

HOLY EUCHARIST

Proper 7 in Ordinary Time

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JUNE 25, 2023 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Miniatures for Mark - Rashaan Rori Allwood



Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult
2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,
5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his
2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol
4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
5 Sa - vior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
3 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
4 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), alt.

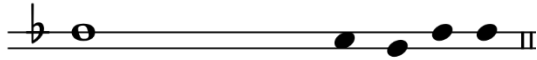
Music: Restoration, melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. *Hymnal* 1982,
after *The Southern Harmony*, 1985; alt. harm. Margart W. Mealy (b. 1922)

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.

True and faithful God, you give courage to the fearful and endurance to martyrs. Sustain us as followers of your son, Jesus, that with boldness and conviction we may acknowledge him before the world. We asked 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*

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

As the Gospel procession gathers, children ages 5-12 (and parents) are invited to join the procession at the center. They will then leave for their own lesson and will rejoin us at the passing of the Peace.

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

Al-le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

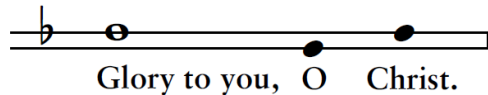
The Cantor sings alone:

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

All repeat Refrain

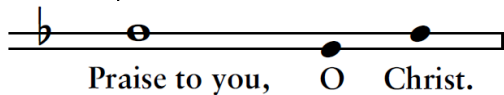
Setting: Will Doreza

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



Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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.

Today, in recognition of World Refugee Day (June 20), we recognize and uplift the needs and contributions of refugees, people who have fled their homes due to fear of persecution based on race, nationality, religion, political opinion, or membership of a particular group, around the world.

THE RITE OF WELCOME

Those who desire to be welcomed come forward at the invitation of the Celebrant.

We now welcome those who wish to join with this part of body of Christ, the people of St. Paul's Church.

The Celebrant then 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?

I will, with God's help.

(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, let us 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.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

They cast their nets in Galilee

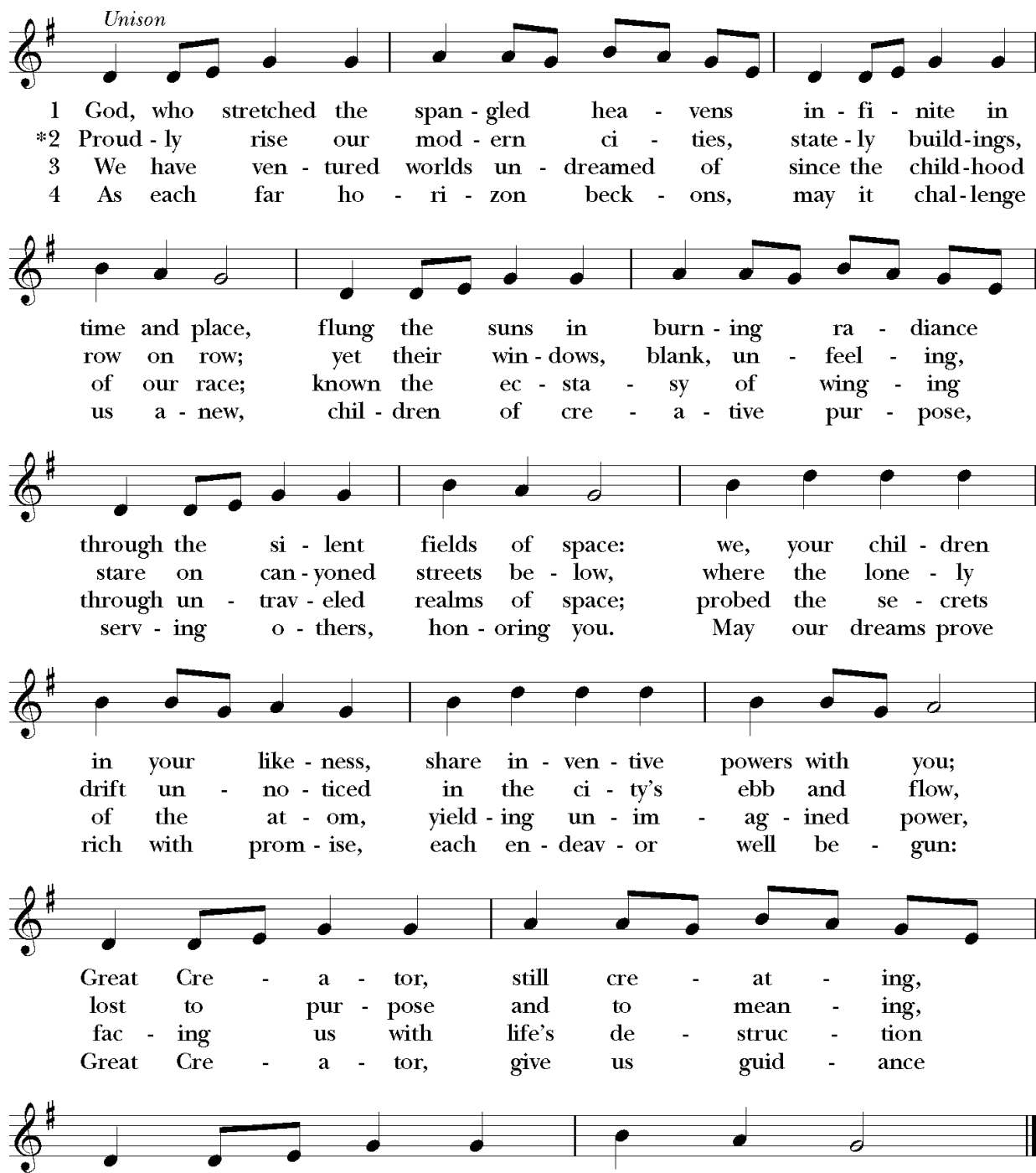
*David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)
Words: William Alexander Percy*

