

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## *The Conversion of Paul the Apostle*

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JANUARY 30, 2022 - 11:00 AM

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### PRELUDE

*Melody from "Three Short Pieces for Organ" S. Coleridge Taylor (1875-1912)*

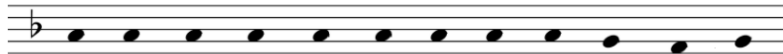
*Please stand as the bell sounds.*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant intones*

Blessed be God, who illumines the darkness and enlightens the world.

*The People respond*



Glo - ry to God for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



## HYMN IN PROCESSION

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2. Let us build a house where pro - phets speak, and words are strong and  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to dream God's reign a -  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where peace and jus - tice

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of  
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's  
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and

grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come,  
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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## THE OPENING COLLECT

*Erasmus, 15th c.*

O God of love, you are the true sun of the world, evermore risen and never going down: We pray you to shine in our hearts and drive away the darkness of sin and the mist of error. We pray that we may this day and all our lives long, walk without stumbling in the way you have prepared for us, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

# SONG OF PRAISE

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.

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON     *seated*

*Acts 26:9-21*

Paul said to King Agrippa, "Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities. With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord answered, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles-- to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

John Camidge II (1790-1859)  
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I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

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

1 We sing the glo - rious con - quest be - fore Da - mas - cus' gate,  
 2 O Voice that spoke with - in him; O strong, re - prov - ing Word;  
 3 Your grace, by ways mys - ter - ious, our sin - ful wrath can bind,

when Saul, the church's spoil - er came spread - ing fear and hate.  
 O Love that sought and held him a pris - on - er of his Lord;  
 and in those least ex - pect - ed true ser - vants you can find.

God's light shone down from hea - ven and broke a - cross the path.  
 help us to know your king - ship that we, in ev - ery hour,  
 In us you seek dis - ci - ples to share your cross and crown

His pres - ence pierced and blind - ed the zeal - ot in his wrath.  
 in all that may con - front us, will trust your hid - den power.  
 and give you fi - nal ser - vice in glo - ry at your throne.

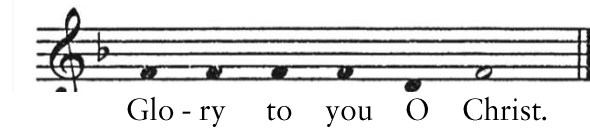
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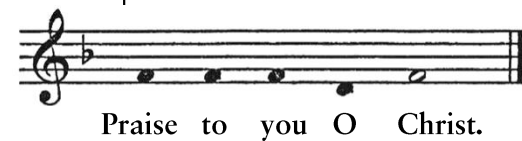
*The Deacon or Priest intones:*

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



Jesus said to the twelve, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

The Gospel of the Lord.



## THE SERMON

*seated*

*The Rev. Louise Kalemkerian*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

*During Epiphanytide we use the Church's earliest baptismal creed, the Apostle's Creed, followed by the baptismal promises and prayers from the Book of Common Prayer, to embrace more deeply the pattern of life we have chosen – Jesus' Way of Love.*

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 OF THE PEOPLE

Praying with the Apostle Paul, we offer our prayers to you, O God.

We pray for this and all nations of the world; may the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant that all may live in harmony with one another, in accord with Christ, that together we may with one voice glorify God. (*Romans 15:5-6*)

God of peace,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this local community and our place in it; that God may direct our way and make our love for one another increase more and more, and that God may strengthen our hearts in this work, that we may increase in holiness to God's glory and praise. (*1 Thessalonians 3:11-13*)

God of faith,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any need; that God may fill them with all joy and peace in believing that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, they may abound in hope. We remember those who have asked for our prayers and pray that out of God's glorious riches they may be strengthened with power through the Spirit. (*Romans 15:13, Ephesians 3:16*)

*The People may add their own prayers.*

God of hope,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this church, founded in the name of St. Paul; and we pray that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may have the power to comprehend, together with all God's people, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, and to abide in that love forever. (*Ephesians 3:17-18*)

God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

Glory to you, O God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to you from generation to generation, here in this church, and in Christ forever. Amen. (*Ephesians 3:20*)

## 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.*

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ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY      *seated; sung by the Choir*

