

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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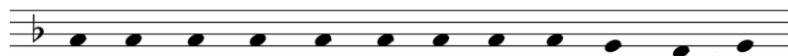
## PRELUDE

*Adagio from Symphony No. 6 - Charles-Marie Widor (1884-1937)*

## 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 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in  
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing



death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My  
mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He



days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing  
helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -



last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.

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

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 power and compassion, in Christ you reveal your will to heal and to save. Open our ears to your redeeming word and move our hearts by the strength of your love, so that our every word and work may proclaim as Messiah Jesus the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON

*Isaiah 35:4-7a*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

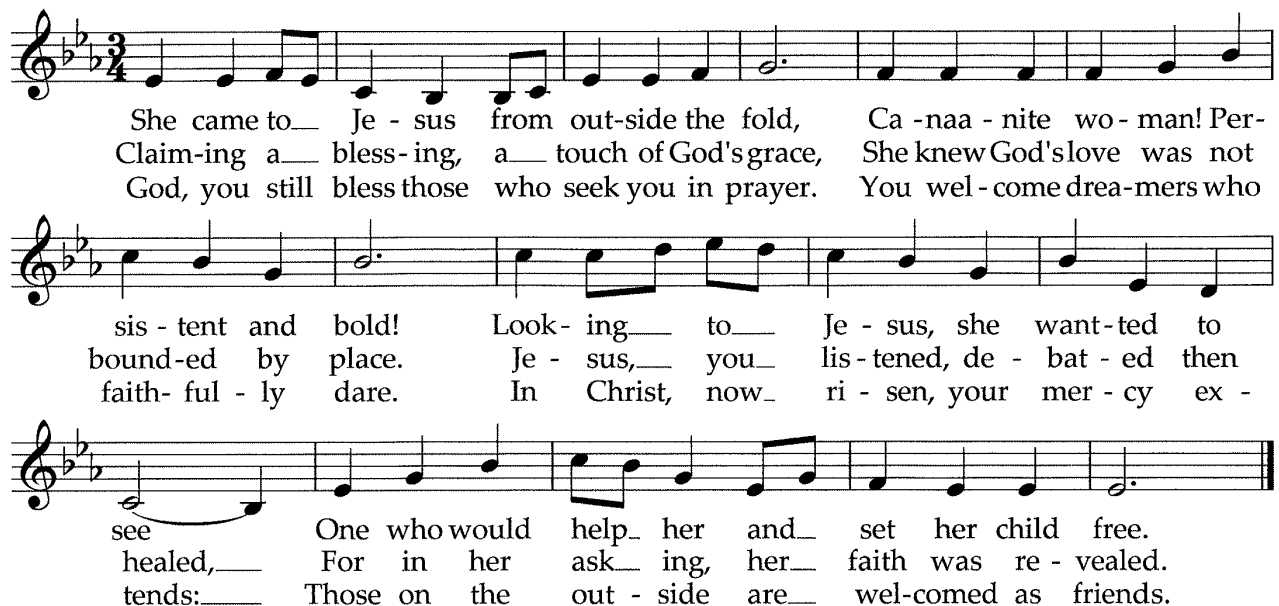
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL HYMN



She came to\_ Je - sus from out-side the fold, Ca - naa - nite wo - man! Per -  
Claim-ing a\_\_ bless-ing, a\_\_ touch of God's grace, She knew God's love was not  
God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer. You wel - come drea-mers who  
sis - tent and bold! Look - ing\_\_ to\_\_ Je - sus, she want - ted to  
bound-ed by place. Je - sus,\_\_ you\_\_ lis - tens, de - bat - ed then  
faith- ful - ly dare. In Christ, now\_\_ ri - sen, your mer - cy ex -  
see One who would help\_ her and\_ set her child free.  
healed,\_\_ For in her ask\_\_ ing, her\_\_ faith was re - vealed.  
tends:\_\_\_\_\_ Those on the out - side are\_\_ wel-comes as friends.

words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961)

music: *Slane*, Irish traditional melody

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

**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.

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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 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)  
 music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* 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, — hea - ven and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. 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,

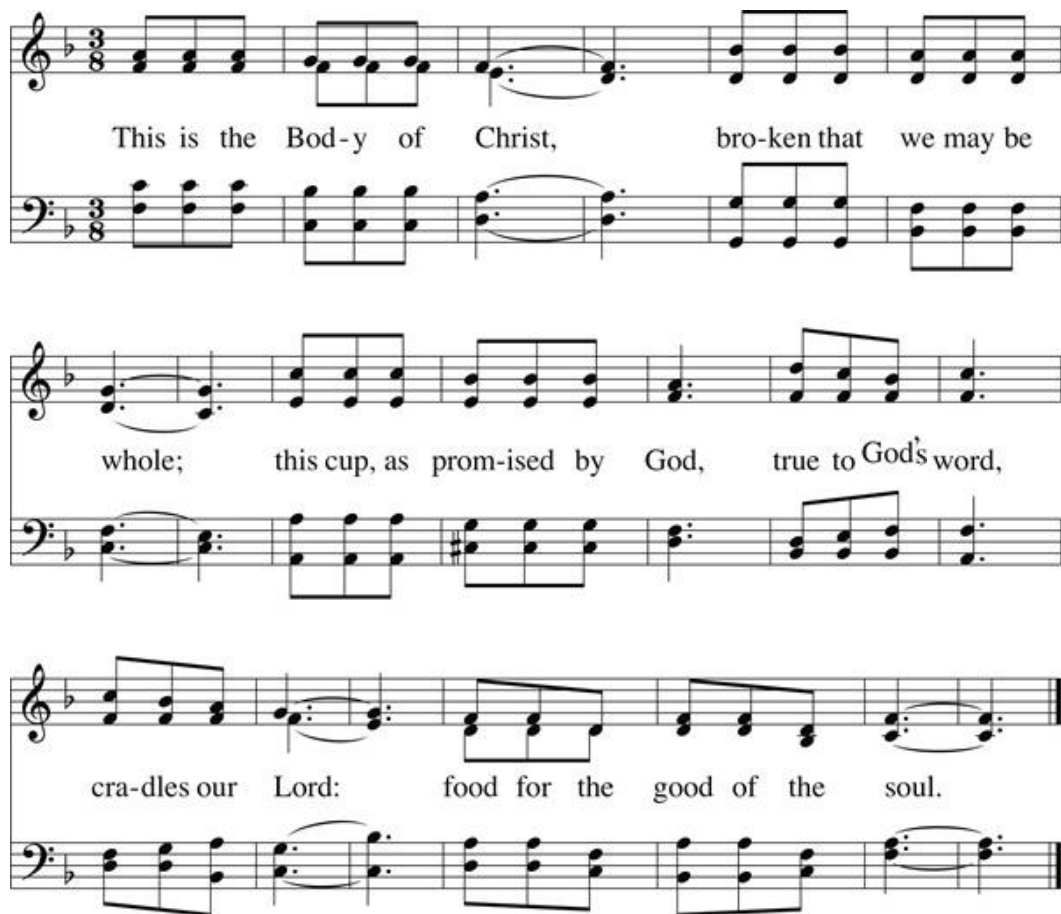
*Celebrant and People*  
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.  
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de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

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. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Allegretto from 4 Skizzen für den Pedalflügel, Op.58 - Robert Schumann (1810-1856)*

## 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 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 4 the mourn - ful - bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
 music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)  
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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

*Finale from Symphony No. 1 - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

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## THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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