

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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PRELUDE

III. Air from Suite No. 1 by Florence Price (1887-1953)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as the bell sounds. The Celebrant intones*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
till dawns the morn-ing glo-rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!  
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of the prophets, in every age you send the word of truth, familiar yet new, a sign of contradiction. Let us not be counted among those who lack faith, but give us the vision to see Christ in our midst and to welcome your saving word. Grant 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 LESSON

*Ezekiel 2:1-5*

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

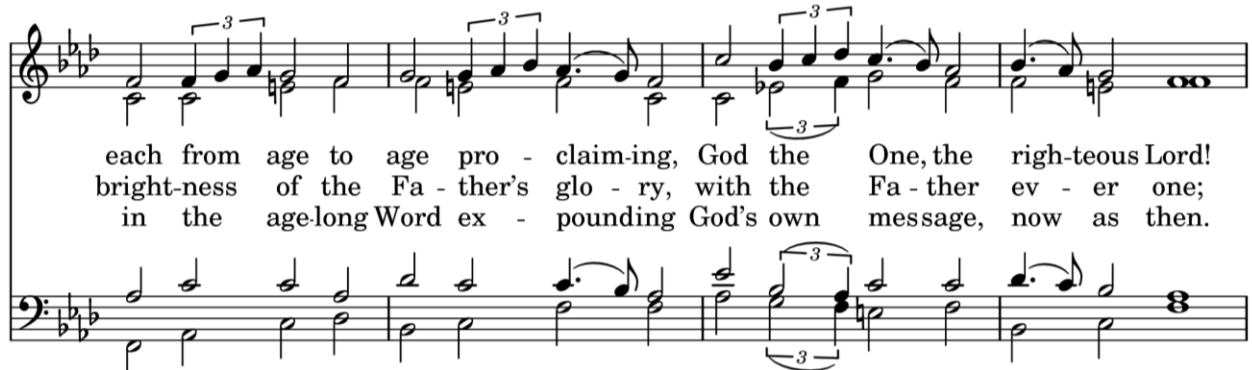
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**


# THE GOSPEL HYMN



1. God hath spo-ken by the prophets, spo - ken the un - changing Word,  
 2. God hath spo-ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son;  
 3. God yet speaketh by the Spir - it, speak-eth to our hearts a - gain;



each from age to age pro - claim-ing, God the One, the righ-teous Lord!  
 bright-ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, with the Fa - ther ev - er one;  
 in the age-long Word ex - pounding God's own message, now as then.



'Mid the world's de - spair and tur-moil, one firm an-chor hold - eth fast:  
 spo - ken by the Word in - car-nate, God of God, ere time was born;  
 Thru the rise and fall of na-tions, one sure faith yet stand - ing fast,



God e - ter - nal reigns for - ev - er, God the first, and God the last.  
 Light of Light, to earth de - scend-ing, Christ, as God in hu - man form.  
 God a - bides, the Word un - changing, God the first, and God the last.

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

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

**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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God of creation, you promise to hear and answer when we pray to you in faith.  
With confidence and trust we pray now for the world:

Lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.  
**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.  
**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

*Please offer particular intercessions and thanksgivings for the world, silently or aloud.*

We pray for the communities in which we live:  
God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,  
**that all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.  
**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

On this Independence Day, we pray especially for the ideals of equality and freedom on which our nation was founded and pledge to work towards furthering these ideals for all people.

*Please offer particular intercessions and thanksgivings for our communities, silently or aloud.*

We pray for the Church:  
Spirit of truth, enliven the Church for its mission  
**that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.  
**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

*Please offer particular intercessions and thanksgivings for the Church, silently or aloud.*

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

*Please offer particular intercessions and thanksgivings for those in need, silently or aloud.*

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

Give comfort, O God, to those who grieve.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We give thanks for the faithful in every generation.

**May their example inspire our witness in our own day.**

*Please offer particular intercessions and thanksgivings for those we remember in love, silently or aloud.*

We pray for ourselves and our ministries.

