HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 9:00 AM

Week 14 of Ordinary Time

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

THE GATHERING RITE

Gathering Music Chorale by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805-1847)

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 sings or says

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of all power, your sovereign word comes to us in Christ. When your church is in danger, make firm our trust; when your people falter, steady our faith. Show us in Jesus your power to save, that we may always acclaim him as Lord, 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 10:5-15

The lector reads

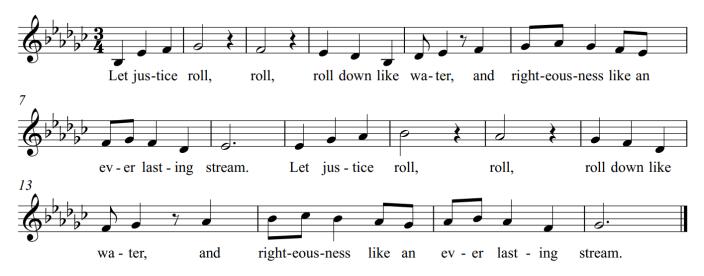
Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Response



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

The Gospel *Matthew* 14:22-33

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 made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

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

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 choirs of St. Paul's, St. Paul's in Fairfield, and All Saints in Worcester, Massachusetts

> words: Psalm 107:23-30 music: Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

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.

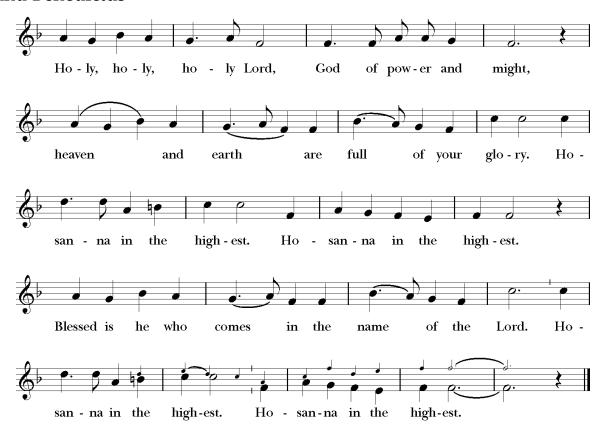
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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



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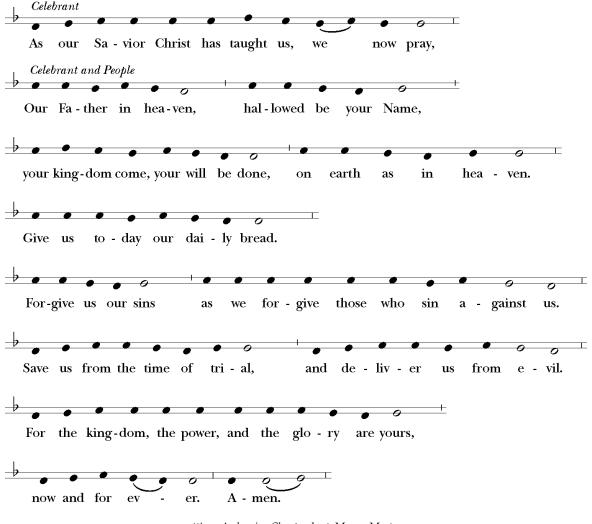
Your beloved son, Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread; when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

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 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.

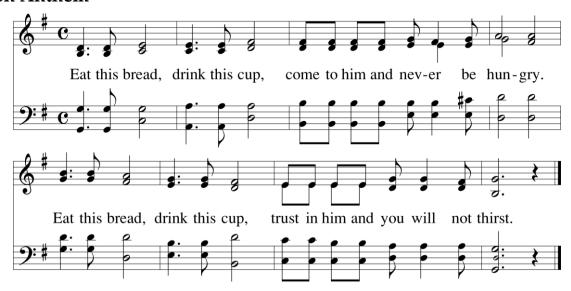
United as one in the love of the Holy Trinity, we offer to you, O God, our everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer



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The Fraction Anthem



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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 *Postlude: Introduction and Fugue* by Adela Douglas-Pennant (1858-1955)

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:

- * Mail a check made payable to St. Paul's Episcopal Church: 60 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851. Mail is being picked up regularly.
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