

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## *The Conversion of Paul the Apostle*

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JANUARY 28, 2024 - 9:00 & 11:00AM

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PRELUDE

*Festival Prelude Op. 67, No. 1 - Horatio Parker (1863-1919)*

*Please stand as the bell sounds.*



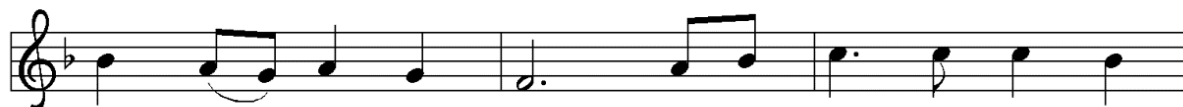
# HYMN IN PROCESSION



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Words: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

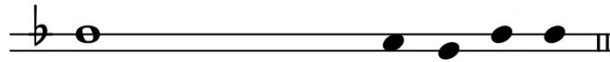
Music: *Two Oaks*, Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant intones*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*The People respond*



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

## SONG OF PRAISE

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in us made man-i - fest.  
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Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)  
Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LESSON     *seated*

*Acts 26:9-21*

Paul said to King Agrippa, "Indeed, I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things against the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is what I did in Jerusalem; with authority received from the chief priests, I not only locked up many of the saints in prison, but I also cast my vote against them when they were being condemned to death. By punishing them often in all the synagogues I tried to force them to blaspheme; and since I was so furiously enraged at them, I pursued them even to foreign cities. With this in mind, I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.' I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The Lord answered, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you. I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles-- to whom I am sending you to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm is read reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk.*

Be merciful to us, O God, and bless us, \*  
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase; \*  
may you, our own God, give us your blessing.

May you give us your blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.

Anglican Chant: Will Doreza

# THE EPISTLE *seated*

*Galatians 1:11-24*

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

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# GOSPEL HYMN *standing*

*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.*



1 We sing the glo - rious con-quest be - fore Da - mas - cus' gate,  
 2 O Voice that spoke with - in him; O strong, re - prov - ing Word;  
 3 Your grace, by ways mys - ter - ious, our sin - ful wrath can bind,

when Saul, the church's spoil - er came spread - ing fear and hate.  
 O Love that sought and held him a pris - oner of his Lord;  
 and in those least ex - pect - ed true ser - vants you can find.

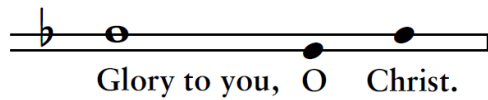
God's light shone down from hea - ven and broke a - cross the path.  
 help us to know your king - ship that we, in ev - ery hour,  
 In us you seek dis - ci - ples to share your cross and crown

His pres - ence pierced and blind - ed the zeal - ot in his wrath.  
 in all that may con - front us, will trust your hid - den power.  
 and give you fi - nal ser - vice in glo - ry at your throne.

Words: John Ellerton (1826–1893), alt.

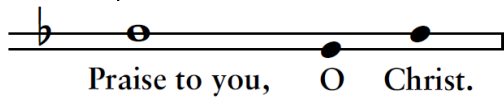
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 adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

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



Jesus said to the twelve, "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

*The Rev. Daniel Simons*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

*On this day, the liturgy continues with the Prayers of the People.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Praying with the Apostle Paul, we offer our prayers to you, O God.

We pray for this and all nations of the world; may the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant that all may live in harmony with one another, in accord with Christ, that together we may with one voice glorify God. (*Romans 15:5-6*)

God of peace,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this local community and our place in it; that God may direct our way and make our love for one another increase more and more, and that God may strengthen our hearts in this work, that we may increase in holiness to God's glory and praise. (*1 Thessalonians 3:11-13*)

God of faith,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any need; that God may fill them with all joy and peace in believing that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, they may abound in hope. We remember those who have asked for our prayers and pray that out of God's glorious riches they may be strengthened with power through the Spirit. (*Romans 15:13, Ephesians 3:16*)

*The People may add their own prayers.*

God of hope,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this church, founded in the name of St. Paul; and we pray that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may have the power to comprehend, together with all God's people, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ, and to abide in that love forever. (*Ephesians 3:17-18*)

God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray?

*The People add their own thanksgivings and petitions.*

*The Celebrant concludes*

Glory to you, O God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to you from generation to generation, here in this church, and in Christ Jesus forever.

**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*

### **Supporting the Work of St. Paul's**

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**Thank You!**



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

**How lovely are the messengers**  
*From "St. Paul", op. 36*

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace,  
to all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

## HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

*This hymn was commissioned in honor of the 275th anniversary of St. Paul's in 2012.*



1. God, who gives us grain and grow - ing, food, and shel - ter from the storm,  
2. Pow - er, An - i - mat - ing Spir - it, wis - dom through the tests of time.  
3. Set a - blaze all hu - man know - ledge, Spark of Ma - jes - ty di - vine;  
4. Nour - ish now God's new cre - a - tion, with these gifts and fruits di - verse.



comes to us as one who suf - fers, takes on stri - ving hu - man form.  
Send us heal - ers, po - ets, paint - ers, gifts of God to us sub - lime.  
Flame that burns a - way old think - ing, leave us skins to hold new wine.  
Let your lov - ing, think - ing, sing - ing, sound through - out the un - i - verse.



