

HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Week 15 of Ordinary Time

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

THE GATHERING RITE

Gathering Music *Andante espressivo (Sonatine)* by Hedwige Chrétien (1859-1944)

The Opening Acclamation and Welcome

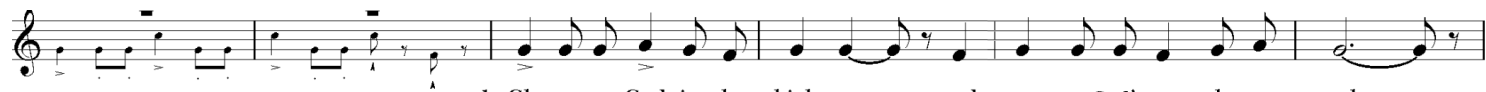
The people respond as the Celebrant says

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.



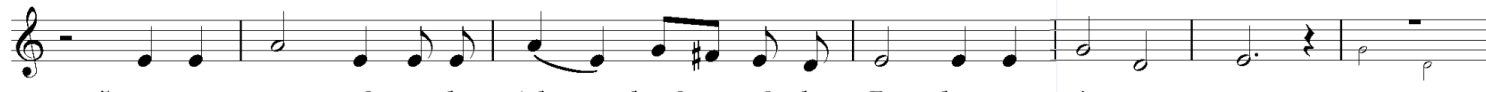
2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



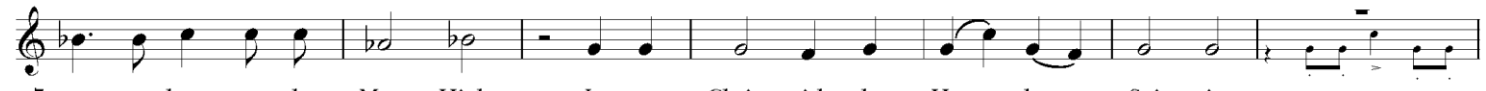
Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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.

setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

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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.

Living God, you sent your Son among us to reveal your wisdom and make known your ways. Increase our faith, that we may confess Jesus as your Son, take up his work on earth, and trust his promise to sustain the Church. 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

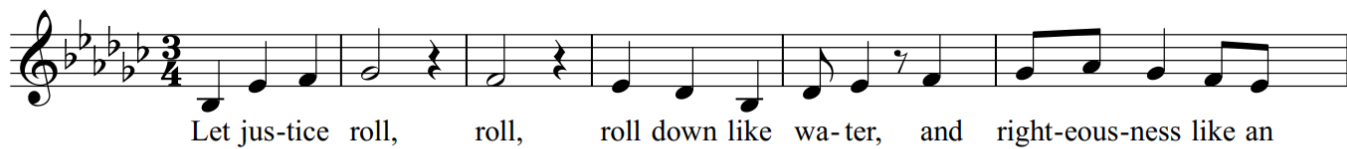
The Epistle *Romans 12:1-8*

The lector reads

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

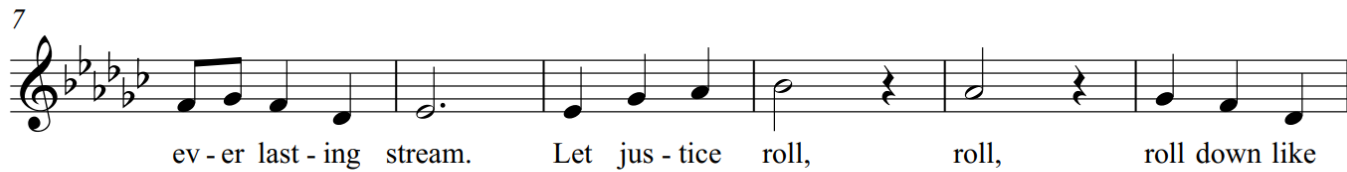
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Response



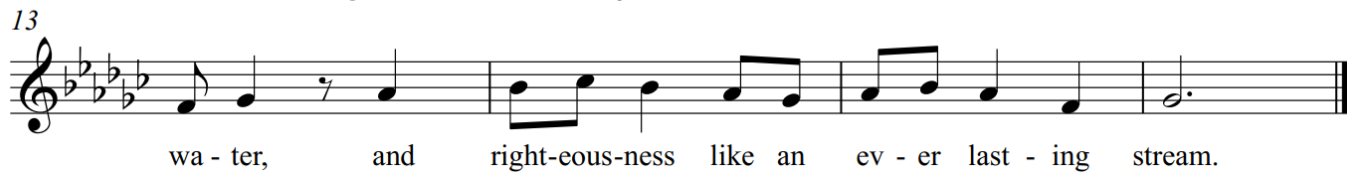
Let jus-tice roll, roll, roll down like wa-ter, and right-eous-ness like an

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

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

words: Amos 5:12
music: 2017 by Emily Scott

The Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20*

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.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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.

