# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

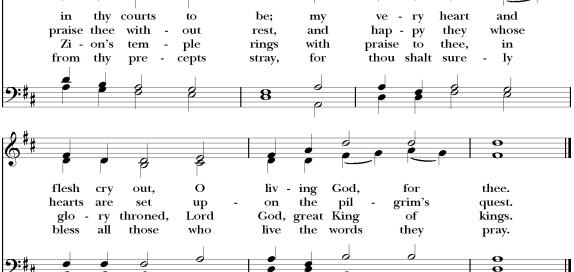
ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | OCTOBER 23, 2022 - 9:00 & II:00AM

### PRELUDE

Adagio from Symphony No. 2 - Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Please stand as the bell sounds.





Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1–2, The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, alt.; sts. 3–4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) Music: Brother James' Air, J. L. Mcbeth Bain (1840?–1925)

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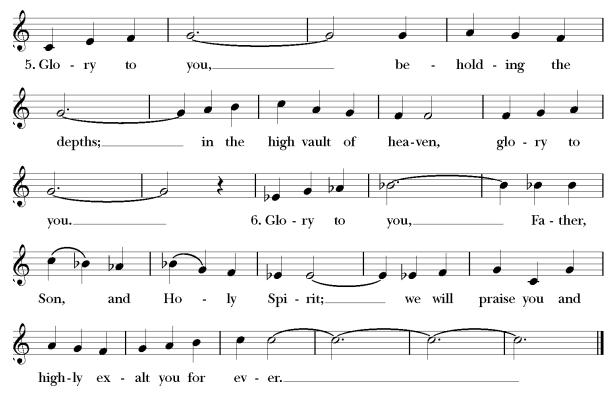
### OPENING ACCLAMATION the Celebrant intones

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.

O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner. As we stand before you, grant us the gift of humility, that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbor. We make our prayer 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 Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is read reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk.

How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts! \*
My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, \* by the side of your altars, O God of hosts, my Ruler and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house; \* they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you; \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \* for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height; \* the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.

Anglican Chant: Charles Hubert Hastings Perry

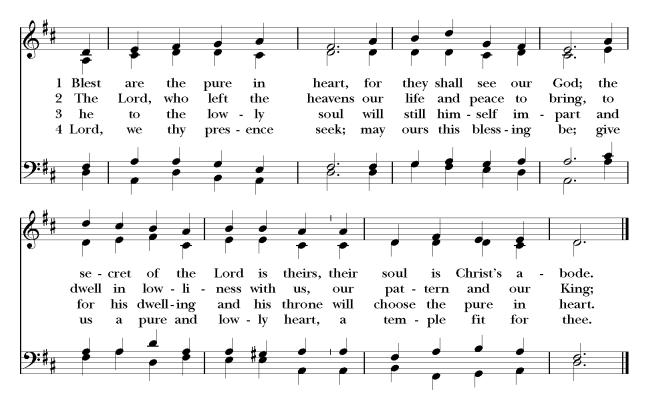
THE EPISTLE 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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



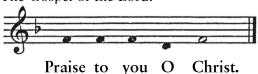
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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, `God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, `God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

Loving God, in this season of harvest, we thank you for your gifts in creation:

We pray for our world and all its creatures;

the heavens tell of your glory and the earth shows forth your handiwork.

We pray for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth, that we may use your gifts responsibly.

We pray for those who work the land and the sea; for those who work in industry; for artists, scientists and visionaries;

that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors, and that through their work we may embrace your creation with new care.

Enfolding God, we thank you for calling us to life in community:

We pray for all who enrich our experience.

for the gift of faithful friendship, and for the courage to stand with those in need.

We pray for all who through their own or others' actions are deprived of fullness of life, for prisoners, refugees, the marginalized, and all who are sick.

We pray for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for all communities of faith, especially for this church of St. Paul's on the Green;

for all who seek to bring the abundance of life to others.

Caring God, we bring to you the specific needs of this community – for what shall we pray?

The People offer their own petitions. All conclude together:

God, our Creator, bring us new life. Jesus, our Redeemer, renew us. Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us. Amen.

from The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia, adapted

#### 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.

### THE RITE OF WELCOME

Those who desire to be welcomed come forth 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 says to the new members:

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?

Yes, that is my wish.

(to 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, we 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.

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## Thank you for your support!

