# HOLY EUCHARIST

# Proper 24 in Ordinary Time

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | OCTOBER 22, 2023 - 9:00AM & II:00AM

Prelude

Arabesque (from 24 pièces en style libre) – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Please stand as the bell sounds.



HYMN IN PROCESSION



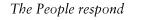


Music:

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

#### The Celebrant intones

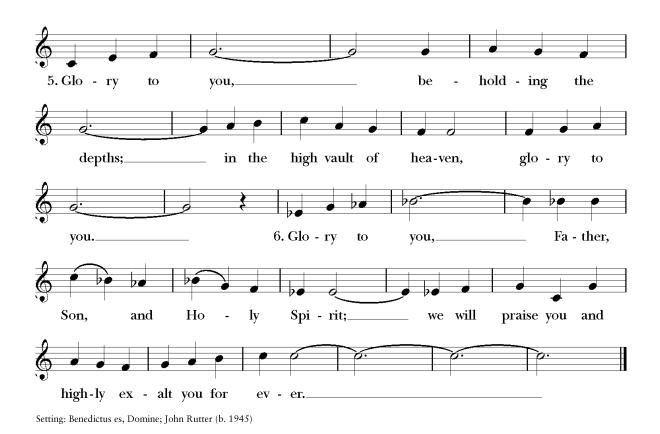
Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.





Glory to God for - ev - er and ev - er.





# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose image we bear and whose name we carry, yours is the world and all it contains. Recall us to our true allegiance, so that above the powers and rulers of this world, you alone may claim our fullest loyalty and love. 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.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People. Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM

Psalm 96:1-9

At 9:00am, the Psalm is read reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk. At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir

Sing to God a new song; * sing to God all the whole earth.
Sing and bless God's holy Name; * proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations, * God's wonders among all peoples.
For God is great and greatly to be praised, * more to be feared than all gods.
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols, * but it is God who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!
Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples, * ascribe to God honor and power.
Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *

bring offerings and come into God's courts. Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness; \*

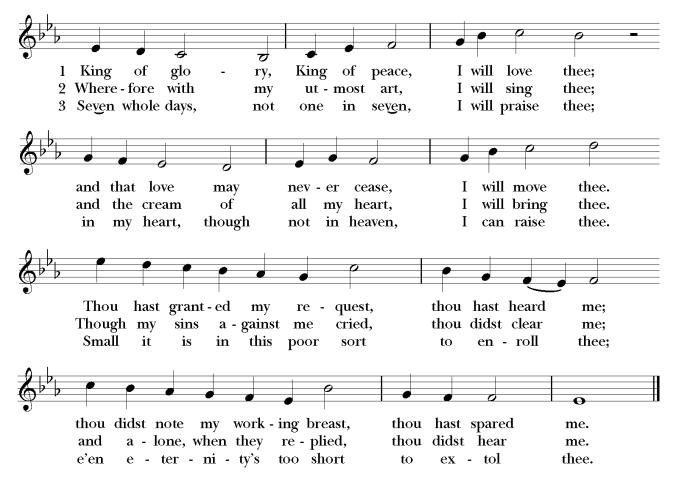
let the whole earth tremble before God.

(at 11:00am) Anglican Chant: William Crotch

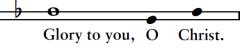
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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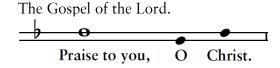
GOSPEL HYMN standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People.



Words: George Herbert (1593–1633) Music: *General Seminary*, David Charles Walker (b. 1938) The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.



SERMON

The Rev. Paul Carling

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

#### STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

During our Annual Giving campaign we will complete the sermon by hearing from parishioners speaking briefly about their own experience of encountering God at St. Paul's.

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<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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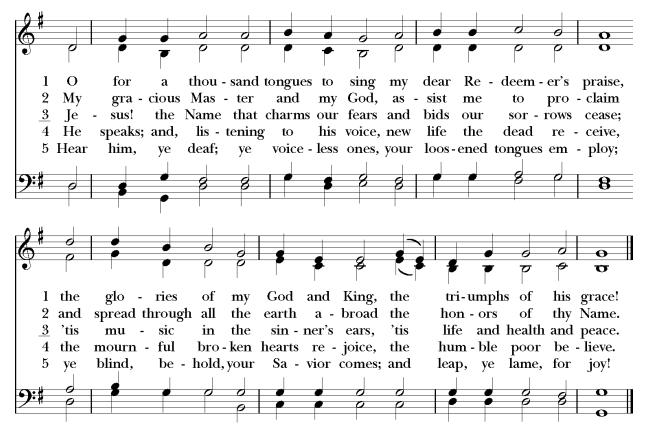
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#### MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY sung by the Choir at 11am

#### **Cantate Domino**

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743) Words: Psalm 149:1-2

Cantate Domino canticum novum, laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum, et filii Sion exultent in rege suo. Sing to the Lord a new song. his praise in the assembly of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in He who made them, and the people of Zion rejoice in their King. HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY standing



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Words:

Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt. Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784–1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792–1872) Music:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



Setting: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

#### 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.

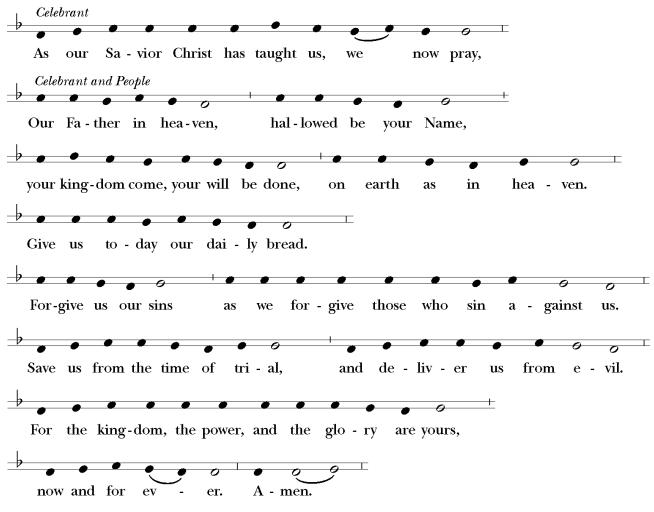
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

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

0 A-men.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER



Setting: Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens

# The Communion

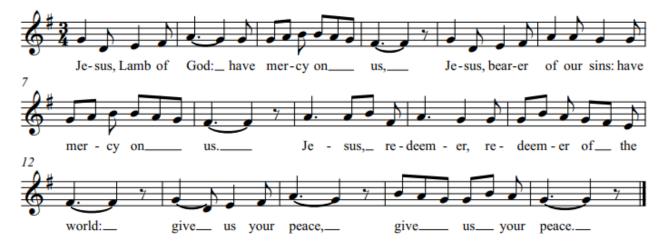
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.. Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

*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.

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



Setting: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

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



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847) Music: Lauda anima, John Goss (1800–1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971) THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude (from 24 pièces en style libre) – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

# THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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