

HOLY EUCHARIST

Proper 28 in Ordinary Time

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | NOVEMBER 19, 2023 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Eine feste Burg ist unser Gott, P.106 - Johann Pachelbel

Please stand as the bell sounds.



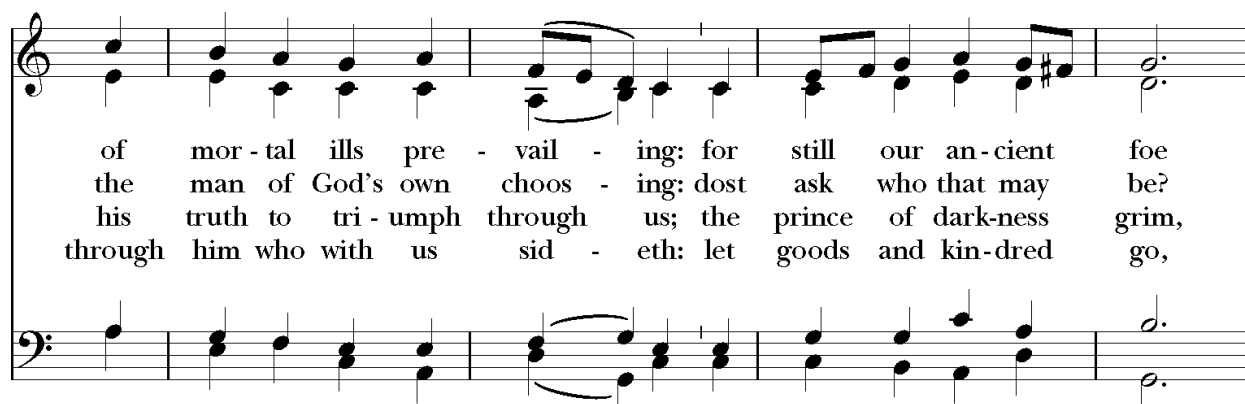
HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours



of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing; dost ask who that may be?
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
 through him who with us sid - eth; let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Frederic Henry Hedge (1805-1890); based on Psalm 46
 Music: *Ein feste Burg*, melody Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

The People respond

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

SONG OF PRAISE

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

_____ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, _____ seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Setting: Benedictus es, Domine; John Rutter (b. 1945)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, from whose own abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed, encourage us to use our talents is generously as you have allotted them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may become sharers in your glory. 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 Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, ‘The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, “Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.”’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 90:1-8, 12

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

O God, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

Our iniquities you have set before you *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

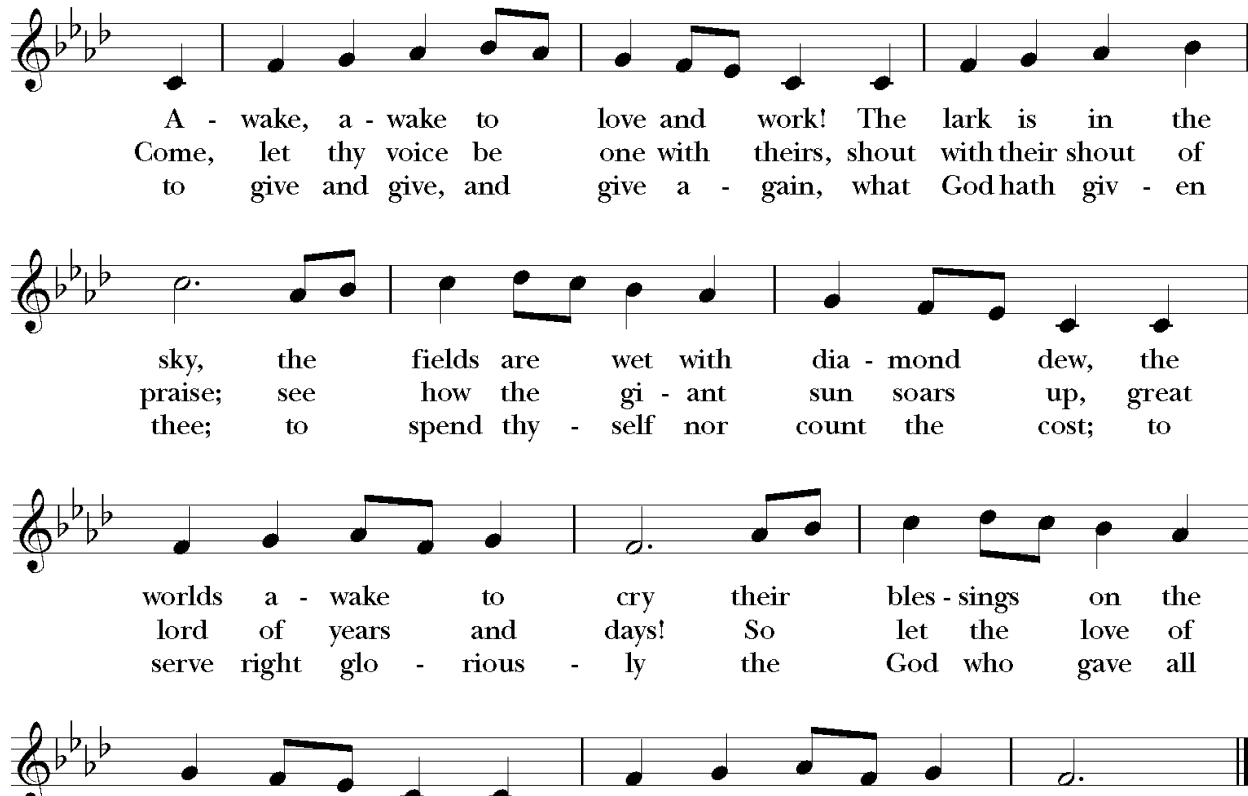
(at 11:00am) Anglican Chant: Martin Luther

