

# HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, October 11, 2020 at 11am

Week 23 of Ordinary Time

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## THE GATHERING RITE

**Gathering Music** *O sacrum convivium* by Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

### The Opening Acclamation

*The people's responses are in bold.*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### Opening Hymn



1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in  
2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the  
death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My  
sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose  
days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing  
truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed, and feeds the  
last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.

words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); alt. John Wesley (1703-1791), alt.; para. of Psalm 146  
music: *Old 113<sup>th</sup>*, melody from *Strassburger Kirchenamt*, 1525

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of goodness and kindness, you invite all peoples to the banquet and offer them a feast beyond compare. Give us your saving grace to keep unstained the robe of our baptism until that day when you welcome us to heaven's joyful table. 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 Lesson *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Response *sung by the choir*

I sat down under his shadow with great delight,  
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house,  
and his banner over me was love.

words: Song of Songs 2:3b-4  
music: Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

## The Gospel *Matthew 22:1-14*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

## **The Sermon**    *The Rev. Daniel Simons, Priest-in-Charge*

*A period of reflection follows the sermon.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, She\* is worshipped and glorified. She has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\*\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(\*The Holy Spirit is the spirit of Wisdom, the feminine Sophia, and the Hebrew Scripture calls the Spirit "ruah," a feminine word, to describe the feminine aspect of the Godhead, the breath of God.)*

*(\*\*Here "catholic" means universal. It refers to the belief that the message of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus is a "universal" one that the Church proclaims to everyone, everywhere and always.)*

## The Prayers of the People

*Please offer your own petitions silently or aloud during the silences, or via a Facebook comment. 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.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace wherever you are: with a comment posted on Facebook, a bow to those nearby, or some other distanced gesture.*

## The Announcements

### GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

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# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## The Offertory

*The table is prepared for Communion.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

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 give you thanks, O God, through your beloved servant Jesus Christ, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ was born of Mary, and shared our human nature. With loving arms outstretched upon the cross for us, Jesus broke the chains of evil and destruction. In his resurrection your will was fulfilled and you gathered a holy people to offer you praise. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim your glory 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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To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, 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 he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

God of hope and joy, we gather in your presence to praise you. With this bread and this cup we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Dying, you destroyed death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, and upon us and this celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*—Bosco Peters, 2007, alt.*

# The Lord's Prayer

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

*Celebrant and People*  
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
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.

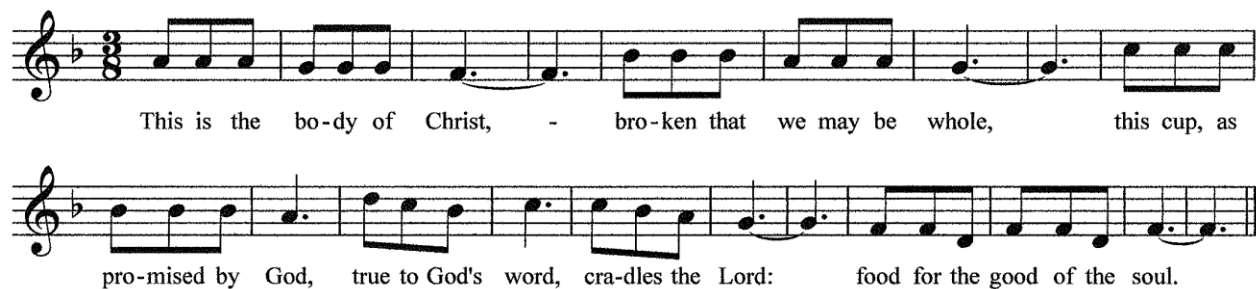
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# The Breaking of the Bread

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread.

—Luke 24:35

# The Fraction Anthem



This is the bo - dy of Christ, - bro - ken that we may be whole, this cup, as  
pro - mised by God, true to God's word, cra - dles the Lord: food for the good of the soul.

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## The Communion

Behold what you are.  
May we become what we receive.

—St. Augustine

## The Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

—Enriching Our Worship

# THE SENDING RITE

## The Blessing and Dismissal

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God, strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in the world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

—Celtic blessing

Go in peace to love and serve Christ in all places and all people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Allegretto* by Adolf Hesse (1809-1863)

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