THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Pride Sunday

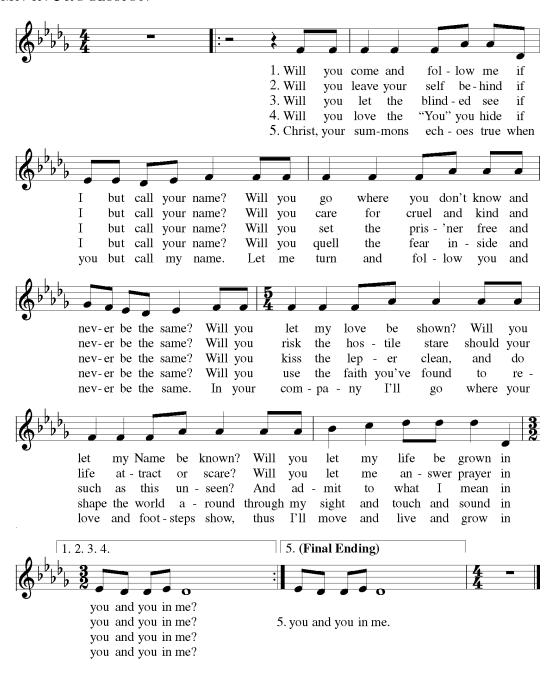
ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JUNE 26, 2022 - 9:00 & II:00AM

PRELUDE

Piano Voluntary, Will Doreza

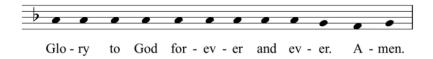
Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION



OPENING ACCLAMATION said at the 9am liturgy; sung at the 11am liturgy

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.



SONG OF PRAISE



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, ruler of our hearts, you call us to obedience and sustain us in freedom. Keep us true to the way of your Son, that we may leave behind all that hinders us and, with eyes fixed on him, walk surely in the path of the kingdom. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

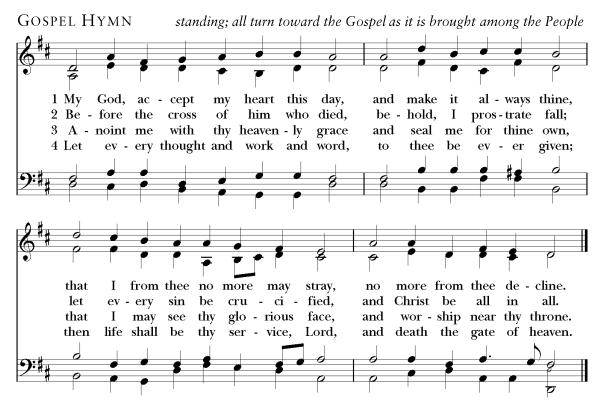
Amen.

THE LESSON 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.



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THE GOSPEL Luke 9:51-62

The Deacon or Priest intones

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



When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

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.

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 your own prayers 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 your own prayers 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 your own prayers 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 your own prayers 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 your own prayers for those we remember in love, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant concludes

These things, loving God, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen**.

THE RITE OF WELCOME

Those who desire to be welcomed as members come forward at the invitation of the Celebrant.

We now welcome those who wish to join with this body of Christ, the people of St. Paul's Church.

The Celebrant addresses those who are being welcomed.

Is it your wish to make this community of St. Paul's, your church home, and these people those with whom you will share your journey of faith? Is this the congregation with whom you will seek to make sense of the questions of your life: your faith, your doubts, who you are, what and where God calls you to be?

Yes, that is my wish.

Will you share in the worship, the ministry and the support of this congregation?

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant addresses the entire congregation.

Will you, who welcome these persons into this congregation, embrace their gifts, their needs, their sorrows and their joys? Will you share what we ourselves have received: the power of prayer, a love for God's word, a desire to follow in Christ's ministry and support for the journey?

We will, with God's help.

Will you share your gifts with them, bear their burdens, and forgive and encourage them? We will, with God's help.

Together, let us pray:

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, within and between us. Help us to grow together and to love and support one another. May we, through our common life, come to know you more fully, and to share your Good News of love, hope and reconciliation with this broken world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giving to St. Paul's

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

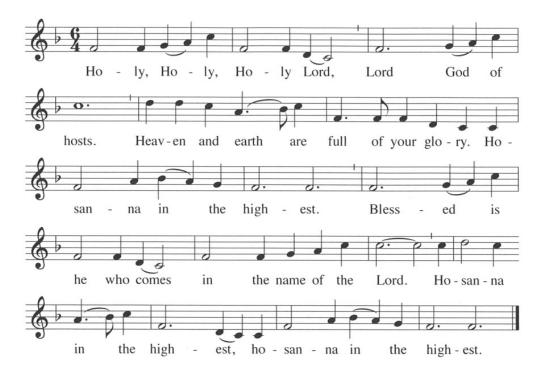


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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



Music: Land of Rest, arr. Richard Proulx

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 hatred and 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:



Music: Land of Rest, arr. Richard Proulx

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.

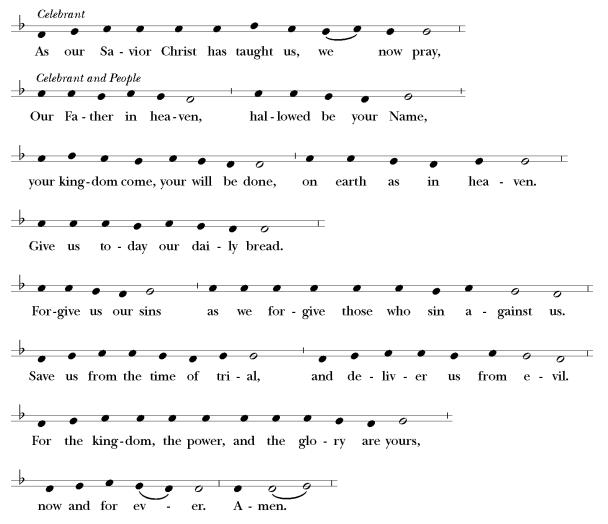
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:



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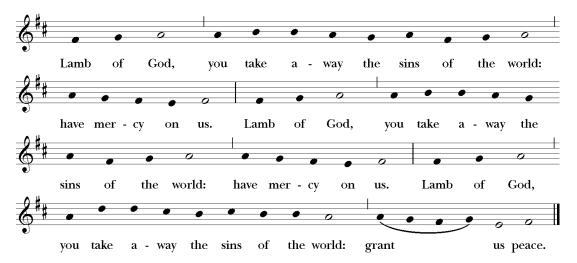
THE COMMUNION

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

These are the gifts of God for you, the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. 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.

All sing together as the distribution of Communion begins.



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In your mercy, Lord, you called me

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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

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.**

-St. Claire of Assisi

HYMN IN PROCESSION



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Let us go forth into the world to live God's liberating Love! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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