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

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



A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the
Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of
to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en

sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the
praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great
thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to

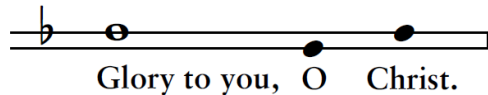
worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the
lord of years and days! So let the love of
serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all

Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.
Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,
worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert-Kennedy (1883–1929)

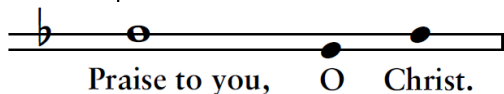
Music: *Morning song*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782–1826); harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

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



Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.



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* 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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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11am***More Love***Mark Miller (b. 1958)*

Four simple words we sing today
 with these four words we ought to pray
 and take to heart this sacred phrase
 "Move Love, less hate"

It seems so easy on its face
 four words to heal the human race
 and yet we struggle to create
 more love, less hate

For love we stand! More love in this land!
 Will you join? Come take my hand
 Move love, less hate!

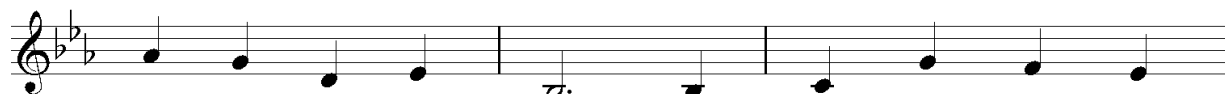
When fear and violence touch our lives
 hate separates, seeks to divide
 our faith in love won't be denied
 More love, less hate!

Just as the night gives way to dawn
 Justice shines forth before too long
 until that day we will sing on
 More Love, Less hate!

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*



1 Dear God and ma - ker of hu - man - kind, for -
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
 4 Drop thy still dew of qui - et - ness, till
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
 2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
 2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
 3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
 4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
 5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
 3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
 5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)
 Music: *Repton*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

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 power and might, Ho - ly,

10 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth are

19 full, full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high -

28 est. Ho - san - na in the high - est Bless - ed is he who comes

37 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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

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.

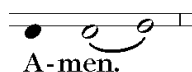
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

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.

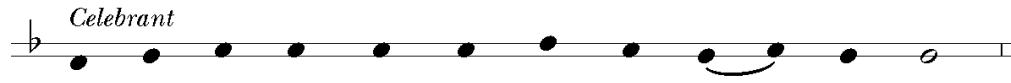
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A-men.

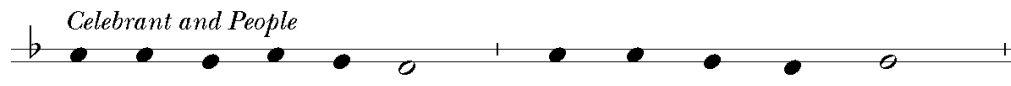
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

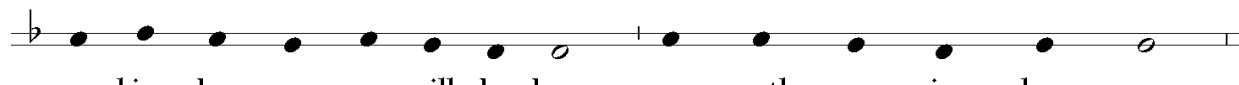


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

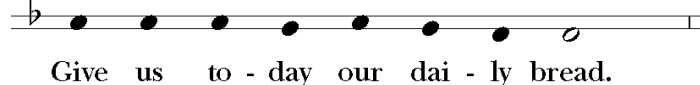
Celebrant and People



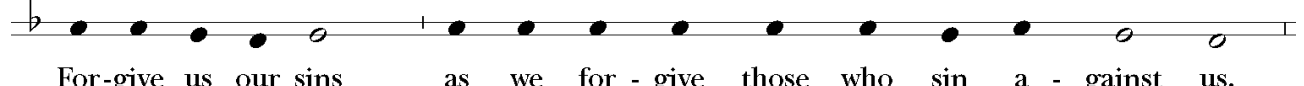
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



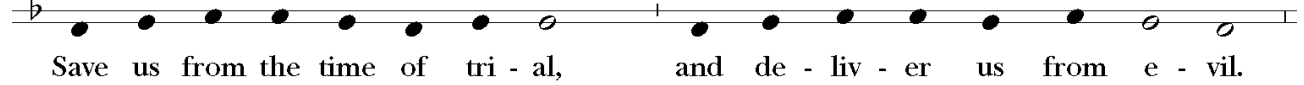
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



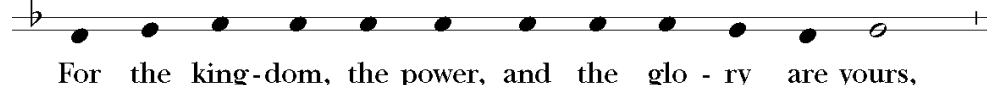
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



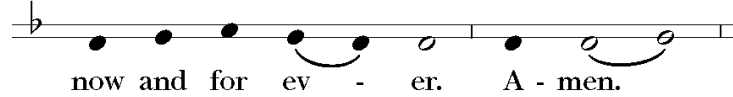
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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

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:

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us, Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
7 mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the
12 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

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 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 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878–1969), alt.
 Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932)

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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