HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Week 8 of Ordinary Time

Livestreamed worship available at facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos.

THE GATHERING RITE

Gathering Music

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

> words: 1 Corinthians 15:21-22 music: from *Messiah*, George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

The Opening Acclamation and Welcome

The people respond as the Celebrant says

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Celebrant welcomes the people, then all sing together the Song of Praise.

Song of Praise



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The Collect of the Day

The people respond as the Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

All-powerful God, your incarnate Word commands our obedience and offers us true life. Make our ears attentive to the voice of your Son and our hearts generous in answering his call, that we may take up the cross with trust in his promises. We ask you 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Epistle Romans 6:12-23

The lector reads

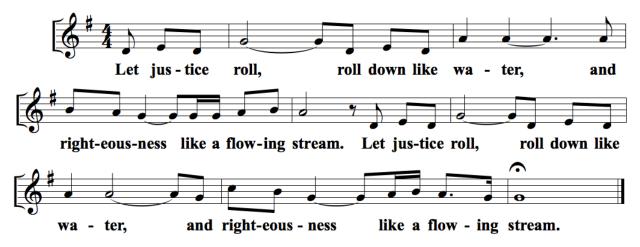
Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Response

Mark Miller, the composer of today's response, visited St. Paul's in January 2019 to lead a special event called "Let Justice Roll." The event was a collaboration between choirs of St. Paul's and the Race and Social Justice Coalition at St. Paul's, and was dedicated to musicmaking and storytelling on the issues of racial justice.



words: Amos 5:12 and Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968) music: Mark Miller (b. 1967)

The Gospel *Matthew* 10:40-42

The Celebrant or Deacon introduces and reads the Gospel.

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon preached by the Rev. Louise Kalemkerian, Associate Priest

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Creed —Church of New Zealand

You O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love to us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

The Prayers of the People

During the periods of silence, the people may offer their own petitions, either silently or aloud. The intercessor says

We pray for peace in the world and for peace in our own land. For what other places of the world shall we pray?

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We pray for our leaders in the church and in the world, and for all those who serve the common good, including these we now name.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies: for those who have wronged us and for those we have wronged, particularly for God's reconciliation in what we now name.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick, hungry, or facing any challenge, including these we now name.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died and for those who mourn them, particularly these we now name.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the blessings of this life and for God's gifts to us. For what else shall we thank God? Gracious God, hear our prayer.

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

-Enriching Our Worship, adapted: Daniel Simons

The people respond as the Celebrant sings

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

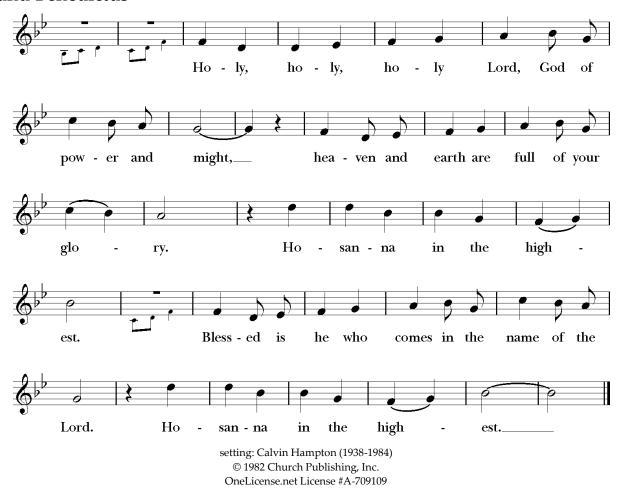
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, fire, and water, and every living thing. You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your love. But we rebelled against you, wandered far away, and used your gifts for evil.

And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in your light and the fullness of your love. So this day we join with all the earth and heavens in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus



The Celebrant continues

All glory be to you, holy and living God. You looked with favor on Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God. Living among us Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world into the heart of God, but we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

When the time came to complete the offering of his life, Jesus was eating supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take and eat; this is my Body, offered to heal you and the whole world. Whenever you eat it, do this to remember me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, offered it to his friends and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, a promise of eternal love poured out for you and for all creation. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.

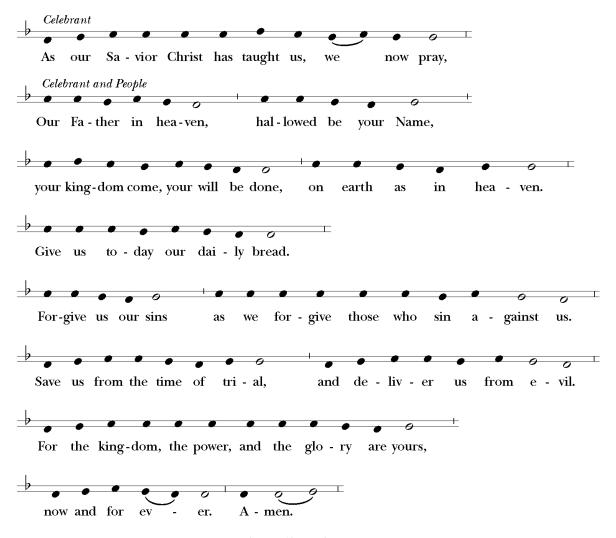
Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these gifts of bread and wine – and our own bodies as a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they, and we, may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Fill us with your breath, O God, opening our eyes and renewing us in your love. Send your Spirit over the whole earth, making everything a new creation.

And in the fullness of time bring us, with all your children from every people and tribe and faith and language and nation to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory be to you, O God, now and forever. **AMEN**.

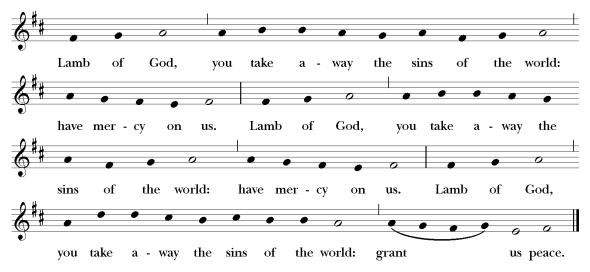
The Lord's Prayer



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The Fraction Anthem



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Silence is kept.

The Communion

The people say

O God, we are united here as one, in your transcendent power of love.

From this center of goodness You appear to us now in a new way, a new light, a new understanding, a new power of friendship and unity.

We receive this life from you; we share this life together.

You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together, beyond the resistant forces around us and within us.

We are the body of Christ.

-Sr. Ilia Delio, adapted: Daniel Simons

THE SENDING RITE

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Celebrant blesses the People

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

-St. Claire of Assisi

Postlude Fugue in D Major by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

Sharing in the work of St. Paul's expanding ministry is easy, and there are many ways to contribute. Financial giving is especially important during this time, as many of the church's costs are fixed, and expenses continue to come due. Grateful thanks for all generous contribution during this time.

You can:

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