

# HOLY EUCHARIST

*Proper 18 in Ordinary Time*

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

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PRELUDE

*Berceuse (from 24 Pieces in Free Style) – Louis Vierne*

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*



# HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

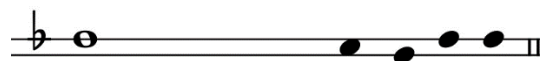
Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845–1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836–1926)  
 Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1985, alt.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant intones*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*The People respond*



Glory to God forev-er and ev-er.

## SONG OF PRAISE

A musical score for a song of praise, consisting of four staves of music. The melody is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the staves.

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.

Confirm, O God, in unity and truth the church you gather in Christ. Encourage the fervent, enlighten the doubtful, and bring back the wayward. Bind us together in mutual love, that our prayer in Christ's name may be pleasing to you. Grant 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*

*Ezekiel 33:7-11*

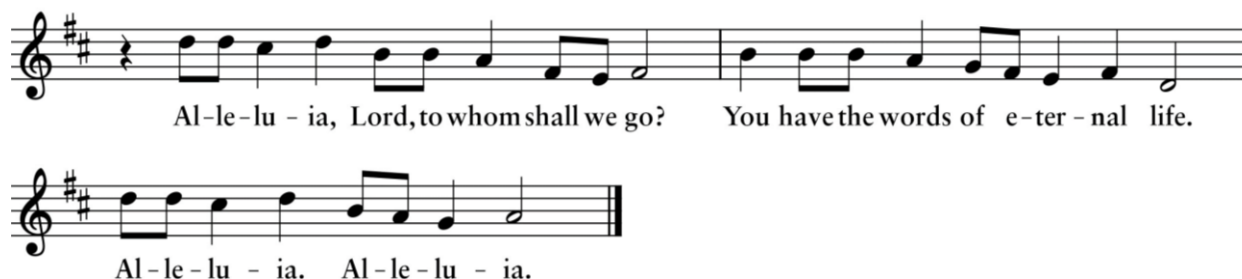
You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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 Cantor sings the Acclamation, and all repeat it.*

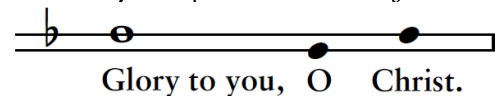


Setting: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, setting 3

THE GOSPEL     *The Deacon or Priest intones*

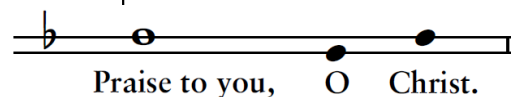
*Matthew 18:15-20*

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



Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

*The Rev. Paul Carling*

*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

*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*

God of hope, from you come every blessing and all peace: give us the abundance of your grace, that we may do the work to which you call us, and may be for the world a sign of your presence; through Christ, our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

**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 *seated*

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

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## MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Cantor at 11am*

**For the mountains shall depart**  
from *Elijah*, op. 70

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*



HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1. O bless - ed spring, where Word and sign em - brace us  
 2. Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
 3. When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
 4. As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
 5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for

in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
 this blest mys - te - ry: that Word and wa - ter thus re -

be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Words: Susan Palo Cherwien (b. 1953)  
 Music: *Berglund*, Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1950)

# 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.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Blessed 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: *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

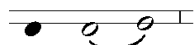
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.


Blessed are you, now and forever.

*People*

  
**A-men.**

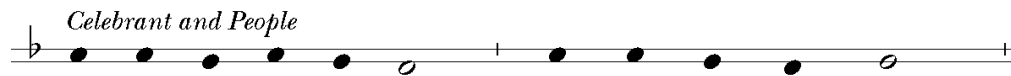
# THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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*


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 bread is available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)*


*Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.*

*Cantor, then all*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing


*Fine*



— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -  
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

*All repeat Antiphon*



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.  
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Setting: Jack Warren Burnam

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

*sung by the Cantor 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 Celebrant blesses the People with these or other words of blessing*

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

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's  
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our  
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -  
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,  
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture  
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,  
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of  
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -  
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and  
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and  
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior  
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -  
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.  
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.  
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.  
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (B. 1944)  
 Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907–1991)

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to love and to serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*God of Grace and God of Glory* – Paul Manz

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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