THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 - 9:00 & II:00AM

PRELUDE

Jerusalem, My Happy Home - Arr. George Shearing (1919-2011)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION



Words: Fred Pratt Green (b. 1903)

Music: Dunedin, Vernon Griffiths (1894–1985); reprinted from the New Catholic Hymnal

OPENING ACCLAMATION the Celebrant intones

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.



SONG OF PRAISE



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God our Savior, you call us into your service. Make us wise and resourceful: children of the light who continue your work in this world with untiring concern for integrity and justice. We ask 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 seated Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Give praise, you servants of God; * praise the Name of the Most High.

Let God's Name be blest, * from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down, * let God's holy Name be praised.

God is high above all nations, * and God's glory above the heavens.

Who is like our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

God takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

To set them up on high, * with the rulers of the people.

God makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

Anglican Chant: James Turle

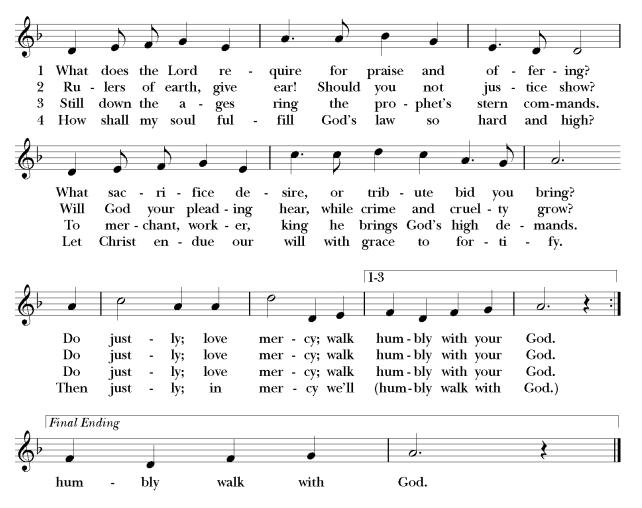
THE EPISTLE 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

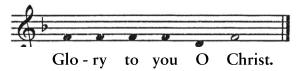
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GOSPEL HYMN standing; all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People

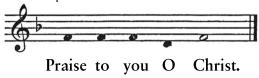


Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901–1984), alt.© Music: Sharpthorne, Erik Routley (1917–1982) The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes." Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.



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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray now to God, who hears our prayers even before we ask.

Holy One, inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

That the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble.

In your presence may they find strength.

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Make us alive to the needs of our community.

Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.

We pray for the particular needs and thanksgivings of those gathered here.

Please add your particular intercessions and thanksgivings aloud or in silence. *

We remember those who have died, especially those we now name...

Please add particular names aloud or in silence.

Hear us, O God,

For we put our trust in you.

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect, or the following

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.

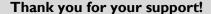
Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS seated

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COMMISSIONING OF THE SACRED GROUND CIRCLES

Dear People of God, Christ calls us to be a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. As followers of Christ, we stand alongside God's children of every race, language, and culture, and work together as agents of justice, peace, and reconciliation. This work involves risking who we have been for the sake of who God is calling us to be, moving beyond ourselves in order to seek and serve Christ in one another. We are all called to the work and ministry of God's restorative justice and reconciliation.

Will you now persevere in prayer and fellowship in these circles of study and sharing? I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, both with whom you agree and disagree? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed? I will, with God's help.

Will you work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?

I will, with God's help.

In the name of God and of this Church, I commission you to live into becoming Beloved Community, in these circles of Sacred Ground, in your lives, in your community, and in the world. **Amen.**

The Celebrant gives this charge to all gathered

May God make us all brave. May God root us in our own and others' absolute belovedness. May God grant us a vision for beloved community and lead us with care and boldness on the sacred path toward that dream, we pray. **Amen.**

Tuesday Circle

Ginny Balser
Gail Bindley-Taylor
Paul Carling
Nancy Flanagan
Maggie Gomez
Bethany Gugliemino

Donna Lewis Cherise Rowan Daniel Simons Lamont Thomas Marge Thomas Dulce Weigel Thursday Circle

Sandy Bria Marva Cummings Wally Frey Bob Giolitto Charlene Higby Diane Jellerette Sarah Johnson Fredrica Thompsett David Westmoreland

Cantate Domino

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

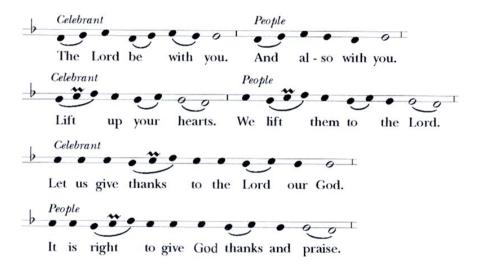
Cantate Domino canticum novum omnis terra et benedicite nomini ejus. Annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus. Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus in omnibus mirabilia ejus. Sing to the Lord a new song, all the earth and bless his name. Proclaim from day to day his salvation. Proclaim among the nations his glory and his wonders among all peoples.

