

HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 11am

Week 25 of Ordinary Time

Livestreamed worship available at [facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos).

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THE GATHERING RITE

Gathering Music *Nun bitten wir den heil'gen Geist* by Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

The Opening Acclamation

The people's responses are in bold.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Opening Hymn

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er, his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72
music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein*, German folk song
adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Your love, O God, is boundless. We who were strangers have been made your children. We who were defenseless have been brought into your household. Keep us mindful of your deeds of mercy, that we may love you with our whole heart and love our neighbor as 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 Lesson *Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

The Response *sung by the choir*

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love.
This is my commandment: that ye love one another, as I have loved you.
God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.
If you keep my commandments, and ye love one another, as I have loved you,
then your joy will be complete.

words: adapted from John 15:9-12, 1 John 4:16
music: Simon Lole (b. 1957)

The Gospel *Matthew 22:34-46*

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

Glory to you, O Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.

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

Please offer your own petitions silently or aloud during the silences, or via a Facebook comment, which we will read aloud at the end of the prayers.

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 pray?

The online prayers of the people are mentioned.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes by praying again the Collect of the Day, to deepen our reflection on the themes of the day.

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

GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory

The Altar-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.

We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved servant Jesus Christ, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ was born of Mary, and shared our human nature. With loving arms outstretched upon the cross for us, Jesus broke the chains of evil and destruction. In his resurrection your will was fulfilled and you gathered a holy people to offer you praise. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim your glory as we sing:

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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To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, 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 he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

God of hope and joy, we gather in your presence to praise you. With this bread and this cup we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Dying, you destroyed death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, and upon us and this celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

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.**

—Bosco Peters, 2007, *alt.*

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
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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 Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be
whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to God's word,
cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

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The Communion

Behold what you are.
May we become what we receive.

—St. Augustine, 4th c.

The Prayer After Communion

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

—Bennet Brockman, alt.

THE SENDING RITE

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God, strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in the world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.** —Celtic blessing

Go in peace to love and serve Christ in all places and all people.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prelude on Hyfrydol* by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

Join in small group conversation and catching up on Zoom after church!

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