



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Eucharist
October 12, 2025 - 10 a.m.

Welcome! We're so glad to have you joining us for worship today.

ST. MARK'S
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PALO ALTO

Welcome to Saint Mark's

We are a community dedicated to deepening our relationship with God and embodying the Spirit of Christ through faithful expressions of love, service, compassion, and justice.

All are welcome to join in worship. This service is livestreamed and recorded.

Newcomers and visitors are encouraged to fill in a Welcome Card or sign the visitor book, which will be on the welcome table. If there are things about our worship that are new to you or do not make sense, try to embrace the unfamiliarity. Consider that you are entering a conversation with God and the faithful which began centuries before we were here and will continue after we are gone. Just join in as you are, and bear with us as we are, and we will all be transformed as we go.

*Please see instructions for receiving Communion on p. 17. **All who seek to draw near to Christ are invited.***

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***Thank you to The Reverend Canon Debra Low-Skinner and Margaret Kvamme** for preaching/presiding and playing the organ for today's service, while our clergy and music director are attending the parish retreat.*

PRELUDE ADORO TE, DEVOTE [Hymn #314]

Emma Lou Diemer (1927-2024)

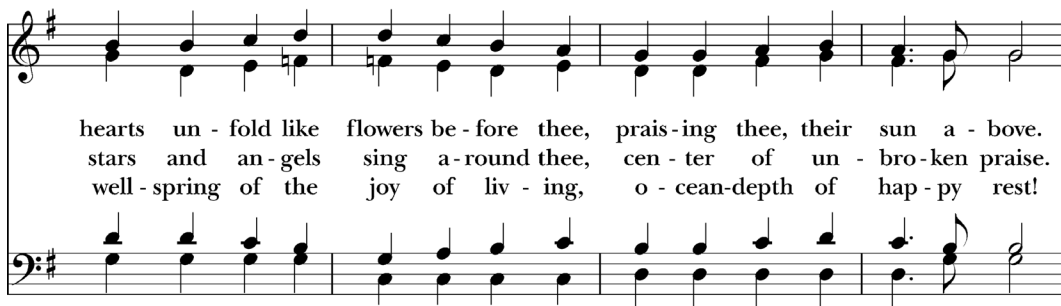
THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN 376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

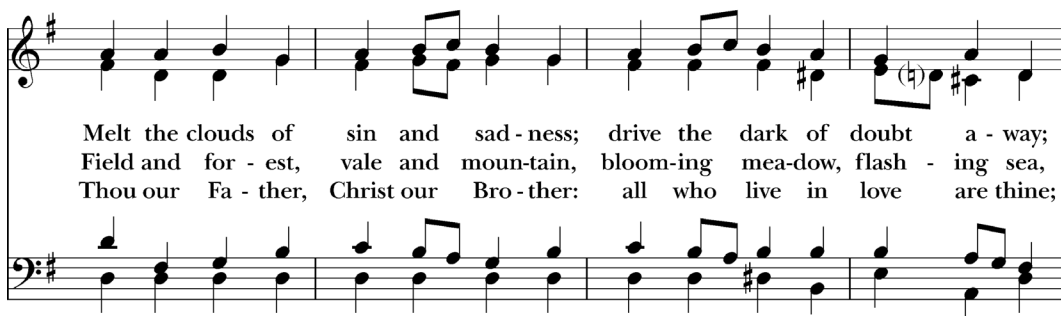
ODE TO JOY

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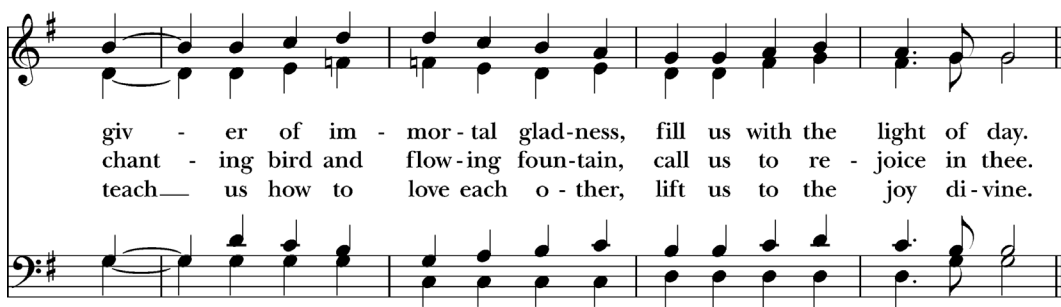
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

