# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

# November 7, 2021 at 11am | All Saints Sunday with Baptism

St. Paul's on the Green | 60 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851

Prelude

Andante (Choeur de Voix Humaines) from "Meditaciones Religiosas" Op.122. B11 Louis James Alfred Lefébure-Wély

OPENING ACCLAMATION Please stand as the bell sounds. The Celebrant intones: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.





#### HYMN IN PROCESSION



Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Music: Sine nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

#### THE OPENING COLLECT

Collect for Purity

The People's responses are in bold.

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



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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

All-Holy God, you call your people to holiness. As we keep the festival of your saints, give us their meekness and poverty of spirit, a thirst for righteousness, and purity of heart. May we share with them in the richness of your kingdom and be clothed in the glory you bestow. 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 Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 119:1-8 sung by the choir

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \* the world and all who dwell therein. For it is he who founded it upon the seas \* and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?" \* and who can stand in his holy place?" "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \* who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud. They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \* and a just reward from the God of their salvation." Such is the generation of those who seek him, \* of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is this King of glory?" \* "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle." Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \* and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is he, this King of glory?" \* "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory." *J. Robinson (c. 1812-1844)* 

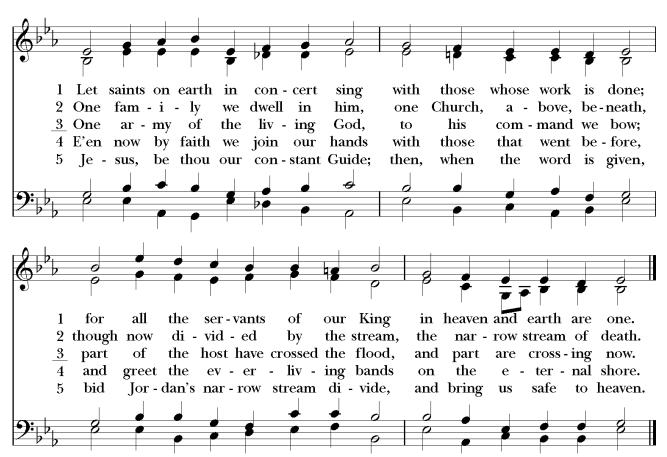
THE EPISTLE Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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#### THE GOSPEL HYMN



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Dundee, melody from The CL Psalmes of David, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?-1635?), alt.

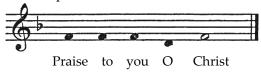
THE GOSPEL John 11:32-44

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



When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.



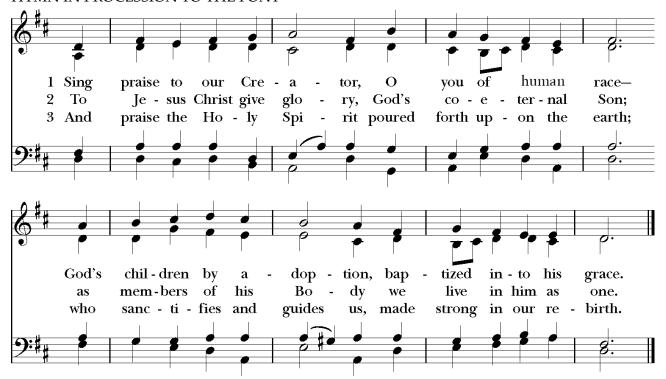
THE SERMON The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION Standing

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.

## HYMN IN PROCESSION TO THE FONT



Words: Mark Evans (b. 1916), alt.

Music: Christus, der ist mein Leben, melody Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

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# THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parents and Godparents present the baptismal candidates.

# We present Rory Belle Talcott to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

We will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child 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 child.

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 Rory who is committing herself 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 CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for Rory who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth:

After each petition, we sing:



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

## Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

## Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

## Lord, hear our prayer.

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

## Lord, hear our prayer.

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

## Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

## Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her 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

Rory, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

The forehead of the newly baptized is anointed with oil.

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

#### Amen.

The Celebrant concludes:

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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 <u>stpaulsnorwalk.org/givebycard</u>, or use the QR code to the right.

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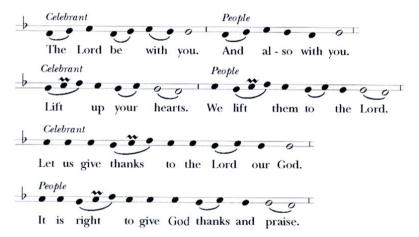
## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Lord, we shall walk in peace.
We shall walk through the valley in peace.
If Jesus himself shall lead us,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.
There will be no trials there,
If Jesus himself shall lead us,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

Words: African-American Spiritual Music: Arranged by Undine Smith Moore (1904-89)



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

You have created us and have brought your people through many trials: Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Peter and Paul, Martha and Mary, Francis of Assisi and Clare, Brigit and Patrick of Ireland, Julian of Norwich and Margaret of Scotland, Samuel Seabury and Jackson Kemper, Thomas Tallis and Hildegard of Bingen, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Florence Nightingale, Absalom Jones and Emma of Hawaii, Elizabeth Seton and Mother Theresa, the Martyrs of Japan and the Martyrs of Sudan – all who attest to your providence and mercy and show us the way to live.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, Jesus loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Setting: Jackson Hill (b. 1941)

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We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

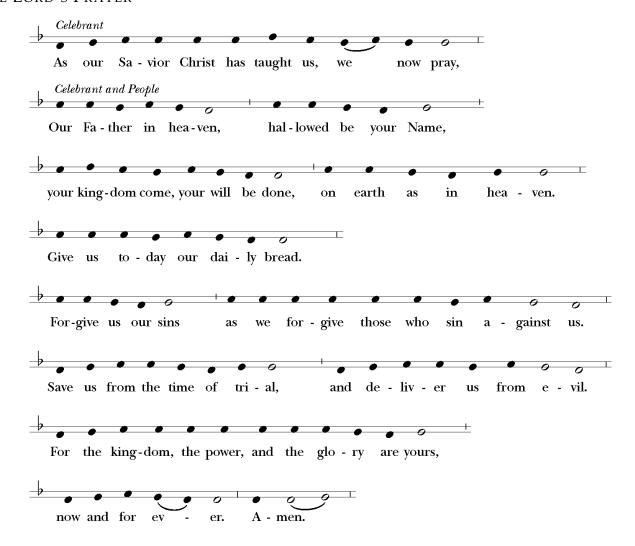
Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the body and blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Paul, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER



The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to communion, saying

Come all you poor; come all you hungry. Come through your tears; come through your shame. Bread has been broken; the cup has been poured; the feast of the saints awaits you here.



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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, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE BLESSING

May God, who kindled the fire of love in the hearts of the saints, strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness, that you may come to the full radiance of glory, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

## HYMN IN PROCESSION



Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858–1945)

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. & harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

# THE DISMISSAL

Go, saints of God. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fanfare for Organ John Cook

# THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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