

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

August 8, 2021 at 11am | Ordinary Time, Proper 14

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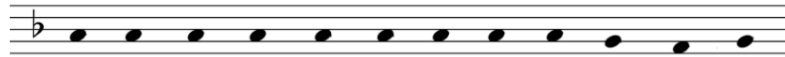
PRELUDE

*Andante religioso* by Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

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

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
 who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
 With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
 who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
 music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662);  
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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 our provider, whose Son has given his flesh for the life of the world, sustain your pilgrim Church on its journey with the word of life and the bread of heaven. Draw us nearer to the one in whose name we gather, that, following his way of sacrificial love, we may come to the banquet of eternal life. 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

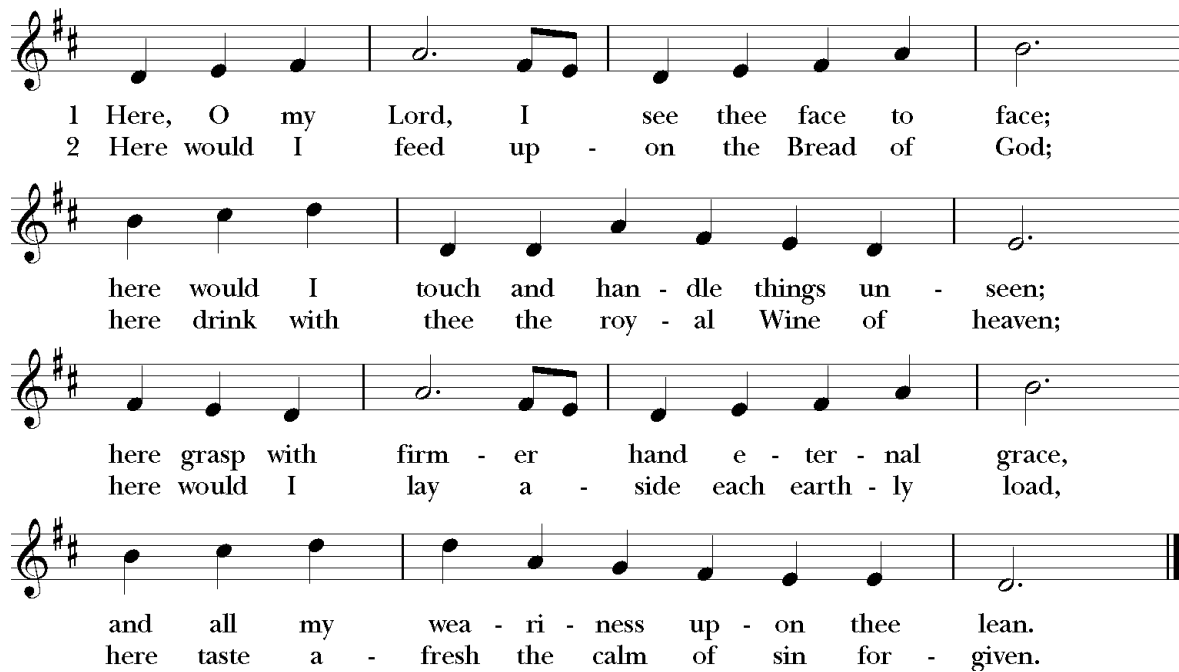
1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL HYMN



1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;  
here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;  
here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.  
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Judeans began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Daniel Simons*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*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.**

*\*Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word,  
 and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

## 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.**

*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

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](http://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

1 I am the Bread of life; they who come to me shall not  
2 The Bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the  
3 I am the res - ur - rec - tion I am the  
4 Yes, Lord, we be - lieve that you are the

hun-ger; they who be-lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
world, and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for -  
life. They who be - lieve in me, e - ven if they  
Christ,  $\gamma$  the Son of God who has

*Refrain*  
me un-less the Father draws them.  
ev-er,  $\gamma$  they shall live for - ev - er. And I will raise them up, and I will  
die,  $\gamma$  they shall live for - ev - er.  
come in - to the world.

raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

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music: *I Am the Bread of Life*, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); arr. Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928)  
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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,

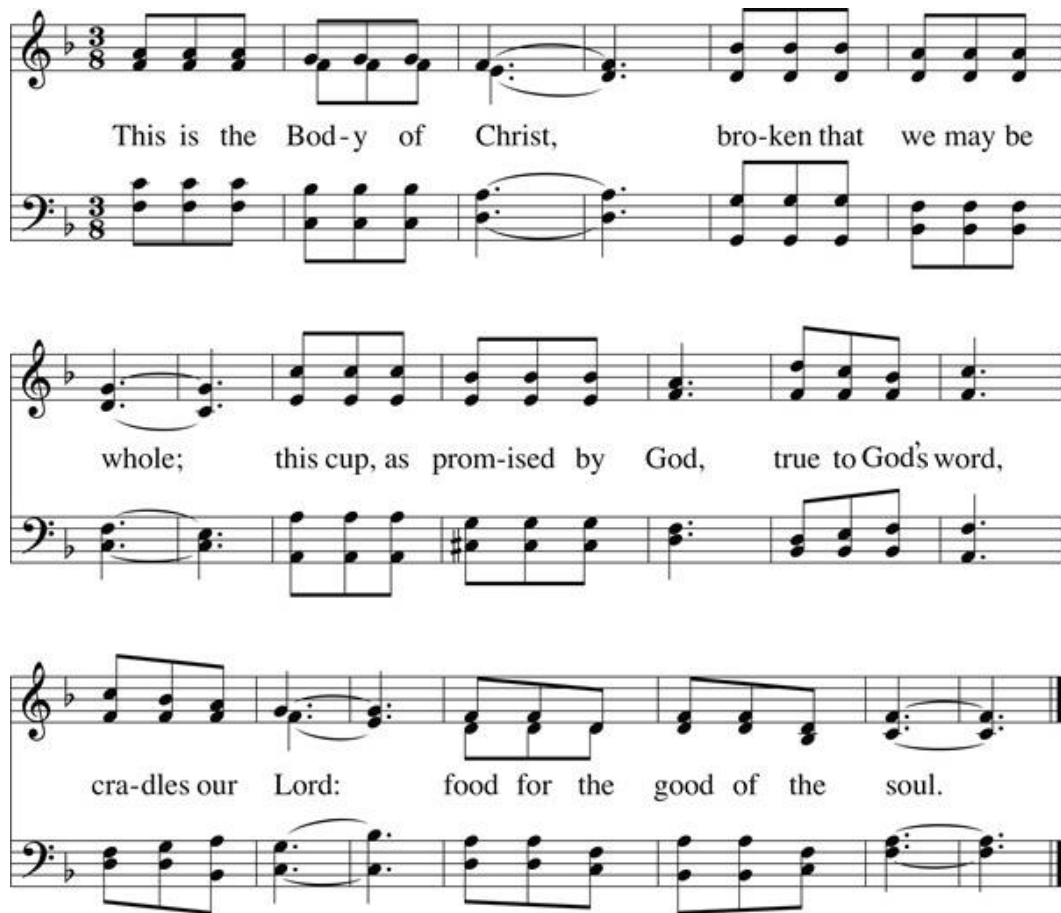
*Celebrant and People*  
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - 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.

setting: *Ambrosian Chant*, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)  
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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.



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. For those who live locally and worship weekly online and wish to receive the consecrated bread and wine, please contact the parish administrator for more information.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Trisha Lopez, soprano*

*Zion's Walls by Aaron Copland*

## 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 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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 music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Tocatta in B minor* by Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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