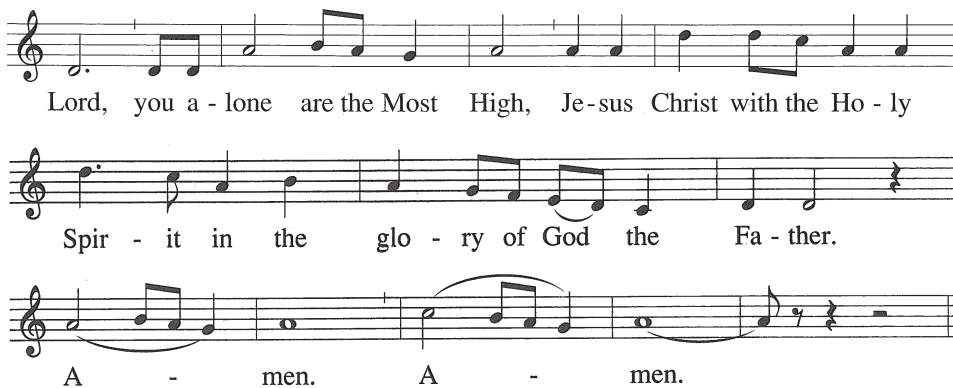
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Community Mass*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)



Glo - ry to God in the
high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, We wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord, God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer-cy on us; You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our pray'r, re -
ceive, re - ceive our pray'r.
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the

The Gloria in excelsis is ordinarily sung on Sundays (except in Advent and Lent). This setting is by American composer Richard Proulx.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

The Collect of the Day thematically gathers our prayers and readings for the day.

This passage is taken from the second book of Kings [5:1-3, 7-15c], and tells the story of Naaman, who was a Aramean commander who lived in the ninth century BC.

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

Robert Kennedy (b. 1945)



Alleluia! ✓ I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole / heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congre-/gation.

Great are your deeds, O / God; *
they are studied by all who de-/light in them.

The Psalm is sung to Simplified Anglican Chant. The / marks in the text correspond to the bar lines in the music, and ✓ signifies an extra breath within the half-verse. You are welcome to sing in unison or harmony.



Your work is full of majesty and / splendor, *
and your righteousness endures for / ever.

You make your marvelous works to be re-/membered; *
you are gracious and full of com-/passion.

You give food to those who / fear you; *
you are ever mindful of your / covenant.

You have shown your people the power of your / works *
in giving them the lands of the / nations.

The works of your hands are faithfulness and / justice; *
all your commandments are / sure.

They stand fast for ever and / ever, *
because they are done in truth and / equity.

You sent redemption to your people; ✓
you commanded your covenant for / ever; *
holy and awesome is your Name.

The fear of God is the beginning of / wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; ✓
God's praise endures for / ever.

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

This reading is the beginning of the second so-called "pastoral" Epistle (letter) attributed to Paul and addressed to Timothy [2:8-15], the first bishop of Ephesus.

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
 if we endure, we will also reign with him;
 if we deny him, he will also deny us;
 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
 for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

Thanks be to God.

