

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FULL TEXT

Proper 23 in Ordinary Time

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN

OCTOBER 11, 2026 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Grave, Adagio from Sonata II Op. 65 - Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

standing

Hymn 7

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

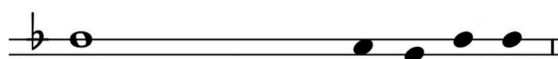
Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793–1870), alt.

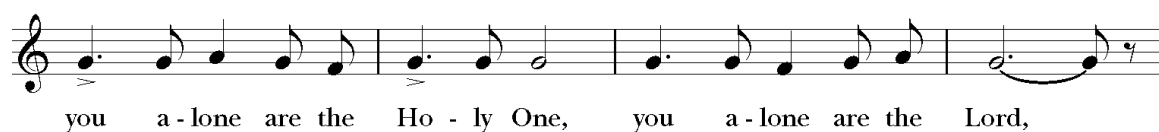
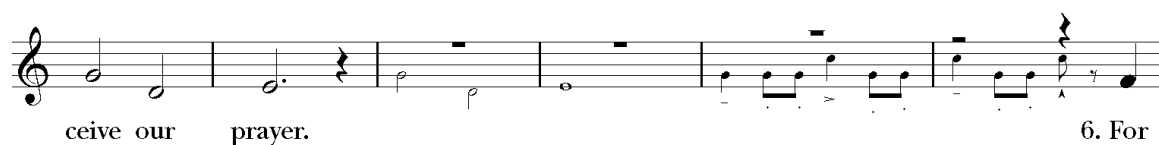
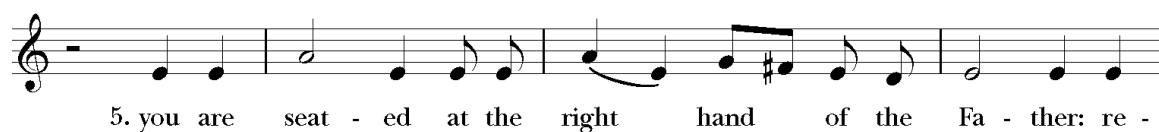
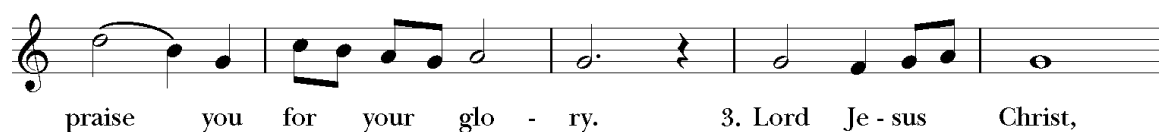
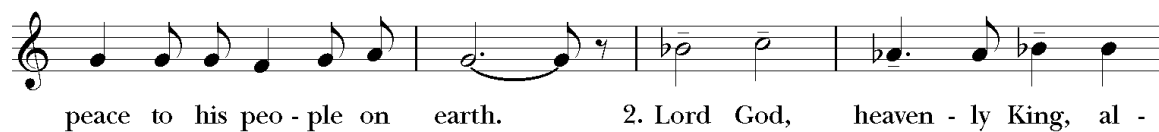
OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the God of all creation.



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





Title: Canticale 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*
 Music: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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 goodness and kindness, you invite all peoples to the banquet and offer them a feast beyond compare. Give us power to extend your saving love to all people until that day when you welcome us to heaven's joyful table. 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.

THE LESSON *seated*

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

At 9:00am, the first verse is intoned by the Cantor, then by all on this tone
At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir



O God, you | are my shepherd; *
I shall not | be in want.

You make me lie down | in green pastures *
and lead me be-|side still waters.

You re-|vive my soul *

and guide me along right pathways for the sake | of your Name.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of | those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of | God for ever.

Setting: Edward C. Bairstow

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Thanks be to God.



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



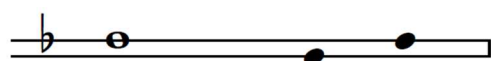
1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877); para. Psalm 23
 Music: St. Columba, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal* 1982

THE GOSPEL *The Deacon intones*

Matthew 22:1-14

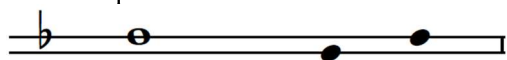
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Glory to you, O Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

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:

THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD AND THOSE IN AUTHORITY
THOSE WHO MINISTER IN CHRIST'S NAME
THE THANKSGIVINGS AND CONCERNS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING AND IN ANY TROUBLE
THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

The Deacon says:

Let us pray for the world and the church, for this community, for all who suffer, and for those who have died. Please add your own prayers, aloud or in silence, after each prayer.

Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

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

For the world, and for all who hold authority in it: that they would act with justice, and seek the peace of all people. (pause for additional prayers)

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For all who minister in Christ's name, in this parish and in every community of faith: that they would be given strength for the work, and joy in it. (pause for additional prayers)

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For this community, its thanksgivings and its concerns: our homes and families, our neighbors, and this city. (pause for additional prayers)

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and for everyone in any trouble: that they would know they are not abandoned. (pause for additional prayers)

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, and for those who mourn them. (pause for additional prayers)

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes

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 RITE OF WELCOME

Those who desire to be welcomed as members come forward at the invitation of the Celebrant.

