HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, July 5, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Week 9 of Ordinary Time

Livestreamed worship available at <u>facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos</u>.

THE GATHERING RITE

Gathering Music

Come unto him, all ye that labor, come unto him, that are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you and learn of him; for he is meek and lowly of heart: And ye shall find rest unto your souls.

> words: Isaiah 11:11; Matthew 11:28-29 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.

Father, Lord of heaven and earth, by whose gracious will the mysteries of the kingdom are revealed to the childlike, make us learn from your son humility of heart, that in shouldering his yoke we may find refreshment and rest. 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 Liturgy of the Word

The Epistle Romans 7:15-25a

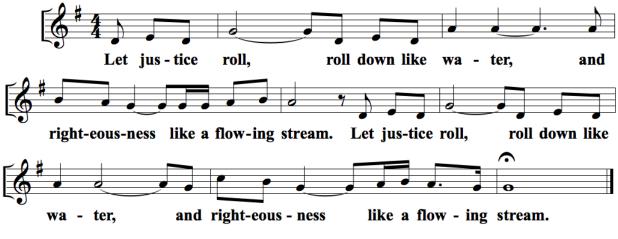
The lector reads

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ 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 11:16-19, 25-30

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 to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

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

-<u>Enriching Our Worship</u>, 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.

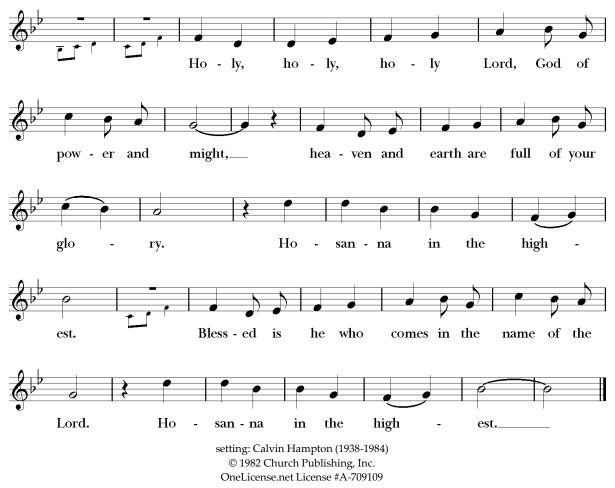
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

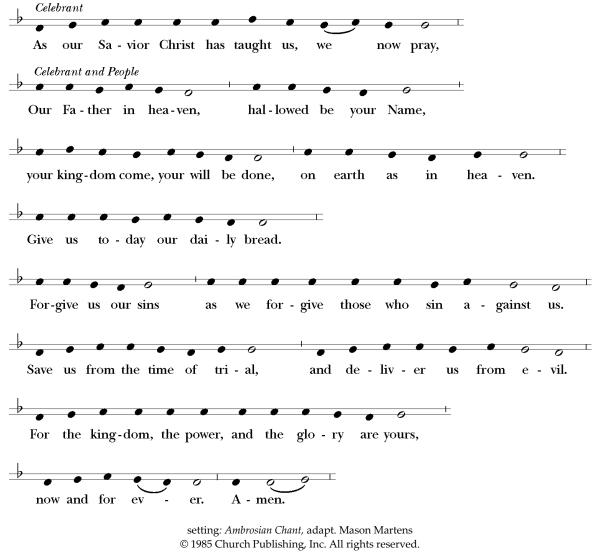
Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these gifts of bread and wine – and our own bodies as a living sacrifice.

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.

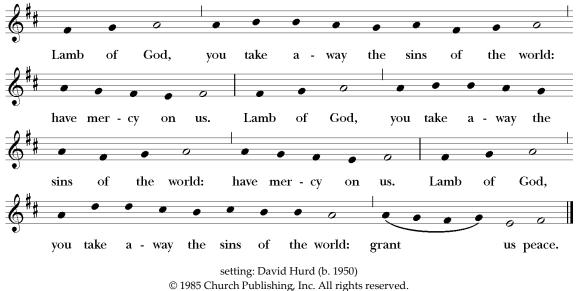
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory be to you, O God, now and forever. **AMEN**.

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 Allegro in D Minor 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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