

# HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 11am

St. Michael and All Angels

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St. Paul's on the Green | 60 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851

## THE GATHERING RITE

**Gathering Music** *Prelude in G Minor* by Clara Schumann (1819-1896)

### The Opening Acclamation

*The people respond as the Celebrant says*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

### Opening Hymn



1 Christ, the fair glo - ry of the ho - ly an - gels,  
2 Send thine arch - an - gel Mi - chael to our suc - cor;



1 ma - ker of all things, ru - ler of all  
2 peace - ma - ker bless - ed, may he ban - ish



1 na - tions, grant of thy mer - cy un - to us thy  
2 from us striv - ing and hat - red, so that for the



1 ser - vants steps up to hea - ven.  
2 peace - ful all things may pros - per.

words: Rabanus Maurus (776–856); ver. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.

music: *Caelites plaudant*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1728; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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## The Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## The Lesson *Genesis 28:10-17*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

*The text is that of the Epistle appointed for today.*

And there was war in heaven:  
Michael and his angels fought against the dragon;  
and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not;  
neither was their place found anymore in heav'n.  
And I heard a loud voice saying in heav'n,  
"Now is come salvation and strength, and the kingdom of our God,  
and the pow'r of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down,  
which accused them before our God day and night."  
And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb,  
and by the word of their testimony;  
and they loved not their lives unto death.

words: Revelation 12: 7-8, 10-11  
music: Sidney Campbell (1909-1974)

## **The Gospel** *John 1:47-51*

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

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon** *The Rev. Louise Kalemkerian, Associate Priest*

*A period of reflection follows the sermon.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

*(\*The Holy Spirit is the spirit of Wisdom, the feminine Sophia, and the Hebrew Scripture calls the Spirit "ruah," a feminine word, to describe the feminine aspect of the Godhead, the breath of God.)*

*(\*\*Here "catholic" means universal. It refers to the belief that the message of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus is a "universal" one that the Church proclaims to everyone, everywhere and always.)*

## The Prayers of the People

Glorious and Mighty God, the angels and saints surround you in heaven on high: in your magnificent power, you transform the evil that threatens us, and, through your Spirit, you hallow the most unlikely and unexpected places. Be present to us now as we lift our prayers to you.

An angel delivered a message of hope to Mary and shared in her joy: we pray for the Church, that it may bring hope and joy to people everywhere.

Glorious and Mighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Angels proclaimed peace on earth at the birth of your Son. We pray for peace in our world, our nation, our homes, and our lives.

Glorious and Mighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Angels attended Jesus when he fasted in the desert. We pray for those who struggle in any way, including those on our prayer list and those we now name.

*The people name aloud their own petitions.*

Glorious and Mighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Those who have died are greeted by the angels above. Bless all who have departed from us, and receive us in our own time into your arms of mercy and care.

*The people name aloud their own petitions.*

Glorious and Mighty God, **hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers with*

Glorious and Mighty God, the angels sing ceaselessly around your throne, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty." With Michael, leader of the angels, who contends by our side; with Gabriel, your herald, who brings glad tidings; with Raphael, the protector, who ministers your healing; and with the whole company of heaven, we exalt you: sustain our songs of praise and empower us to do your work in the world, so that both our lips and our lives may honor the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace wherever you are: with a comment posted on Facebook, a bow to those nearby, or some other distanced gesture.*

## The Announcements

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## The Offertory

*The table is prepared for Communion.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus and Benedictus



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 (1937-2010)

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You are indeed holy, O God, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. You sent your messenger Gabriel to announce his incarnation. Through the heavenly host, his birth was proclaimed to a world that dwelt in darkness. When our Lord was tempted in the wilderness, you sent your angels to minister to him. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night before he suffered death, our Lord Jesus gathered his friends around the table and as he took bread, he offered thanks to you; breaking it, and giving it to all of them, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After all of them had eaten, he again took the cup and offered thanks to you, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Dying, you destroyed death.**  
**Rising, you restored our life.**  
**Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine. As they are the body and blood of Christ for us, so may we be the body of Christ for the world. As your holy angels serve you in heaven, so may they guide and watch over us here on earth, until Christ draws all into unity with you and we feast at the heavenly banquet.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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.

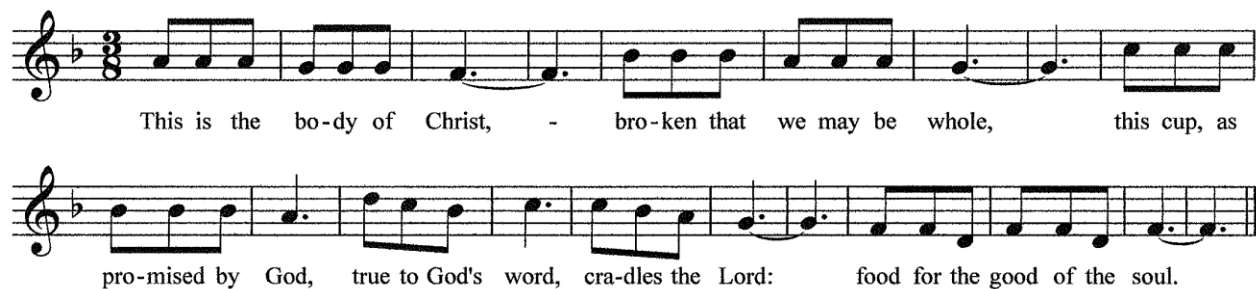
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# The Breaking of the Bread

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus  
in the breaking of the bread.

—Luke 24:35

# 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.

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## The Communion

Here at this table heaven is opened and we are invited to the banquet of God. Know the presence of Christ within you, and in one another.

## The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, in this eucharist you have fed us with the bread of angels. May we, guided by your grace, like them give you continual service and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# THE SENDING RITE

## The Blessing and Dismissal

May God, whose glory is greater than all we can ask or imagine, surprise you with grace, protect you with angelic care, and grant you the joys of life eternal, and the blessing of the one, holy, and undivided Trinity be with you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace, and may the angels go with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Hymn-Prelude on Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup> (Ye Holy Angels Bright)* by Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)



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