*Please offer other specific thanksgivings and concerns of this congregation, silently or aloud.*

*The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace with a distanced gesture to those nearby.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

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**Thank you** for your generous support!



## THE OFFERTORY

*The Altar-Table is prepared with gifts of bread and wine for Communion. During this time, give thanks for all the ways God blesses you, and consider ways you can extend that blessing to others. Learn more ways to give in the "Giving to St. Paul's" box above.*

# HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY



1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



A song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 And sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 Your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



Here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 And skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 And hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions.



With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 A song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 My - self I give you; let your will be done.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love. You have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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.

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*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## 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 Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to communion, saying*

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Draw near in faith.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

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## THE COMMUNION

*Follow the directions of the ushers to receive Communion. If you would like someone to pray with you for healing, go to the stations in the side aisles after you have received Communion.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*sung by the choir*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

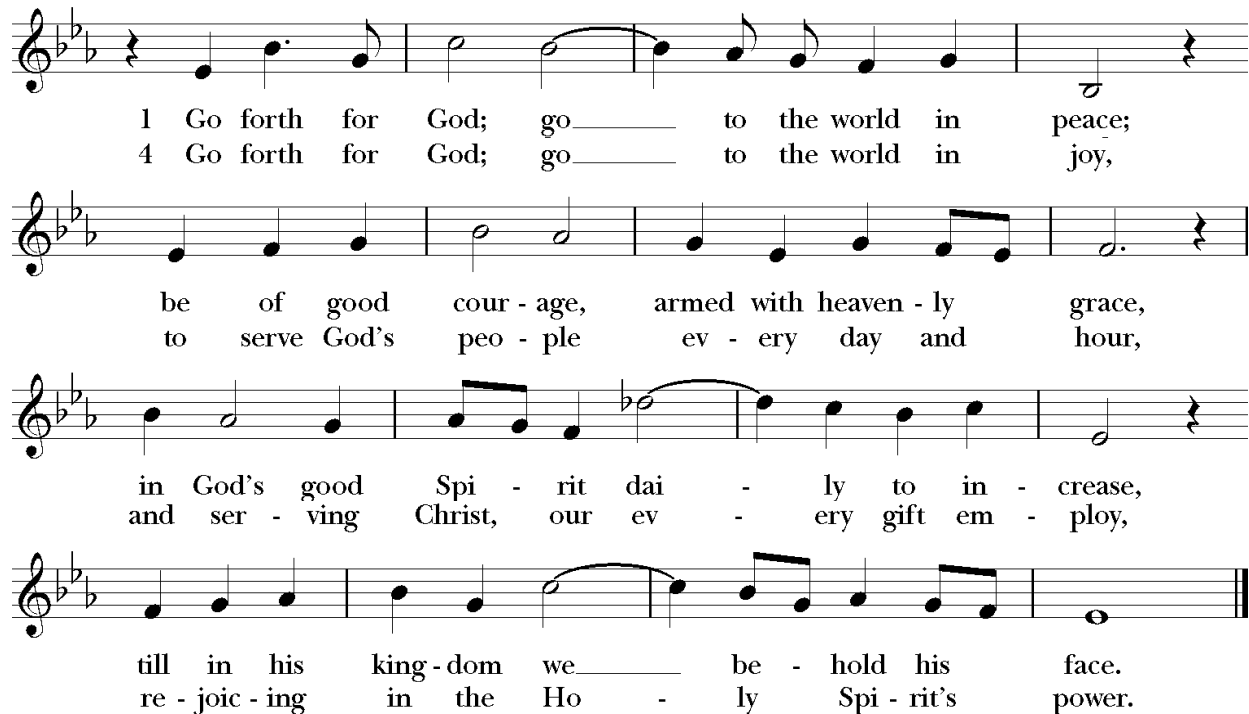
**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*—St. Claire of Assisi*

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 the God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

## HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in peace;  
4 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in joy,  
be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,  
in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,  
till in his king - dom we \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold his face.  
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata Brevis* by Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

# THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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