

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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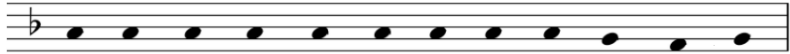
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PRELUDE

*Special Music by Rosemary Dellinger*

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 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

*The People's responses are in bold.*

THE OPENING COLLECT

*Collect for Purity*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God, our provider, you are the orphan's hope and the widow's bread. Strengthen our faith, that with simplicity of heart we may come to trust in you alone and hold back nothing in serving you. 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 17:8-16*

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

*Psalm 91: 9-16, sung by the choir*

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation, There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.  
For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.  
They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.  
Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.  
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.  
With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.

*John Goss*

THE EPISTLE

*Hebrews 9:24-28*

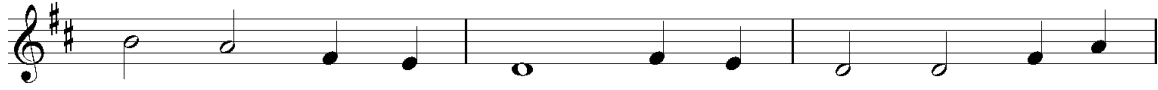
Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

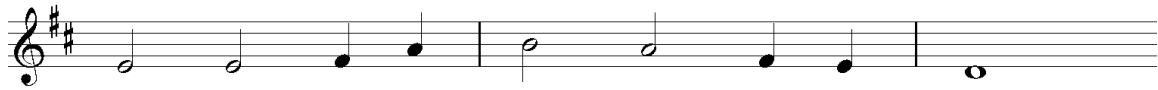
THE GOSPEL HYMN



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



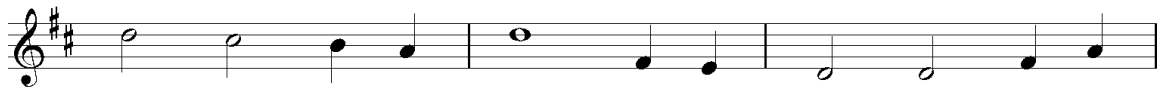
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



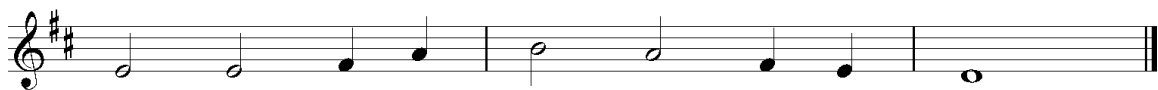
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934)

THE GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.



Glo - ry to you O Christ

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you O Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Daniel Simons

*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.**

*\*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

Let us pray now to God, who hears our prayers even before we ask.

Loving God, the widow of Zarephath, with a handful of flour and a drop of oil fed the prophet Elijah before her child and herself. Teach us the joy of hospitality which welcomes friend and stranger, neighbor and enemy, and so finds You feasting among us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of Abundance, the widow of Jerusalem, with two small coins offered to you her love, her worship and all she had. Teach us the joy of giving freely, which counts nothing as ours by right, but willingly shares and so finds you sharing with us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of Resurrection, you son, Christ Jesus offered himself to show the fullness of your love for us. Teach us the joy of giving ourselves to you, so that we yearn for your presence, long for your salvation, and so find you living in us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of Mercy, it is ever your will that we love and work and pray for those who are in need of bread and of shelter, of healing and of wholeness. Hear the prayers we make for those of our world— those of our community, and those of our family who are in need. We lift before you now in the silence of our hearts and with the words of our lips.

*Particular names may be offered aloud or in silence.*

We pray to you, O Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.*



## 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

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## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

In the midst of pain, I choose love  
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,  
I await the sun again, I choose love.  
In the midst of war, I choose peace.  
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,  
I will seek the good once more, I chose peace.  
When my world falls down, I will rise.  
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,  
I will climb to holy ground,  
I will rise.

words: Lindy Thompson  
music: Marc Miller

# HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY

*Unison or harmony*

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and  
 \*2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-lor, love, and  
 3 With grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv-er of all good, the  
 give; to make our life an of-fer-ing to  
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount-eous yield; so we to-day our  
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is  
 all hu-man-i-ty. O thou who gav-est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of  
 call-ing us to make the dream come true: a  
 us thys-elf in Je-sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.  
 world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
 us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

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*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you, now and forever.



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## 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*

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

**Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be  
 whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to Gods' word,  
 cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

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## THE COMMUNION

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion at St. Paul's. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.*

## 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

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,  
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to  
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -  
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior  
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,  
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,  
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your  
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the  
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the  
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.  
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.  
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.  
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

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## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ to love and to serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Sortie in G Minor* - L.J.A. Lefébure-Wély

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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