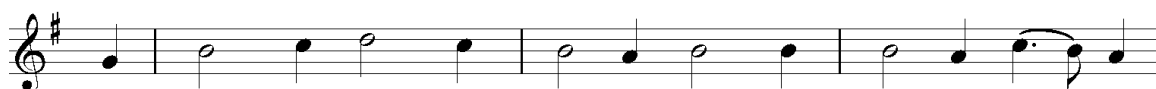
The People respond



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

SONG OF PRAISE

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)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

Almighty God, the whole creation rests in your hand, and nothing you have made is beyond your care; free us from the fear of our own smallness, that we may trust ourselves and all things to you, and find our peace in your keeping; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man;
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
when I made the clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
and said, ‘Thus far shall you come and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began
and caused the dawn to know its place,
so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
It is changed like clay under the seal,
and it is dyed like a garment.
Light is withheld from the wicked,
and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

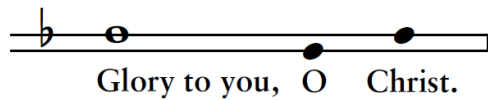
GOSPEL HYMN *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People*

Hymn 380

Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813–1886)

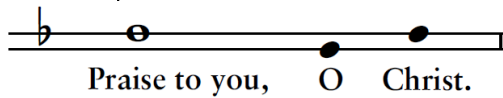
Music: *Moscow*, melody Felice de Giardini (1716–1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792–1892)

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



And when Jesus got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Simons
Rector

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:

THE GOODNESS OF CREATION
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 the world God has made and given us to tend, and for one another within it.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

*Members of the congregation offer the prayers, and we repeat the prayer in **bold**, above.
The Celebrant prays the concluding collect.*

For the earth in its fullness: the seas and all that moves in them, the birds of the air and the beasts of the field, all things that grow, and for our care of what we cannot replace.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

For the Church, that we would love the world as you love it, and not mistake using it for keeping it.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

For those who hold power over land and water and air, that they would answer to the generations not yet born, and to the creatures who have no voice.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

For this town and the ground it stands on, for our homes and our work, our neighbors and our rest.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

For the sick and the suffering, the lonely and the afraid, and for all who wake today to more than they can carry, that they would know they are not alone in it.

Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.

Daniel prays:

We give thanks for the peoples of the Americas and for the gifts of their cultures, for the Spanish-speaking peoples of this hemisphere and of this region, their leaders, their poets, their prophets, their endurance in adversity. Give us new awareness of the beauty and richness we have overlooked, and curiosity to know our neighbors' heritage in its fullness.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

For all who have died and have entered the fullness of their rest in you, and for all those who mourn.

Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence.

The earth is yours, O God.

And all who dwell within it.

The Celebrant concludes:

Receive our prayers, O God, and keep us grounded in the world you have made, that we may rejoice to belong to it, and be faithful stewards of all you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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*

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

Hymn 686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735–1790), alt.

Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934)

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, Source of all Being, to give you thanks in every time and place. You spoke, and the light blazed forth; you made the earth and all its creatures and called them good. From the ground you raised us, made in your image; and though we turned our hands to harm, you did not abandon us, but came among us in the Word made flesh, who lived our life, and loved us to the end. Therefore with the ground and all it brings forth, with all creatures of your keeping, and with the whole company of heaven, we join the song of heaven as we sing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven 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._____

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The prayer continues until

Holy and gracious God, in the fullness of time you gave us Jesus, to be born of Mary, to share our life, and to offer his life 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, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine, gave thanks to you, and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

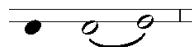
Christ will come again.

Remembering his death, his rising, and his coming again, we offer you these gifts of your own creation, this bread of the earth, this cup of the vine; and we ask you to send your Abiding Spirit upon them, + that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Send your Spirit upon us, + that we may be renewed for the healing of your world.

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

The prayer continues until

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

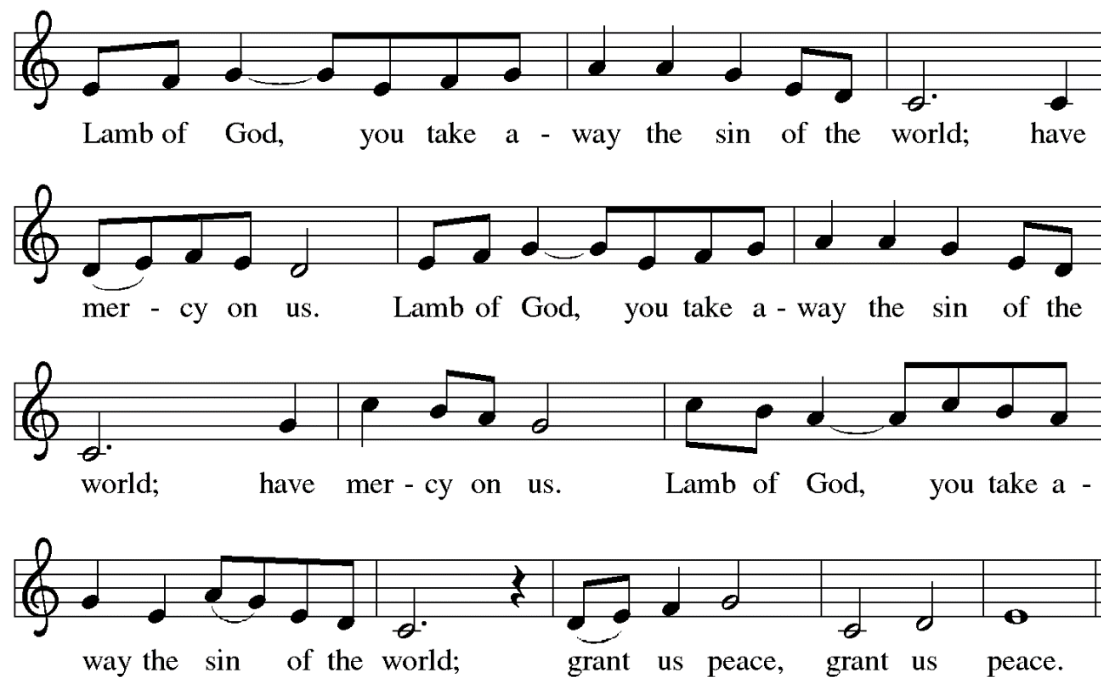
THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and bids the People to Communion.

These are the gifts of God for you, the People of God. Draw near in faith.

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, grant us peace.

Setting: ELW Setting One S112

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Cantor*

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.

May God, who made the world and called it good,
and blessed it to our care,
flow through you with its abundance;
And the blessing of God eternal,
who creates, redeems, and sustains,
bless you this day and always. Amen.

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Words: Anon. 1625; tr. Theodore Baker (1851–1934)

Music: *Kremser*, from *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838–1914)

THE SENDING

Go out into the world, rejoicing with all creation.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 553 – J.S. Bach