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY sung by the Choir at 11am

Child of God

Mark Miller (b. 1958)

No matter what people say, Say or think about me, I am a child of God. No matter what people say, Say or think about you, You are a child of God.

No matter what the world says, Says or thinks about me, I am a child of God. No matter what the Church says, Decisions, pronouncements on you, You are a child of God.

And there is no thing, or no one Who can separate, they can't separate You from the truth that you're someone, You are a family, you are meant to be, A child of God.

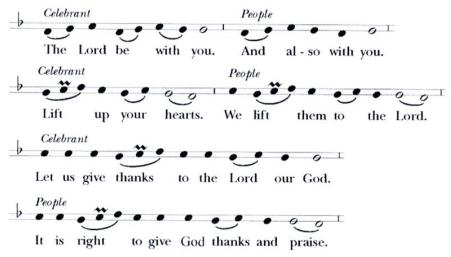
### HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY standing



Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: Siroë, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. Melodia Sacra, 1815)

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is right indeed that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfilment, for you create all things, and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky. When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you made us in your image for yourself. And even though we turned from you, again and again you called us to yourself, and in every age, you promised liberation. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary our sister. Jesus revealed your care for all you have made, and showed us your way of reconciliation. For the life of the world, Jesus suffered the pangs of the cross and in rising again became the first-born of a renewed humanity. Now we join hands around your table, and with all creation we raise our voices in praise for your unending love as we sing:



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#### The Celebrant continues

To you indeed be glory, all-loving God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who on the night before he died, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

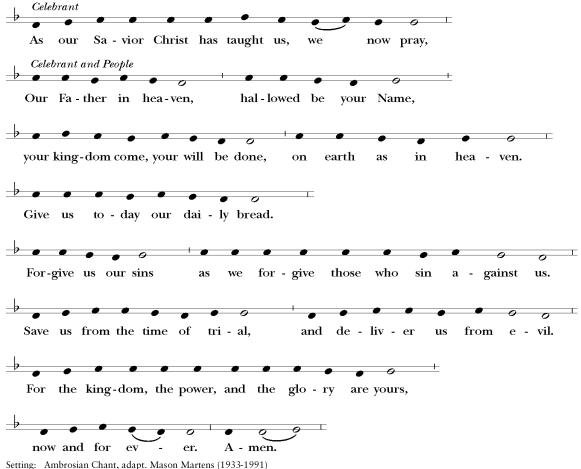
And so in this great sacrament we celebrate the mystery of our faith:

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

Loving God, as we stand in the light of Christ's death and resurrection, accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love, and prayer, and be a voice for those who are not heard. In union with your whole church we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and throughout all creation, now and forever.



### THE LORD'S PRAYER



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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. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request, grape juice is available in the blue-dot 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.



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MUSIC AT COMMUNION sung by the Choir at 11am

## Hymn: Seek ye first

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Music: Seek Ye First, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

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## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION standing

### God of abundance,

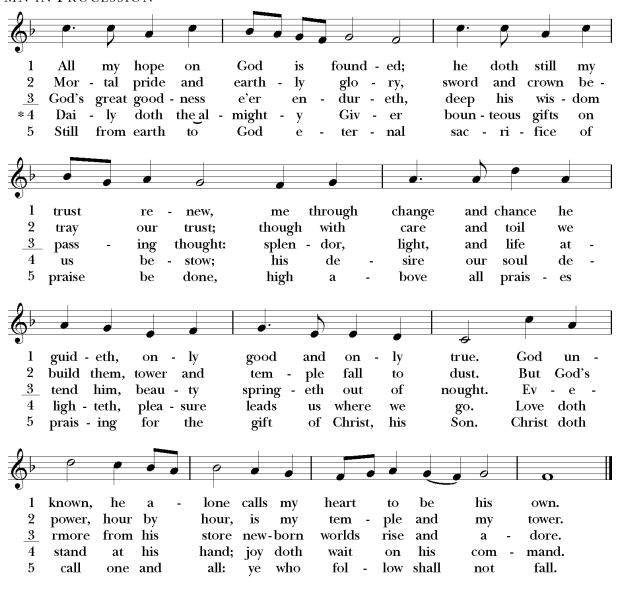
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever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

### THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

### HYMN IN PROCESSION



Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930), alt.; after Joachim Neander (1650–1680) Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

### THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Festal March - Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

# THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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