They cast their nets in Galilee
just off the hills of brown;
such happy, simple fisher-folk,
before the Lord came down.
Contented, peaceful fishermen,
before they ever knew
the peace of God that filled their hearts
brimful, and broke them too.

Young John who trimmed the flapping sail,
homeless, in Patmos died.
Peter, who hauled the teeming net,
head-down was crucified.
The peace of God, it is no peace,
but strife closed in the sod.
Yet let us pray for but one thing-
the marvelous peace of God.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

Unison



1 God, who stretched the span - gled hea - vens in - fi - nite in
 *2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern ci - ties, state - ly build - ings,
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge

time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance
 row on row; yet their win - dows, blank, un - feel - ing,
 of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing
 us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose,

through the si - lent fields of space: we, your chil - dren
 stare on can - yoned streets be - low, where the lone - ly
 through un - trav - eled realms of space; probed the se - crets
 serv - ing o - thers, hon - oring you. May our dreams prove

in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you;
 drift un - no - ticed in the ci - ty's ebb and flow,
 of the at - om, yield - ing un - im - ag - ined power,
 rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun:

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing,
 lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing,
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance

show us what we yet may do.
 scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 till our goals and yours are one.

Words: Catherine Cameron (b. 1927), alt.

Music: *Holy Manna*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

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.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one 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."

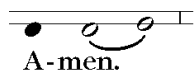
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all your saints, we may praise your Name for ever.

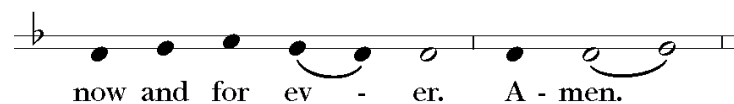
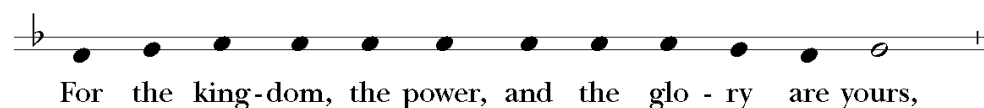
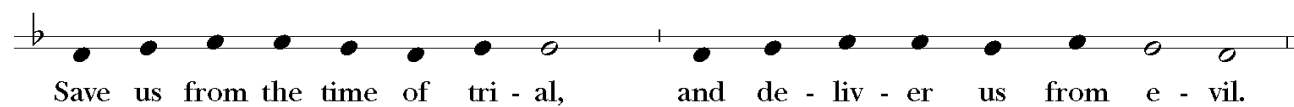
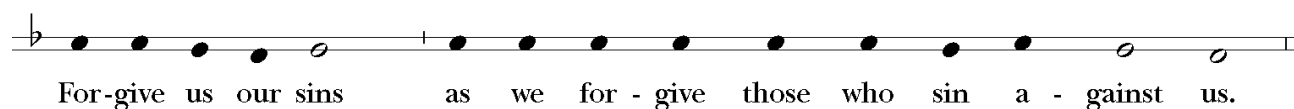
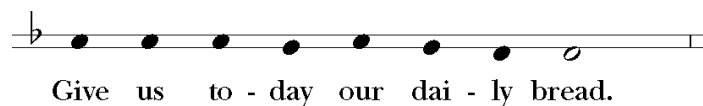
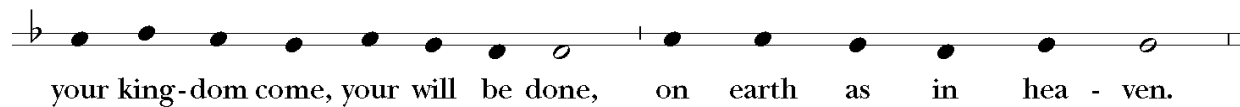
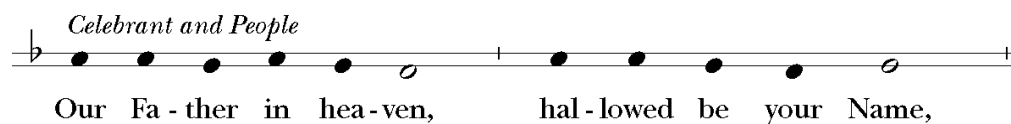
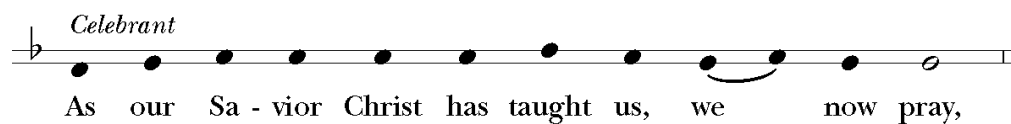
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People



