THE HOLY EUCHARIST

November 21, 2021 at 11am | The Reign of Christ

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

Prelude

The Prince of Denmark's March- Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707) Charlie Johnson, Trumpet

OPENING ACCLAMATION Please stand as the bell sounds. The Celebrant intones:

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.





HYMN IN PROCESSION



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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.

Almighty and eternal God, to Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, you have granted everlasting dominion and a kingship that shall not pass away. Remove from us every desire for privilege and power, that we may imitate the sacrificial love of Christ our King, and as a royal and priestly people, serve you humbly in our brothers and sisters. 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 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved; Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting. The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the Lord who dwells on high. Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

George Elvey

THE EPISTLE Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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THE GOSPEL HYMN



Words: Anonymous, ca. 1757, alt.

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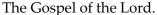
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THE GOSPEL John 18:33-37

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



Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."





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

Glory and dominion be to you, O God, before whom all peoples bow down in worship: your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

We pray for creation. Nurture the world you have made.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

We pray for the nations. Unite us around your throne.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

We pray for the Church. Help us listen to the voice of Christ.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

We pray for the sick, the suffering, the persecuted, and the imprisoned. Strengthen all who experience distress, including those on our Prayer List and those we now name.

The people may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

We pray for the dead. May they partake in your eternity.

The people may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

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

GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

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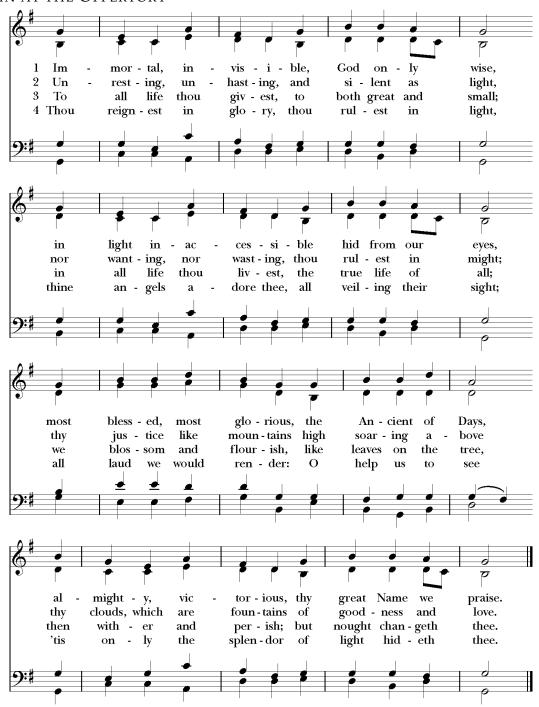


ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

O King all glorious, amid thy saintly company,
whoever shalt be praised, who over passest utterance.
Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Holy Name.
Leave us not, O God, that in the day of judgement it may please thee to place us in the number of thy Saints and blessed ones,
O King most blessed.

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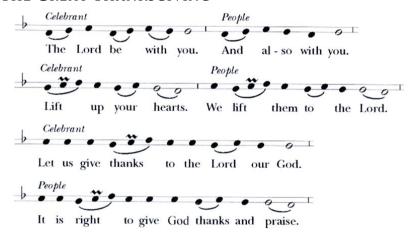
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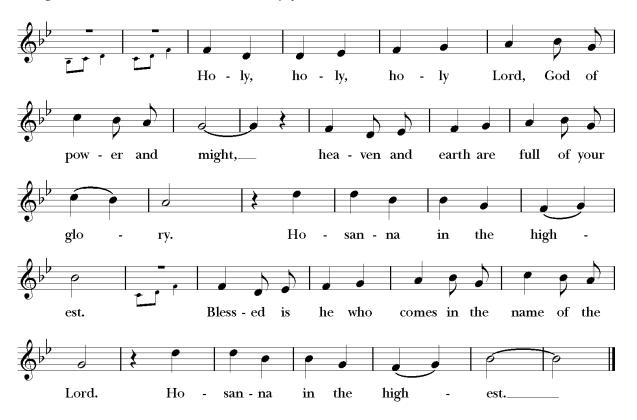
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world, You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wonderous are you. Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



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The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, Lord God, for your Word was alive in creation, is present in the power of the Spirit, and will come in glory on the last day. You sent Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of the kings of the earth. He freed us from our sins by his blood and made us to be a kingdom of priests serving you forever.