Locus iste a Deo factus est, in aestimabile sacramentum irreprehensibilis est.  
*This place was made by God; a priceless holy place, it is without fault.*

Words: For the Dedication of a Church  
Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing; the gifts of bread, wine, and the offering are brought forward*



1. God, who gives us grain and grow - ing, food, and shel - ter from the storm,  
 2. Pow - er, An - i - mat - ing Spir - it, wis - dom through the tests of time.  
 3. Set a - blaze all hu - man know - ledge, Spark of Ma - jes - ty di - vine;  
 4. Nour - ish now God's new cre - a - tion, with these gifts and fruits di - verse.



comes to us as one who suf - fers, takes on stri - ving hu - man form.  
 Send us heal - ers, po - ets, paint - ers, gifts of God to us sub - lime.  
 Flame that burns a - way old think - ing, leave us skins to hold new wine.  
 Let your lov - ing, think - ing, sing - ing, sound through - out the un - i - verse.



One re - jec - ted now is ru - ler of God's jus - tice yet to be:  
 Nur - ture love that lives im - mor - tal, joins us here and con - quers death.  
 Doubt will not de - stroy our wor - ship of the God who gives us faith.  
 Break the chains of un - just hun - ger, top - ple ty - rants, con - quer fear.



Je - sus, feed our ev - 'ry long - ing, help us set your peo - ple free.  
 Soul of Souls and Hope of A - ges, breathe through us e - ter - nal breath.  
 Ques - tions o - pen doors to free - dom, hon - or the Cre - a - tor's grace.  
 Give thanks al - ways to the Spi - rit, Christ, Cre - a - tor: meet us here.

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*(This hymn was commissioned in honor of the 275th anniversary of St. Paul's in 2012.)*

*This Eucharistic prayer incorporates Pauline imagery drawn from the epistles that bear his name.*

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

*Celebrant*      *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. 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 always and everywhere to praise you, Lord God our Father, giver of life. In you, already we grow brighter and brighter as we are turned into the glory we reflect. Therefore, forgetting what lies behind us, and pressing forward toward the prize, we lift our voices with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, praising you in the triumphal song:

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,  
 10 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth are  
 19 full, full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high -  
 28 est. Ho - san - na in the high - est Bless - ed is he who comes  
 37 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 43 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy God, you created us and set us in a garden of delights and commanded us to be fruitful and multiply. But thankless, we grasped for your power, and divided ourselves against ourselves, until we could not do what we would, but became slaves to sin, earning death for our wages. And even then you did not destroy or forsake us. You gave Abraham and Sarah a new promise of fruitfulness, and taught Moses the laws of paradise anew, and sent prophets calling the nations to your banquet of peace. And though we were sinners your beloved Son came to befriend us, and feast with us, and offer his life for our life. Laying aside his equality with you, he put his faith in you, and accepted even death on a cross, breaking down the walls that divided us. So you raised him from the grave, a new Adam for a new creation. You baptized the nations in his death as in the Red Sea, and freed the slaves of sin, and taught us to love one another as one body.

For on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink of 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, of all the things that are yours we offer you these, which are yours especially. We offer them gladly, as he told us, giving thanks for his death and resurrection. Father, send your Holy Spirit to make this bread and this cup the life-giving body and blood of your Son, a foretaste of that feast where we will see you face to face, and know you as we are known. In his Spirit we thank you for all you have given us, and pray as you would have us pray, and live as you would have us live. In his Spirit we taste the riches you have planned for your whole creation. And in his Spirit we run to spread the good news, sharing his sufferings so that we may share his winnings with all he came to serve.

All this we ask, knowing that every division is ended, and we are one body, and Christ is all in all; we give glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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*

Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

## THE COMMUNION

*Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us, Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have

mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the

world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

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THE HYMN AFTER COMMUNION      *seated, sung by the choir*

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that  
songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end;  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.  
The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
its fragrant bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown though small in mortal stature, to  
heaven's garden grown:  
For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory.  
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
And whether tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still;  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our  
sacrifice of praise.

Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996)  
Music: Thaxted, Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION      *standing*

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

May the Light of Christ be enkindled in your hearts.  
And the Blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you now and remain with you always. Amen.

## HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is written for a unison or harmony setting. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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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

*Tuba Tune in D Major*, C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

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