THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | AUGUST 7, 2022 - 9:00 & II:00AM

PRELUDE

Cantilena, Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

Please stand as the bell sounds.



The weekly repeated music, called "Service Music," (Gospel Acclamation, Holy, Holy, Holy, Breaking of the bread) is from the Celtic (Irish/Scottish) tradition this season. For some it may be new, and others may remember it from St. Paul's Celtic Eucharist several years ago. It features simple, memorable melodies that become quickly easy to sing. We will use this music over the next 6 weeks as we continue to explore our tradition's range of styles in prayer and music. Feedback is always welcome and encouraged.



Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854); para. of Psalm 72

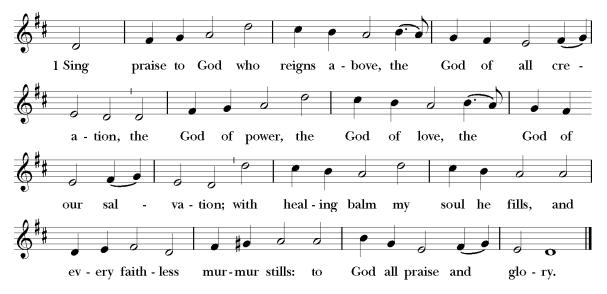
Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869–1941)

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

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.



SONG OF PRAISE



Words: Johann Jakob Schütz (1640–1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897), alt.

Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kischengeseng darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958), after Heinrich Reimann (19th cent.)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, on whom our faith rests secure and whose kingdom we await, sustain us by word and sacrament and keep us alert for the coming of the Son of Man, that we may welcome him without delay. We ask 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 Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

sung by the Cantor or Choir first, then by all. The Choir or Cantor sings a verse, then all repeat the Alleluia.

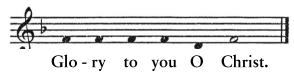


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THE GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

The Deacon or Priest intones

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



Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON The Rev. Daniel Simons

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the world maker, the star lighter, the beauty maker; provoking the evolving cosmos from nothing but words of love. We believe in life.

We believe in the risen Jesus, the cross-bearer, the hell harrower, the death defier; embracing the resurrection of all as the first-born from death. We believe in life.

We believe in the life-giving Spirit, the breath bringer, the body lover, the Church birther; enabling communion with Jesus the Living One. We believe in life.

We believe in the God of Life: world-maker, cross-bearer, life-giver; Trinity of hope, leading creation to its liberation. We believe in God.

Douglas Gay

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the periods of silence, the People offer their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

We pray for peace in the world and for peace in our own land. For what other places of the world shall we pray?

Gracious God,

hear our prayer.

We pray for our leaders in the church and in the world, and for all those who serve the common good, including these we now name:

Gracious God,

hear our prayer.

We pray for our enemies: for those who have wronged us and for those we have wronged, particularly for God's reconciliation in what we now name:

Gracious God,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are sick, hungry, or facing any challenge, including these we now name:

Gracious God,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died and for those who mourn them, particularly these we now name:

Gracious God,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the blessings of this life and for God's gifts to us. For what else shall we thank God?

Gracious God.

hear our prayer.

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 PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

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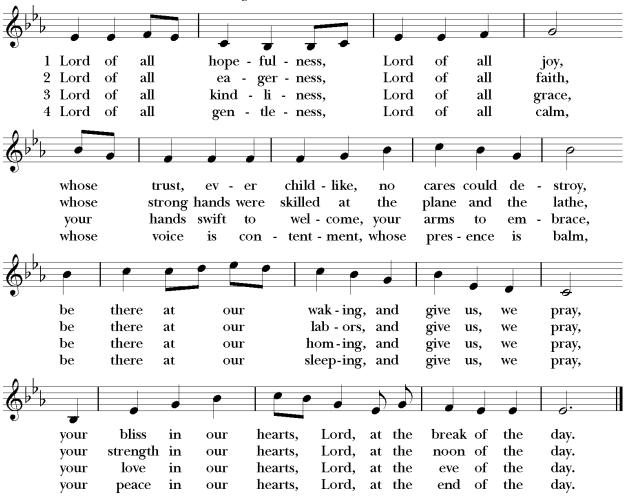
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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY sung by the Choir at 11:00am

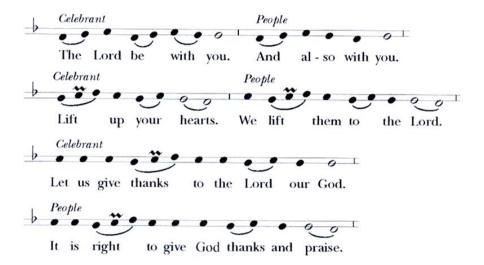
HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY standing



