

HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Week 11 of Ordinary Time

Livestreamed worship available at [facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos).

THE GATHERING RITE

Gathering Music

Peace to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God,
who was and is and is to come, sing holy, holy Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus quickly come and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

words: adapted from Revelation 22
music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

The people respond as the Celebrant sings or says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, patient and forbearing, you alone know fully the goodness of what you have made. Strengthen our spirit when we are slow and temper our zeal when we are rash, that in your own good time you may produce in us a rich harvest from the seed you have sown and tended. 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Epistle *Romans 8:12-25*

The lector reads

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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.



Let jus - tice roll, roll down like wa - ter, and
right-eous-ness like a flow-ing stream. Let jus-tice roll, roll down like
wa - ter, and right-eous - ness like a flow - ing stream.

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

The Gospel *Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*

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 put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon *preached by the Rev. Daniel Simons, Priest-in-Charge*

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

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. —

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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.

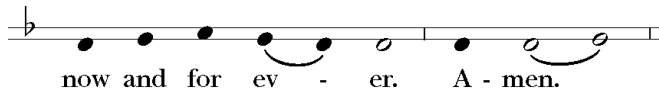
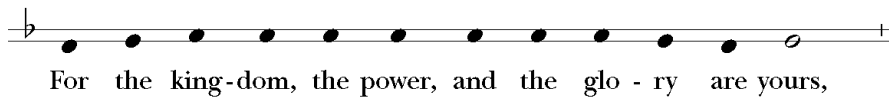
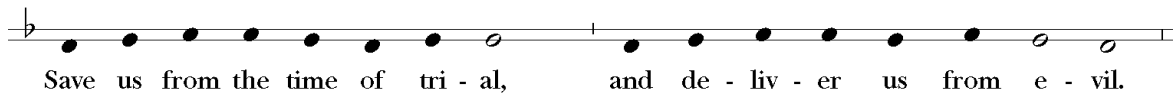
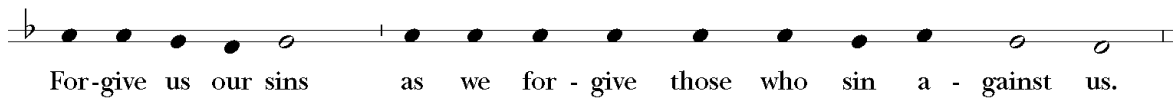
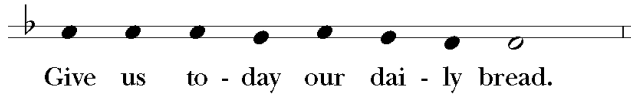
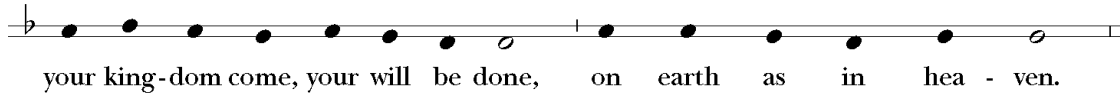
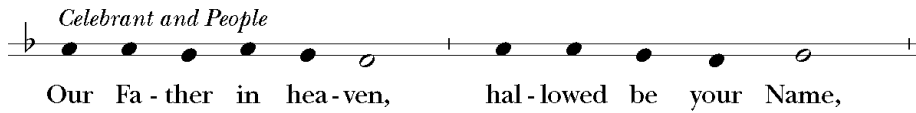
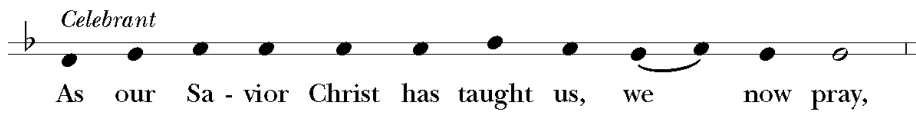
Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these gifts of bread and wine – and our own bodies as a living sacrifice.

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

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: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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 *March in D* by Elizabeth Turner (b. unknown — 1756)

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