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*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the end.

words: Psalm 119

music: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

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.

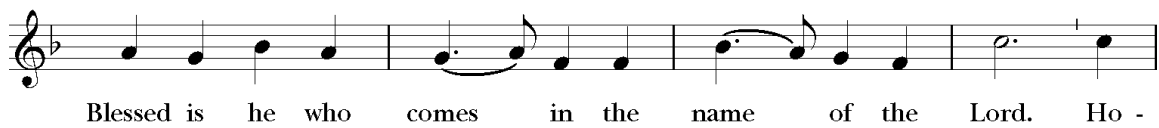
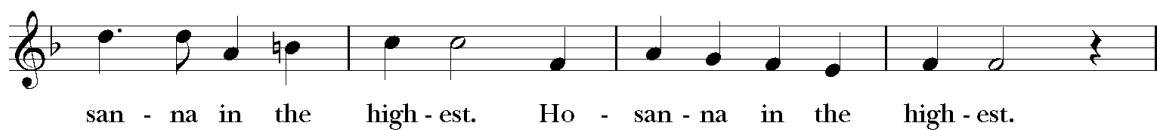
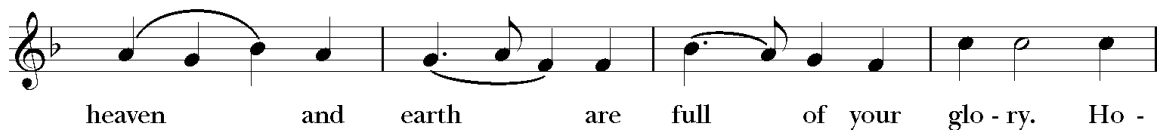
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed good, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, your beloved.

You are the source and life of all creation and you have made us in your own image. In the fullness of time your Word became incarnate among us as Jesus walked with us, proclaiming the good news to all who would hear.

Loving us to the very end, Jesus suffered the death of the cross. Yet you raised him in glory, and you raise us with him. Therefore we proclaim your glory as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus



setting: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)
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To you indeed be glory, loving God.

Your beloved son, Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread; when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

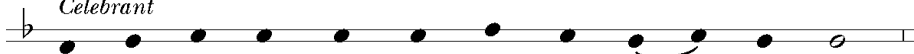
After supper Jesus took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for the life of the world; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, loving God, as we celebrate Christ's dying and rising, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, and upon us now, that we may be fed with your Presence and filled with your life-giving goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be Christ's body in the world.

United as one in the love of the Holy Trinity, we offer to you, O God, our everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

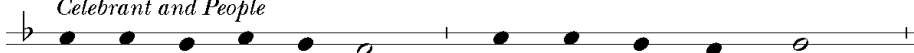
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

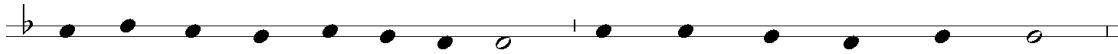


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

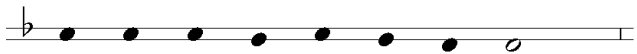
Celebrant and People



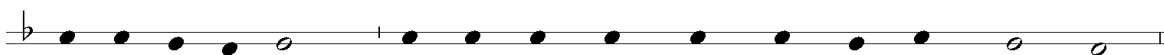
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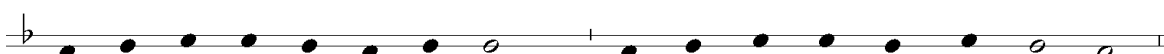
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



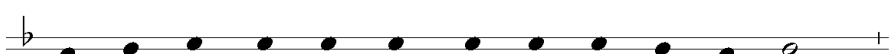
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.




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



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



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

setting: *Ambrosian Chant*, adapt. Mason Martens
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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 with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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.'

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. 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 *Toccatina* by Rachel Laurin (b. 1961)

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