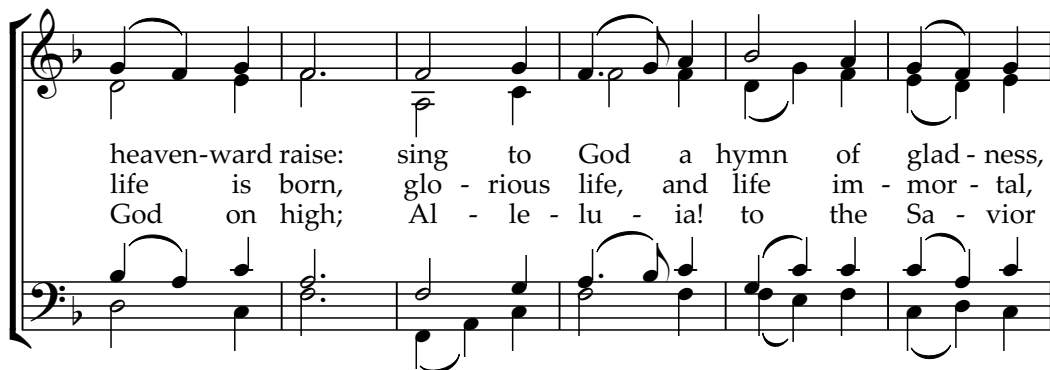
SEQUENCE HYMN Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices

HYFRYDOL

Please stand in body or spirit.



1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es
 2. Now the ir - on bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to
 3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to



heaven-ward raise: sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
 life is born, glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal,
 God on high; Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior



sing to God a hymn of praise. He, who on the cross a
 on his re-sur-rec-tion morn. Christ has tri-umphed, and we
 who has won the vic-to-ry; Al-le-lu-ia! to the
 vic-tim, for the world's sal-va-tion bled, Je-sus
 con-quer by his might-y en-ter-prise: we with
 Spi-rit, fount of love and sanc-ti-ty: Al-le-
 Christ, the King of glo-ry, now is ris-en from the dead.
 him to life e-ter-nal by his re-sur-rec-tion rise.
 lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! to the Tri-une Ma-jes-ty.

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they

Here the evangelist
 Luke [17:11-19]
 describes Jesus'
 healing ministry.

went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON The Reverend Canon Debra Low-Skinner

A period of silent reflection follows.

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand in body or spirit.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

The sermon helps us to reflect on the Scriptures we have heard and to connect them to the Good News present in our lives now.

The Nicene Creed comes to us from the Councils of Nicea (325) and Constantinople (381, where they edited it). It is, therefore, an ancient statement of faith that we hold in common with many Christian denominations. As a statement of belief, that is, of communal trust (not an intellectual assertion of how these things could be), we recite it collectively as a prayer, ending with "Amen."

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,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. We remember especially the Church of the Province of Uganda; Austin, our Bishop; Debie, our seminarian; and in our diocese for the work of Diocesan Convention next Saturday. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing, especially Peter; Alberto; Daniel; John; April; Jayara; Joan; Adam; Jim; Sujata; Jessie and Jamie; Karin; Liz and Mike; and those we name now ... God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Dorothy Risty-Schon and those we name now ... May they and all the departed rest in peace and rise in glory. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect:

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Among those in need, **we continue to hold in prayer:**
Meredith; Lee, Pam, Terry, and the Heller Family; Carrie; Kevin; Vassar; Chung-Ling; Jackie Ray; Emily; Bill; Justin; Mary; Jerry; Ed and Alicia; Ed; David; Anna; Lydia; Anna; Danielle; Roma; Malin; Kathy; Walter; Yo; Joanna; Ryan; Ted; Kathy; John; Justin; Debbie; Tony and Maggie; Cecile and William; Kevin; Scott; Martin; Kalia; Gordon.

We confess the ways in which we have fallen short of God's love, after which a priest pronounces absolution, God's forgiveness, over the people.

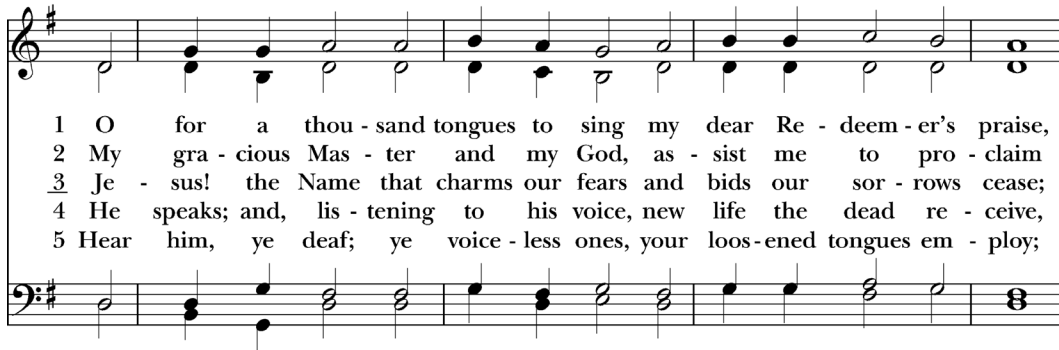
THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