God of truth, your Son came to testify to the truth. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we may listen to his voice. Sanctify this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith:



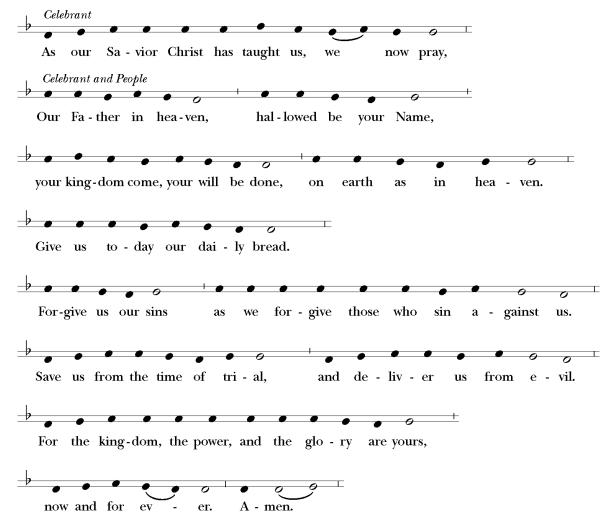
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God of all beginnings and endings, your Son declared his kingdom was not of this world. Bless the governance of every earthly kingdom, that it may be ruled justly. Visit your children who live in fear, dwell under oppression, experience cruelty, or suffer discrimination. Turn struggle into hope, hope into freedom, freedom into justice, and justice into love. Bring to those who have never known you, or have forgotten or rejected you, the light of your grace and the thirst for your mercy; until your Son comes with the clouds, and all eyes will see him, and every tribe and tongue will lift your name on high.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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



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

This is the feast of the kingdom—prepared from the foundation of the world. Come and partake of what God intends for you.



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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.

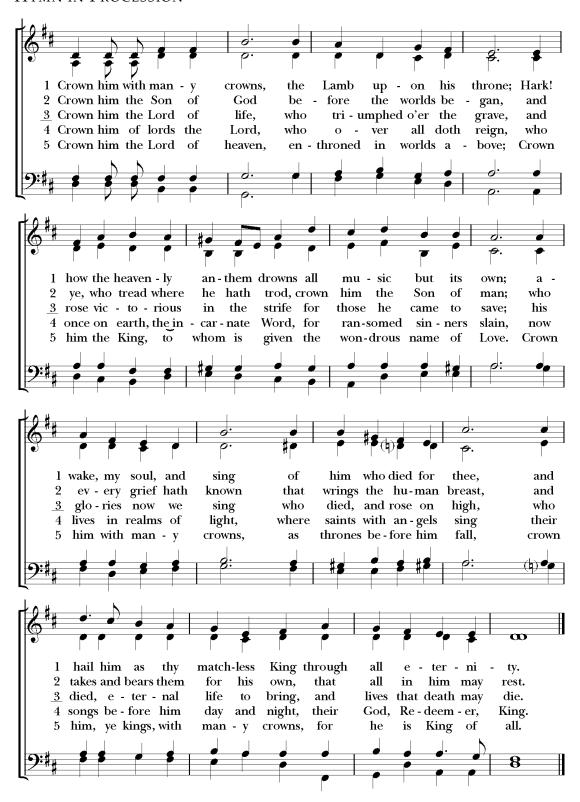
THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have called us from every tribe, language, people, and nation to share in your everlasting kingdom. As you have blessed us with this heavenly food, may you also empower us to extend your blessing to others. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the Christ who is enthroned in heaven open the eyes of your hearts to the least of these here on earth, and may the blessing of the one, holy, and undivided Trinity be with you now and evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION



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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

Trumpet Tune- Henry Purcell (1659-1695) Charlie Johnson, Trumpet

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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