

# HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 11:00 AM

Week 19 of Ordinary Time

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## THE GATHERING RITE

**Gathering Music** *Adoration* by Florence Price (1887-1953)

### **The Opening Acclamation and Welcome**

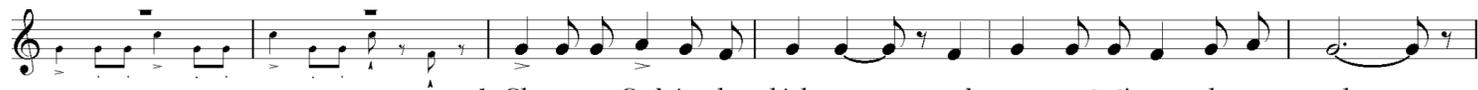
*The people respond as the Celebrant says*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*The Celebrant welcomes the people, then all sing together the Song of Praise.*

# Song of Praise



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

*The people respond as the Celebrant sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God most high, your ways are not our ways, for your kindness is lavished equally upon all. Teach us to welcome your mercy towards others, even as we hope to receive mercy ourselves. We ask 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

## The Epistle *Philippians 1:21-30*

*The lector reads*

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well--since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

# The Response

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and  
joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and  
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

*Last time*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: 'The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.' The final line of the score is marked 'Last time'.

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## **The Gospel**    *Matthew 20:1-16*

*The Celebrant or Deacon introduces and reads the Gospel.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**    *The Rev. Daniel Simons, Priest-in-Charge*

*A period of reflection follows the sermon.*

You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love to us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

## The Prayers of the People

*During the periods of silence, the people may offer their own petitions, either silently or aloud. The intercessor says*

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.**

## Announcements

### **The Anthem** *sung by the St. Paul's choir*

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than in heav'n;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of the mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
And we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)  
music: Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## The Great Thanksgiving

—*Enriching Our Worship*, adapted: Daniel Simons

*The people respond as the Celebrant sings*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

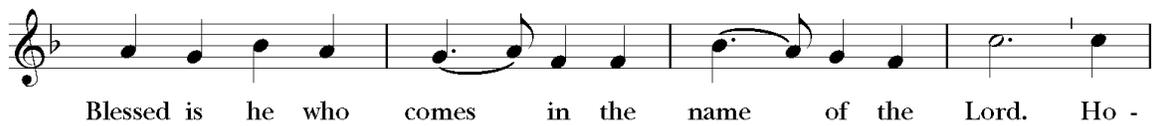
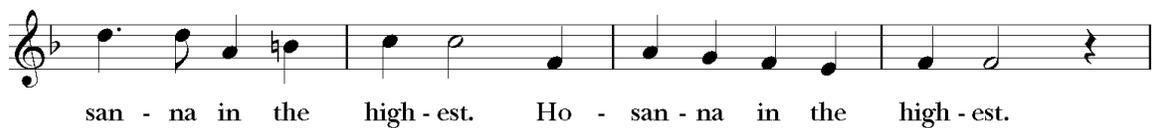
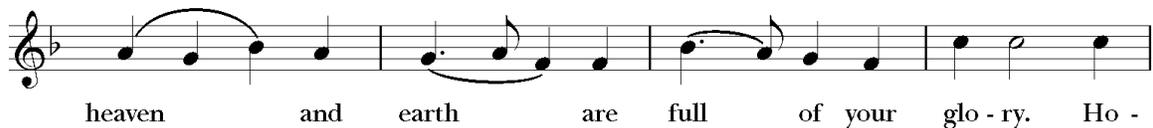
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed good, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, your beloved.

You are the source and life of all creation and you have made us in your own image. In the fullness of time your Word became incarnate among us as Jesus walked with us, proclaiming the good news to all who would hear.

Loving us to the very end, Jesus suffered the death of the cross. Yet you raised him in glory, and you raise us with him. Therefore we proclaim your glory as we sing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus



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To you indeed be glory, loving God.

Your beloved son, Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread; when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper Jesus took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for the life of the world; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, loving God, as we celebrate Christ's dying and rising, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, and upon us now, that we may be fed with your Presence and filled with your life-giving goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be Christ's body in the world.

United as one in the love of the Holy Trinity, we offer to you, O God, our everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

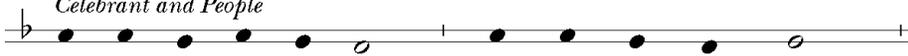
## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

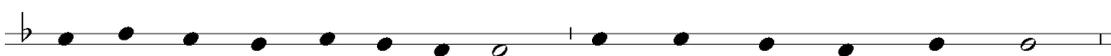


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*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.

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## The Fraction Anthem

This is the bo-dy of Christ, - bro-ken that we may be whole, this cup, as  
pro-mised by God, true to God's word, cra-dles the Lord: food for the good of the soul.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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## The Communion

*The people say*

**O God, we are united here as one, in your transcendent power of love.**

**From this center of goodness You appear to us now in a new way,  
a new light, a new understanding,  
a new power of friendship and unity.**

**We receive this life from you; we share this life together.**

**You appear in our midst as Life itself, and we rise up together,  
beyond the resistant forces around us and within us.**

**We are the body of Christ.**

*—Sr. Ilia Delio, adapted: Daniel Simons*

# THE SENDING RITE

## The Blessing and Dismissal

*The Celebrant blesses the People*

**Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.****

*—St. Claire of Assisi*

**Postlude** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* by Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

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