One re - jec - ted now is ru - ler of God's jus - tice yet to be:  
Nur - ture love that lives im - mor - tal, joins us here and con - quers death.  
Doubt will not de - stroy our wor - ship of the God who gives us faith.  
Break the chains of un - just hun - ger, top - ple ty - rants, con - quer fear.



Je - sus, feed our ev - 'ry long - ing, help us set your peo - ple free.  
Soul of Souls and Hope of A - ges, breathe through us e - ter - nal breath.  
Ques - tions o - pen doors to free - dom, hon - or the Cre - a - tor's grace.  
Give thanks al - ways to the Spi - rit, Christ, Cre - a - tor: meet us here.

words: Chris Wogaman (b. 1976)

music: *St. Paul's, Norwalk*, Vince Edwards (b. 1968)

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*drawn from the Pauline Epistles*

*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.

It is truly right always and everywhere to praise you, Lord God our Father, giver of life. In you, already we grow brighter and brighter as we are turned into the glory we reflect. Therefore, forgetting what lies behind us, and pressing forward toward the prize of our calling, we lift our voices with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, praising you in the triumphal song:

# SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

Holy God, you created us and set us in the garden of the world to be fruitful and multiply. But we grasped for your power, and divided ourselves against ourselves, until we could not do what we would, but became slaves to sin and death. Even then you did not destroy or forsake us. You gave Abraham and Sarah a new promise of fruitfulness and sent prophets calling the nations to your banquet of peace. And though we were sinners your beloved Son came to befriend us, and feast with us, and offer his life for our life. Laying aside his equality with you, he put his faith in you, and accepted even death on a cross, breaking down the walls that divided us. So you raised him from the grave, a new Adam for a new creation. You raised us with him, freed from sin, and taught us to love one another as one body.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink of this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

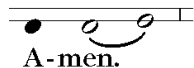
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Father, send your Holy Spirit to make this bread and this cup the life-giving body and blood of your Son, a foretaste of that feast where we will see you face to face, and know you as we are known. In the power of the Spirit we run to spread the good news, sharing Jesus' sufferings so that we may share his abundant life with all he came to serve.

All this we ask, knowing that every division is ended, and we are one body, and Christ is all in all; we give glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

*People*



**A-men.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,

The first system of musical notation for 'The Lord's Prayer'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, both in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed 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.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: 'your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.'.

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

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.'.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The fourth system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.'.

For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The fifth system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.'

Setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

## THE COMMUNION

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

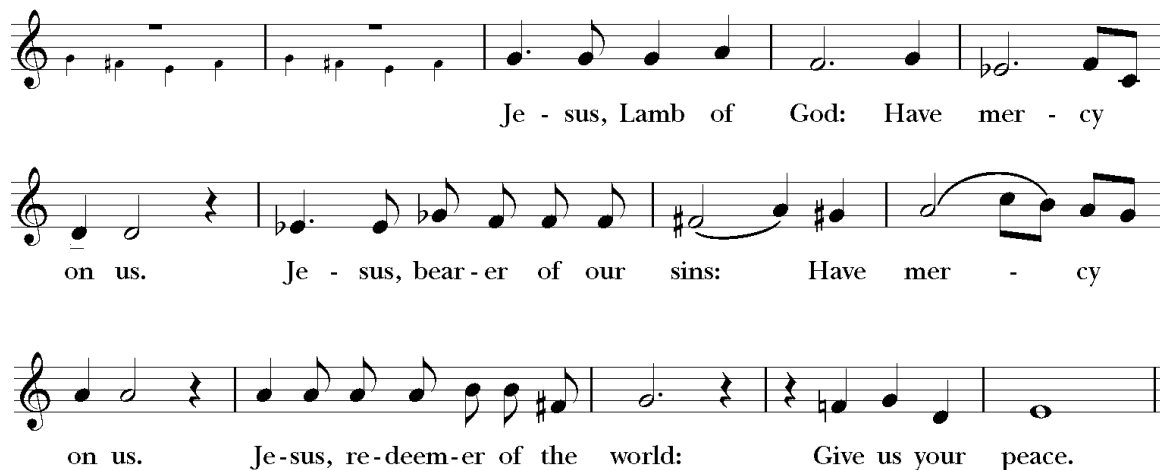
Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

**Light of the world, shine in our hearts.**

*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 mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the choir at 11am*

**Hymn: *The Church's one foundation***

*Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)  
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**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 Light of Christ be in your hearts: the small light that becomes a burning flame; the warm light that grows into a great love; the bright light that leads us on our way. And the blessing of God: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Presence, Be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

# HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818–1856), alt.  
 Music: Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659–1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929)

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go and tell the world that we have seen the glory of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

"Gigue" *Fugue in G Major, BWV 577 - J.S. Bach (1865-1750)*

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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