

# HOLY EUCHARIST

## *Pride Sunday*

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JUNE 11, 2023 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

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### PRELUDE

*Intermezzo* from *Petite Suite* – Gerald Bales (1919-2002)

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*

### HYMN IN PROCESSION

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely  
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and  
3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and  
live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to for-  
true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign a-  
wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice  
give. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of  
new. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's  
meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and  
grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome,  
grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

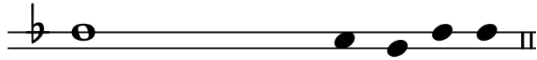
Words and Music: *Two Oaks*, Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant intones*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*The People respond*



Glory to God fore-ver and ev-er.

## SONG OF PRAISE

God, you call us to this place, where we know your love and grace.

Here your bles-sed Spir - it free makes of us one fam - i - ly,

makes our rich di - ver - si - ty rich - er still in u - ni - ty,

makes our man - y voi - es one joined in praise with Christ your Son.

Words: Delores Dufner (b. 1939)

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jacob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant intones*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LESSON      *seated*

*Isaiah 43:1-2, 5-7*

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

O God, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O God, know it altogether.  
You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.  
Where can I go then from your Spirit; \*  
where can I flee from your presence?  
I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.  
My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Setting: Will Doreza

## THE EPISTLE

*Galatians 3: 23-29*

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People.*

*The Refrain is sung once by the Cantor, then repeated by all*



*The Cantor sings alone:*

Speak, O God, your servant is listening; you have the words of eternal life.

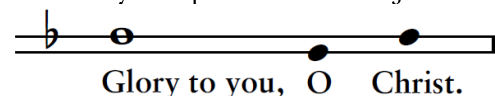
*All repeat Refrain*

Setting: Will Doreza

THE GOSPEL *The Deacon or Priest intones*

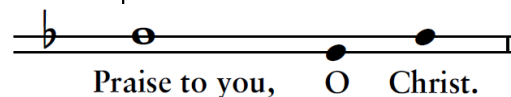
*Mark 12:1-12*

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



Then Jesus began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the winepress, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'" When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

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*

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

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

### **Draw the Circle Wide**

*Mark Miller (b. 1958)*  
*Words: Gordon Light*

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song; no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.



HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1 My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the God of my heart is  
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in  
 3 From the halls of power to the for-tress tower, not a stone will be left on  
 4 Though the na-tions rage from age to age, we re-mem-ber who holds us



great, and my spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you  
 me, and your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the  
 stone. Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - ery  
 fast: God's mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the



bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your  
 end of the age to be. Your ver - y name puts the  
 ty - rant from his throne. The hun - gry poor shall  
 con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp. This sav - ing word that our



ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn, so from  
 proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will  
 weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn; there are  
 fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us bound, till the



east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 ta - bles spread; ev - ery mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn-ing the world a - round.

*Refrain*



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe a -



way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

Words: Rory Cooney

Music: *Star of the County Down*, Irish melody arr. Rory Cooney

## 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.

Worship and praise belong to you, author of all being. Your power sustains, your love restores our broken world. You are unceasingly at work bringing order from chaos and filling emptiness with life.

Christ raised from the dead lives in us that we may walk in light. Your Spirit is fire within us, your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, freed by him who opened the gate of life, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: *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 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. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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."

Alive in him, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

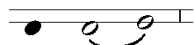
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.**

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by Christ's life-giving power, they may be the Body and blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us who are baptized in the fire of your Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory; that we may grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters, living and departed.

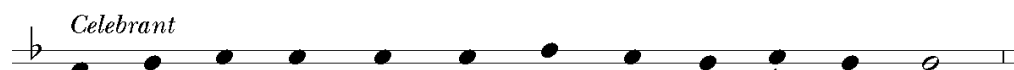
All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

*People*

  
**A-men.**

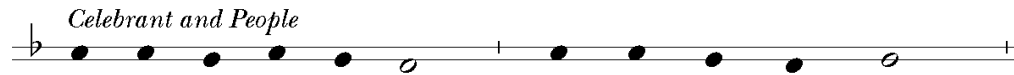
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*

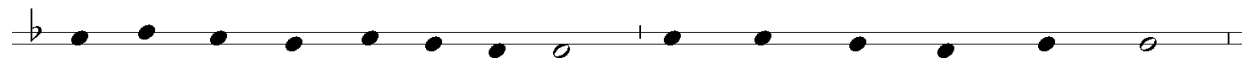


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

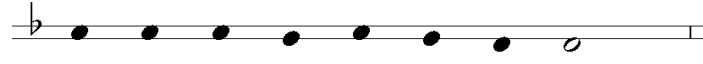
*Celebrant and People*



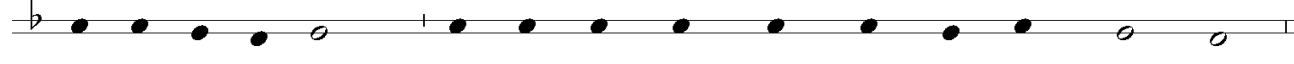
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



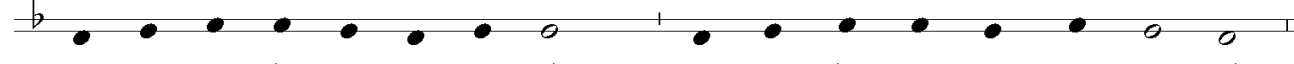
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



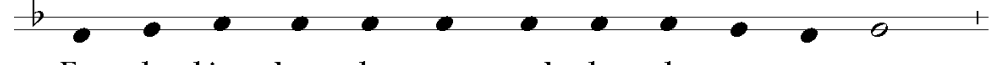
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



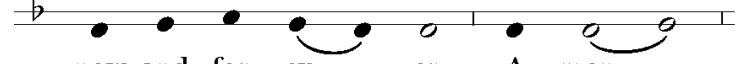
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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

## THE COMMUNION

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

This is the Bread of Heaven.

**Broken for the life of the world.**

*Everyone, without exception, 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.*

*As we return to receiving Communion from the common cup: please guide the chalice to your lips with both hands — one hand holding the bowl and one hand guiding the foot of the chalice. If you prefer not to drink from the chalice (we are no longer dipping the bread in the wine), you may cross your arms over your chest as the words of reception are said. Individual cups of wine and grape juice (blue dot) are still available at the side altars on both sides of the church.*

*All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:*



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff contains the next two lines. The third staff contains the final two lines. The lyrics are: 'As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of Christ to sup, then with All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra - ments of you, that by thanks to God the giv - er break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing, we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up. lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.'

As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of Christ to sup, then with  
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lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

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, now and always. **Amen.**

# HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874–1939), alt.  
 Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907–1991)

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Allegro from Concerto in D Minor BWV 596 - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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