

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, WITH BAPTISMS

August 29, 2021 at 11am | Ordinary Time, Proper 17

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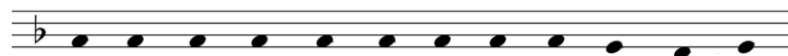
PRELUDE

Adagio from Symphony No. 2 by Charles-Marie Widor (1834-1947)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please stand as the bell sounds. The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.



Glo - ry to God for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Unison or harmony

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.

words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.
music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880)

The People's responses are in bold.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of light, giver of every good and perfect gift, bring to fruition the word of truth sown in our hearts by your Son, that we may rightly understand your commandments, live your law of love, and so offer you worship that is pure and undefiled. 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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL HYMN

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; st. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.
music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar Konig (1691-1758); adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Judeans, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

Please stand to sing as those who are being baptized gather at the font.

HYMN IN PROCESSION TO THE FONT

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system contains three lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Music: Caithness,
melody from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*,
1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION

There is one body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parents and Godparents present the baptismal candidates.

We present Emily Helen Wang-Darlowski to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
We present Ella Romina Wang-Darlowski to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

We will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

We will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the Parents and Godparents who speak on behalf of the children.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?

We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join now with these who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

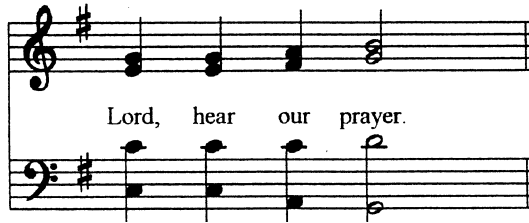
Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

I will, with God's help.

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth:

After each petition, we sing:



Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

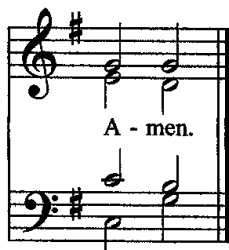
Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.



THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Emily / Ella, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The foreheads of the newly baptized are anointed with oil.

Emily / Ella, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Amen.

A candle is presented to each child in turn. The Celebrant concludes:

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

Now more than ever, the work and mission of St. Paul's depend on the generous support of its friends and members.

Please consider making an offering to St. Paul's by credit card. Visit stpaulsnorwalk.org/givebycard, or use the QR code to the right.

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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

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Final Ending

lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

words: Thomas Troeger (b. 1945)

music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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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.

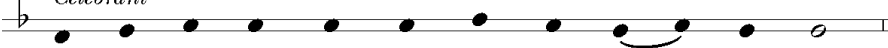
Christ will come in glory.

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.**

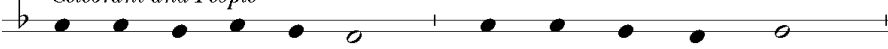
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

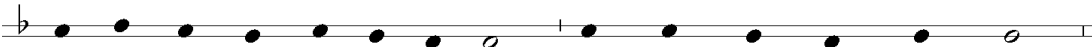


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

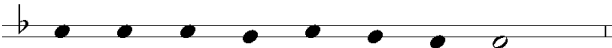
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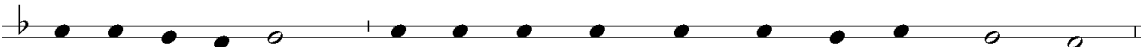
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



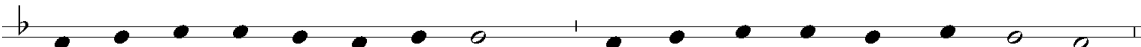
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



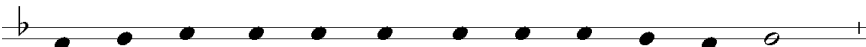
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



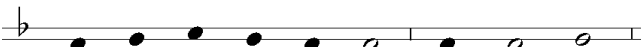
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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

This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be

whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to God's word,

cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

music and words: John L. Bell (b. 1949)
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THE COMMUNION

Follow the directions of the ushers to receive Communion. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

Sung by the Quartet

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

John Rutter (b. 1945)

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

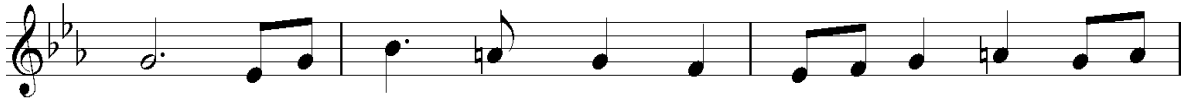
— St. Claire of Assisi

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.**

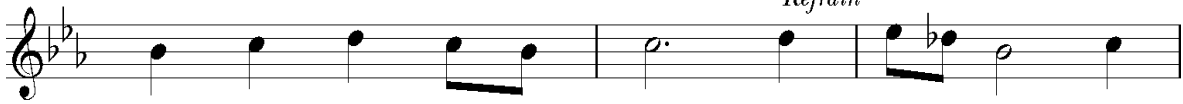
HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar -



1 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the
4 go, from youth to age, by night and day, in
5 ray, as war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till



1 cross of Christ your King.
4 glad - ness and in woe. Ho - san - na, ho -
5 dawns the gold - en day.



san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)
music: *Vineyard Haven*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)
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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

God of Grace by Paul Manz (1919-2009)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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