Psalm 96

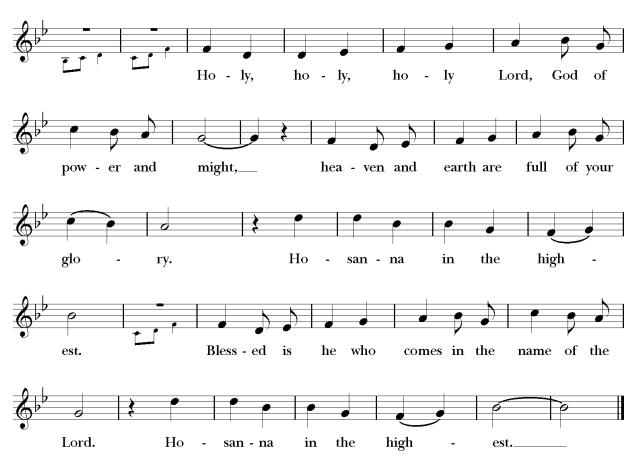


Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969) Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed good, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, your beloved. You are the source and life of all creation and you have made us in your own image. In the fullness of time your Word became incarnate among us as Jesus walked with us, proclaiming the good news to all who would hear. Loving us to the very end, Jesus suffered the death of the cross. Yet you raised him in glory, and you raise us with him. Therefore, with all the hosts of heaven, we proclaim your glory as we sing:



Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

The Celebrant continues

To you indeed be glory, loving God. Your beloved son, Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread; when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. After supper Jesus took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for the life of the world; 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.

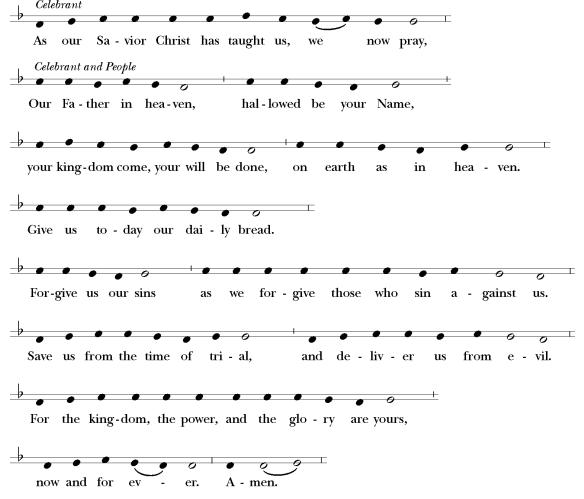
Loving God, as we celebrate Christ's risen life, send your Holy Spirit upon us now, and upon these gifts, that we may be fed with your Presence and filled with your life-giving goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be Christ's body in the world.

United as one in the love of the Holy Trinity, we offer to you, O God, our everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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THE COMMUNION

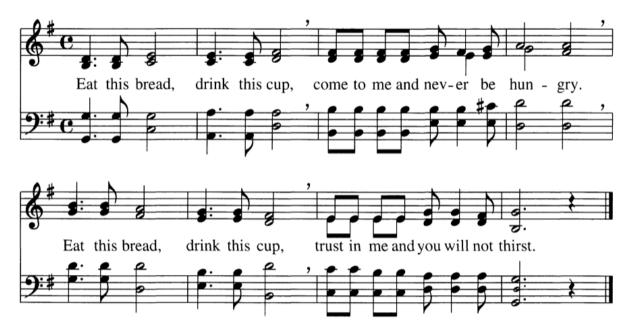
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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 three times.



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MUSIC AT COMMUNION

sung by the Choir at 11am

Lasst uns singen von der Gnade des Herrn from *Paulus*, op. 36

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Lasst uns singen von der Gnade des Herrn und Seine Wahrheit verkünden ewiglich. Let us sing of the Lord's mercy And proclaim his truth forevermore.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

standing

God of abundance,

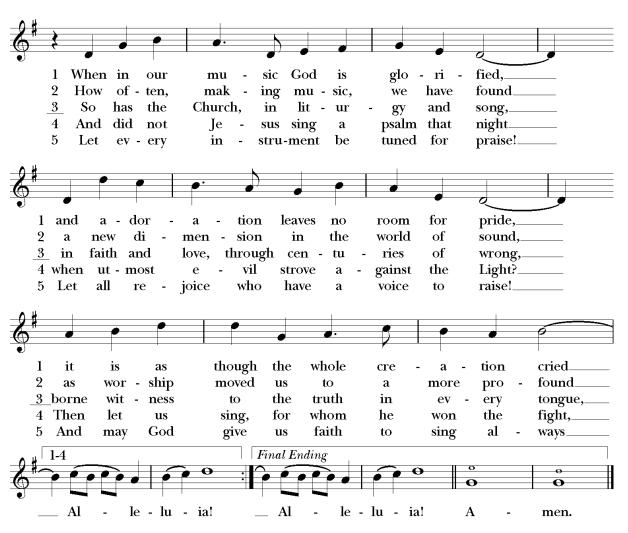
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The blessing of the all-loving God, who creates, redeems, and sustains, be upon you now and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION



Words: F. Pratt Green (b. 1903)

Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the name of Christ to love and to serve.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Fugue from Introduction, Passacaglia and Fugue – Healy Willan (1880-1968)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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