A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Setting: Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens

THE COMMUNION

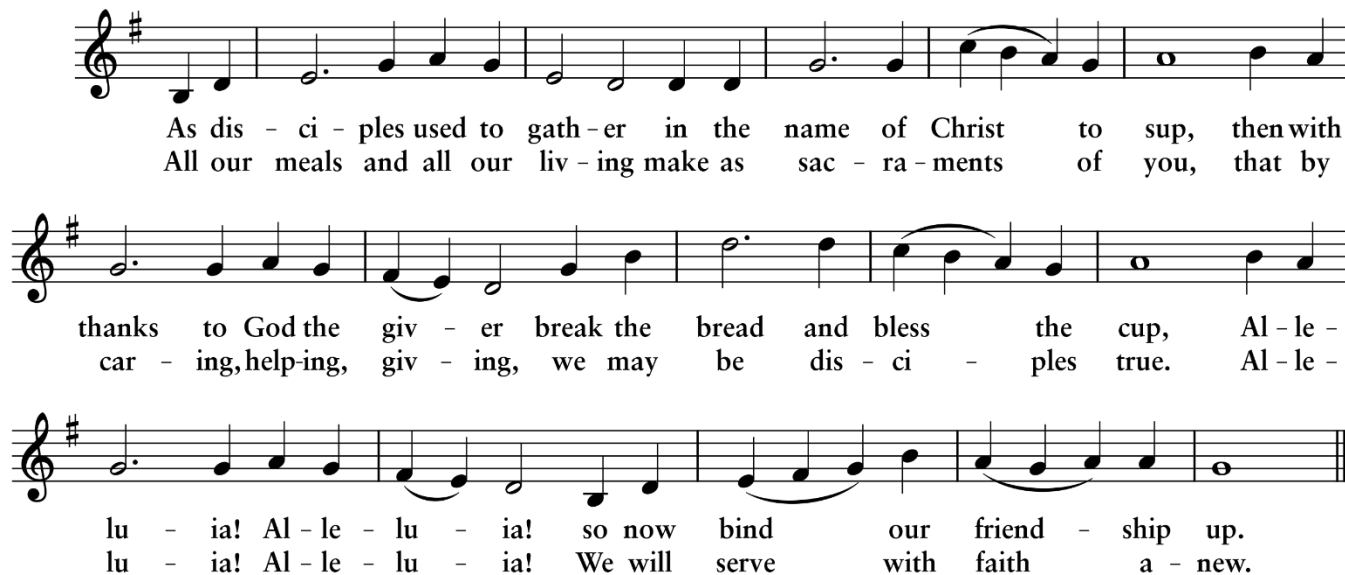
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

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.

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



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.

Words: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Music: Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

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 God Almighty: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be upon you
and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con- quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Words: George William Kitchin (1827–1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874–1956)
 Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875–1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale from Petite Suite - Gerald Bales

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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