

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 - 9:00 & 11:00AM

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PRELUDE

*Joshua Ehlebracht, organ*

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*



# HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

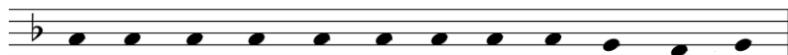
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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 Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932)  
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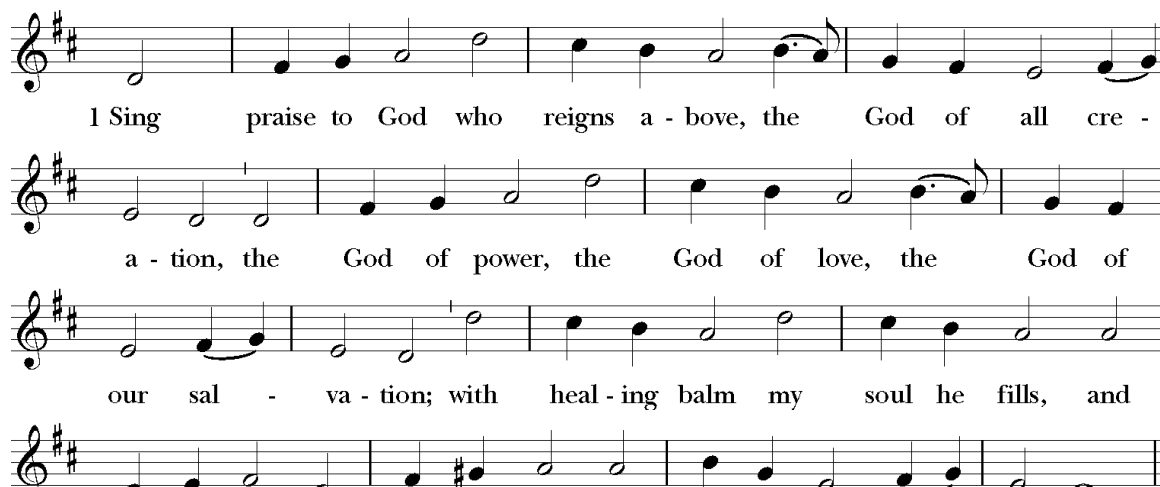
## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.



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

## SONG OF PRAISE



I Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.

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 Heubtartikel 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.

God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word and complete the work that you have set before us. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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.*

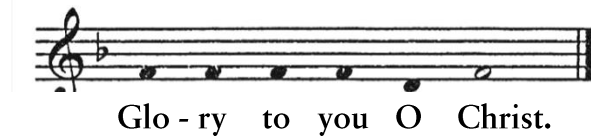


I call you my friends, says the Lord  
 You who are my disciples.  
 I make known to you all I've learned from my Father

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*The Deacon or Priest intones*

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



Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.



*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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Giving to St. Paul's**

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**Thank you for your support!**



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

# HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

1 My God, ac - cept my heart this day, and make it al - ways thine,  
 2 Be - fore the cross of him who died, be - hold, I pros - trate fall;  
 3 A - noint me with thy heaven - ly grace and seal me for thine own,  
 4 Let ev - ery thought and work and word, to thee be ev - er given;

that I from thee no more may stray, no more from thee de - cline.  
 let ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied, and Christ be all in all.  
 that I may see thy glo - rious face, and wor - ship near thy throne.  
 then life shall be thy ser - vice, Lord, and death the gate of heaven.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894), alt.

Music: Song 67, from Llyfr y Psalmau, 1621, alt.; adapt. Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), alt.; harm. Mary Monica Waterhouse Bridges (1863-1949); alt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of powr' and

7 might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

14 in the high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is

20 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

27 high - - - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

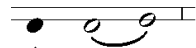
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come in glory.**

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.

*People*

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**A-men.**

Text: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, adapted.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

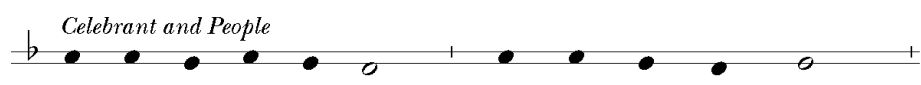
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*Celebrant*

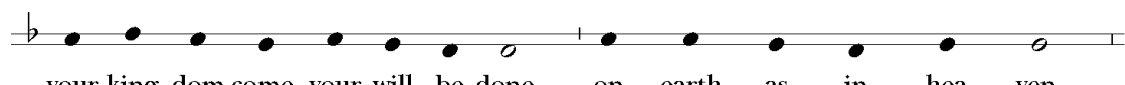


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

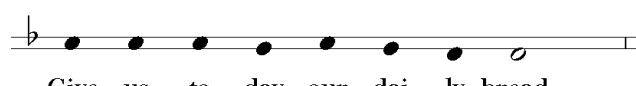
*Celebrant and People*




Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



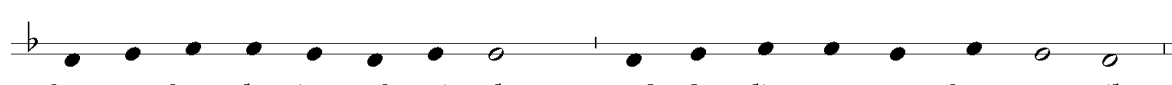
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.




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.

Setting: Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)  
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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.*

*Consecrated grape juice indicated by a blue dot on the cups.*

*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*

## 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

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.

Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Joshua Ehlebracht, organ*

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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