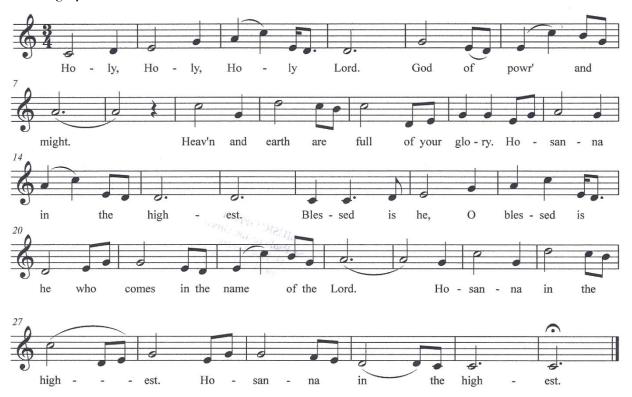
Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953)

Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. The Church Hymnary,1927; harm. Hymnal 1982 Copyright: Words: By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed our joy to give thanks and praise to you, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who now fills all creation with your goodness, and brings us to the fullness of life. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Music: St. Anne's Mass, James MacMillan (1952)

Holy, mighty, and merciful God, you have filled all creation with light and life. In great love you sent to us Jesus your Son, who reached out to heal the suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our brother Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come in glory.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast with your presence and raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

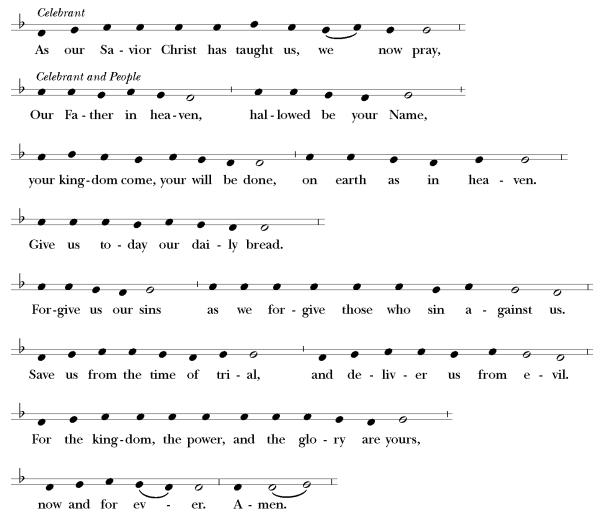
With your holy ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.





Text: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, adapted.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



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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.

Sung once by the Cantor or Choir, then by all.



Music: St. Anne's Mass, James MacMillan (1952)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION sung by the Choir at 11:00am

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: Wer nur den lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

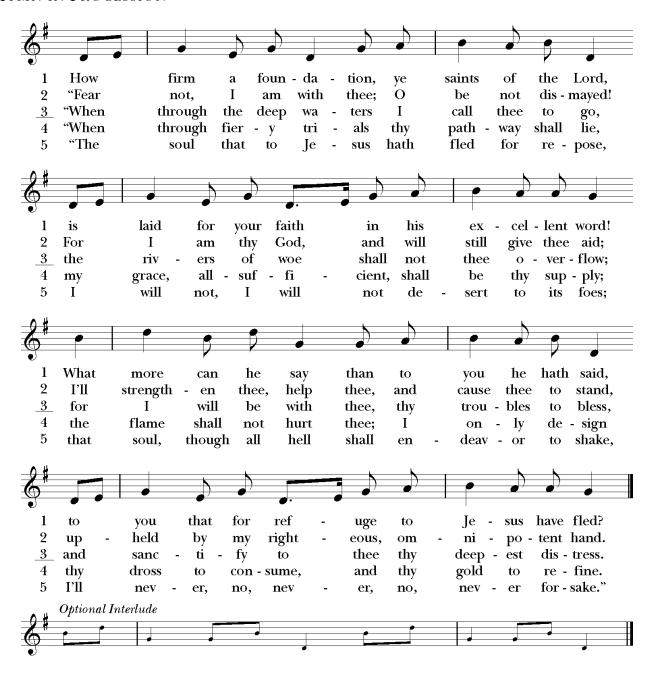
THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION standing

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

The blessing of the all-loving God: + Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you, now and always **Amen**.

HYMN IN PROCESSION



Words: K. in John Rippon's Selection, 1787, alt.

Music: Foundation, melody from The Sacred Harp, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to love and to serve!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune - David German

THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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