

# HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, July 26, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Week 12 of Ordinary Time

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## THE GATHERING RITE

**Gathering Music** *Andante Espressivo* by Hélène Riese Liebmann (1795-c. 1859)

### 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 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er meas - ure  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the  
ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

The musical score is written in 3/4 time. It features a treble and bass clef. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score is divided into five systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature changes from C major to B-flat major in the fourth system. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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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.

God of eternal wisdom, you alone impart the gift of right judgment. Grant us an understanding heart, that we may value wisely the treasure of your kingdom and gladly forgo all lesser gifts to possess that kingdom's incomparable joy. 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 8:26-39*

*The lector reads*

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# The Response

Let jus-tice roll, roll, roll down like wa-ter, and right-eous-ness like an

7  
ev - er last - ing stream. Let jus - tice roll, roll, roll down like

13  
wa - ter, and right-eous-ness like an ev - er last - ing stream.

words: Amos 5:12

## **The Gospel** *Matthew 13:31-33,44-52*

*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 crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

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

*A period of 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 Anthem** *sung by the St. Paul's choir*

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;  
for when humbly in thy name,  
two or three are met together,  
Thou are in the midst of them:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather  
in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Father  
break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
make as sacraments of thee,  
that by caring, helping, giving,  
we may true disciples be.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We will serve thee faithfully.

words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)  
music: Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

# 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.**

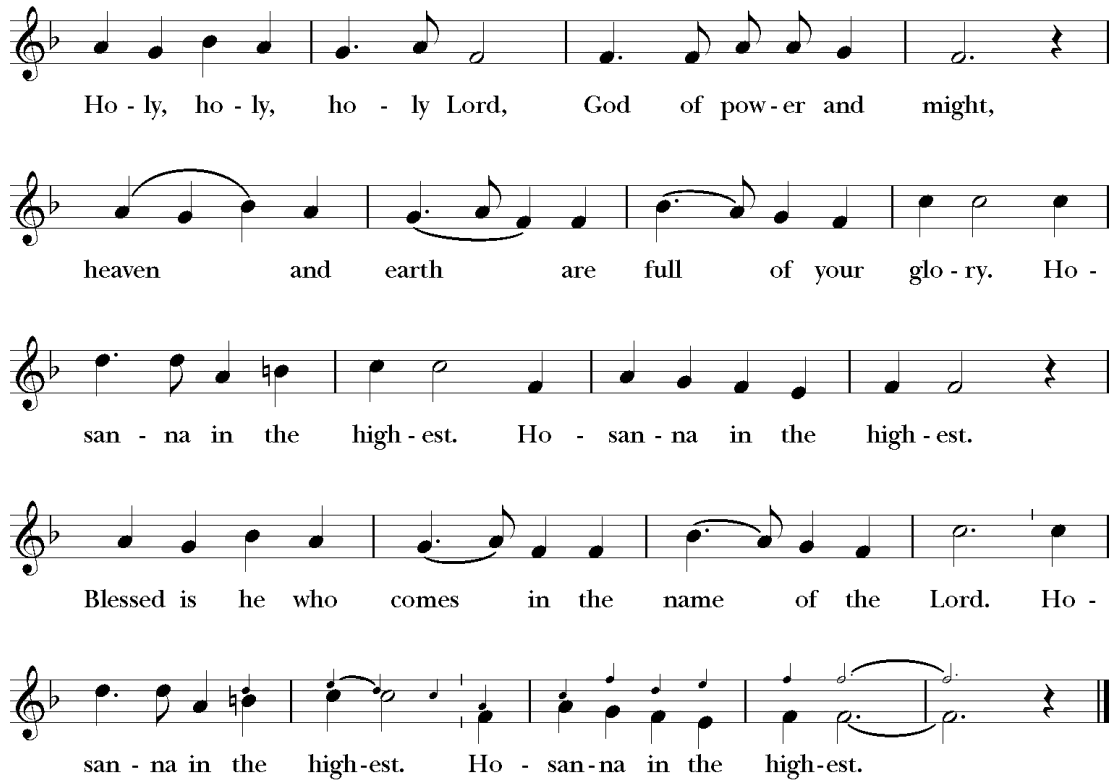
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

setting: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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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.

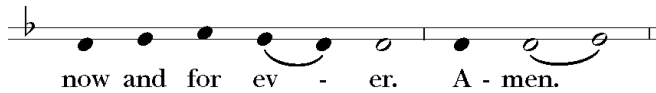
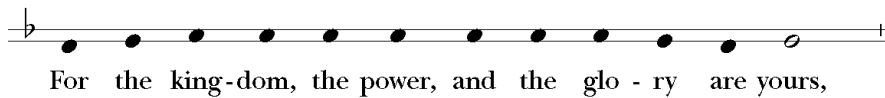
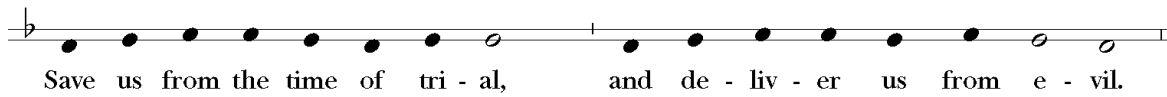
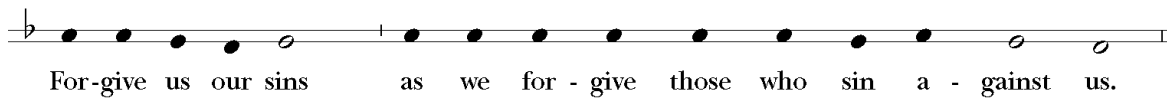
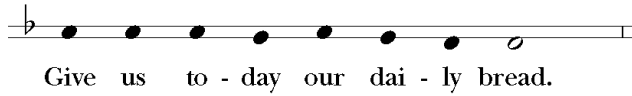
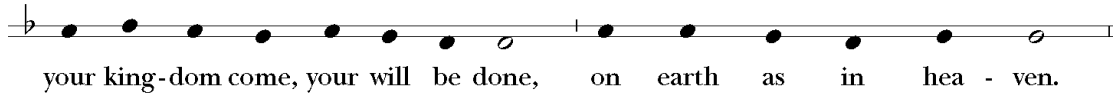
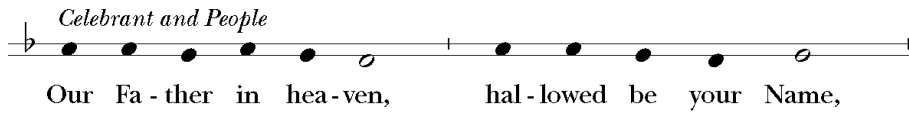
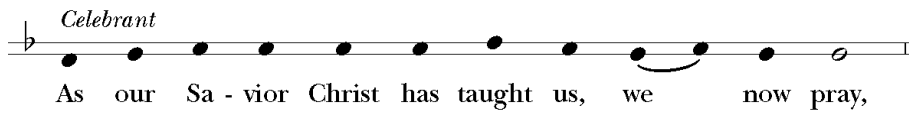
Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these gifts of bread and wine – and our own bodies as a living sacrifice.

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

The image shows a musical score for 'The Fraction Anthem' in G major and common time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.' and 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

words: John 6, adapt. Robert J. Batastini (b. 1942) and the Taizé community  
music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)  
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## 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. Iliia 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** *Gigue* by Elizabeth Turner (b. unknown — 1756)

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