We now welcome those who wish to join with this body of Christ, the people of St. Paul's Church.

The Celebrant addresses those who are being welcomed.

Is it your wish to make this community of St. Paul's, your church home, and these people those with whom you will share your journey of faith? Is this the congregation with whom you will seek to make sense of the questions of your life: your faith, your doubts, who you are, what and where God calls you to be?

Yes, that is my wish.

Will you share in the worship, the ministry and the support of this congregation?

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant addresses the entire congregation.

Will you, who welcome these persons into this congregation, embrace their gifts, their needs, their sorrows and their joys? Will you share what we ourselves have received: the power of prayer, a love for God's word, a desire to follow in Christ's ministry and support for the journey?

We will, with God's help.

Will you share your gifts with them, bear their burdens, and forgive and encourage them?

We will, with God's help.

Together, let us pray:

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, within and between us.

Help us to grow together and to love and support one another.

May we, through our common life, come to know you more fully,

and to share your Good News of love, hope and healing with the world you love.

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.

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am***No. 14 - Lord God of Abraham from "Elijah"***Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)*

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
This day let it be known that Thou art God,
And that I am Thy servant!
Lord God of Abraham!
Oh shew to all this people
That I have done these things
according to Thy word.

Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
Oh hear me and answer me,
And shew this people that Thou art Lord God.
And let their hearts again be turned!

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come; and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.

Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731–1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740–1816)

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, always and everywhere to give you thanks, gracious God, Creator of all. You made us for yourself, and you are never weary of calling us home.

And so with the faithful of every age, and with the whole company of heaven, we join in your praise that has no end:

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

Blessed are you, God of our forebears, who called a people out of bondage, fed them in the wilderness, and promised through your prophets a feast for all peoples. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus your Son to live among us. He ate with sinners and friends alike and called all people to your table.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus 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, 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."

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

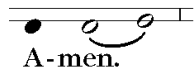
Christ will come again.

The prayer continues until

Remembering his death and resurrection, and longing for his coming, we offer you this bread and this cup, and with them our lives. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Send your Spirit upon us, that we may be a people of hope, justice, and love. And at the last gather us, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all your saints, to the feast you have prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

People



A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed 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.

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

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

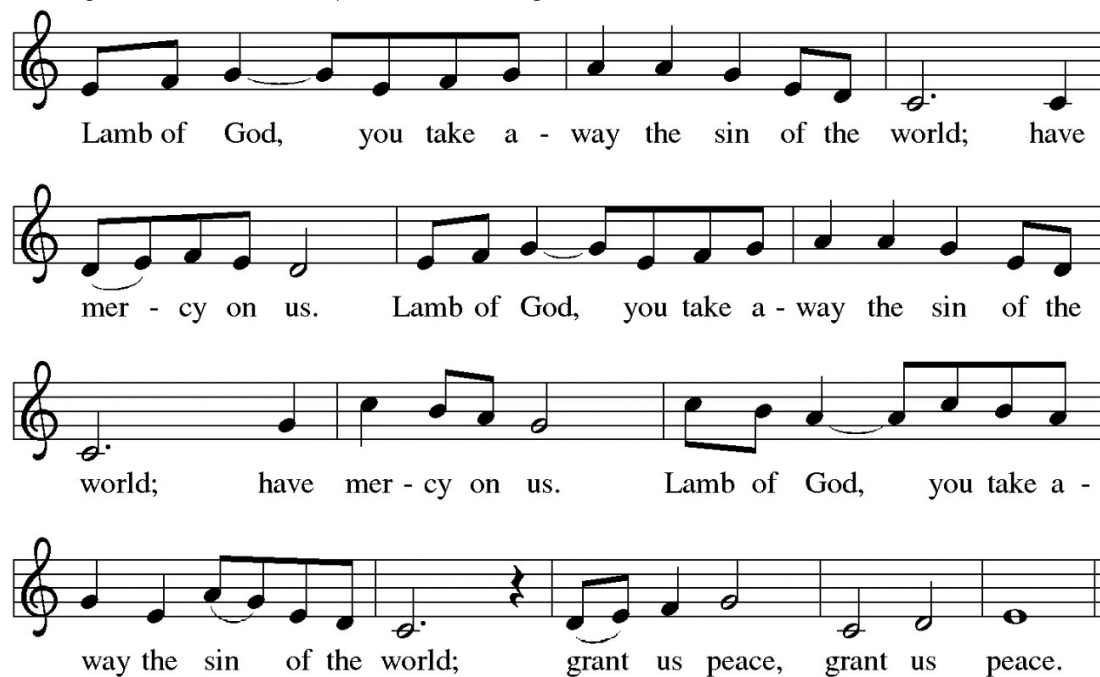
THE COMMUNION

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

This is the Bread of Heaven, broken for the life of the world. 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 Choir at 11:00am*

No. 31 – For the mountains shall depart from “Elijah”

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

For the mountains shall depart,
and the hills be removed;
but Thy kindness shall not depart from me;
neither shall the covenant of Thy peace be removed.

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 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt.

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from “Une pastourelle gentille,” 1529; adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kischengeseng darinnen die Heubtartikel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

THE SENDING

Go forth in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

*The feasting continues! –
 with coffee, lemonade, cookies and conversation.
 Ask anyone around you how to get there and they will direct you.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro maestoso e vivace from Sonata II - Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

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