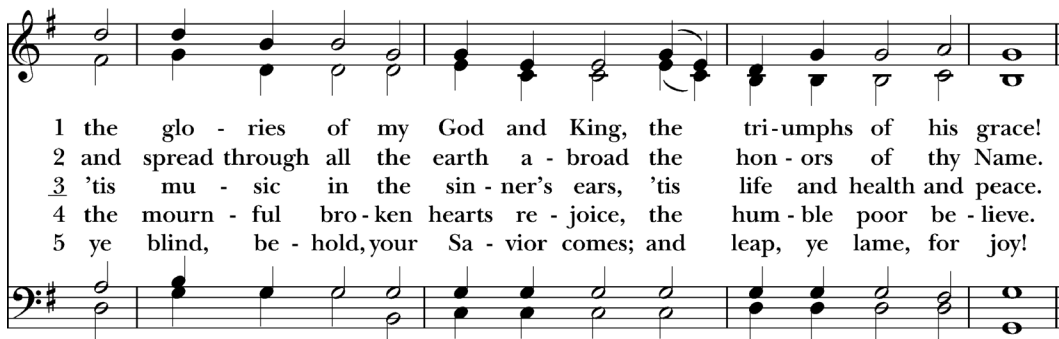
In the **Offertory**, we offer our lives, labors, and gifts (monetary and those elements of bread and wine to be consecrated) to God's use in the world.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing AZMON



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

We no longer pass an offertory (collection) plate. Please drop your donations in the plate on your way in or out today. All cash or undesignated checks given in the plate goes directly to Outreach for the wider community. You can give online: saint-marks.com/give or by going directly to Tithely with the QR Code below.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand in body or spirit. We invite your thanksgivings, aloud, held silently in your heart, or via the chat.

God 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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

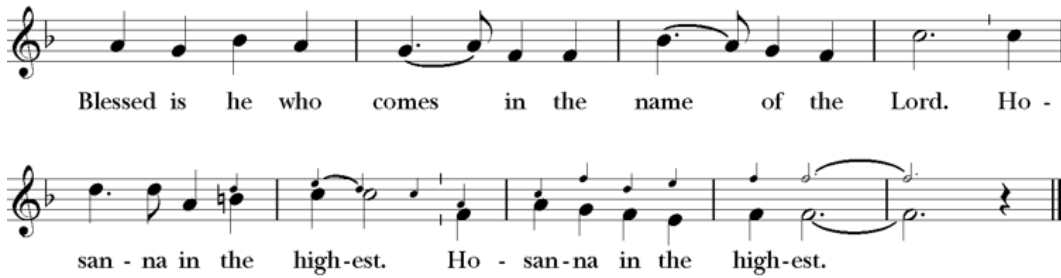
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS *Community Mass*

Richard Proulx

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.

The Sanctus, "Holy," is the song of the angels (Isaiah 6 and Rev. 4), and has been used since around the 4th century.



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with Mark, Mary Magdalene, Nicholas, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

The **Great Amen** is the people's consent to and affirmation of the Eucharistic prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Gospels of both Matthew and Luke record Jesus teaching this, commonly called the "Our Father" or the "Lord's Prayer," to his disciples when they asked to learn how to pray.

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand in body or spirit.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are **welcome** at this, Christ's table, to receive the bread and the wine, if desired. Gluten-free wafers are available.

In addition to the consecrated bread, wine (or grape juice in the glass chalice) is available to those who wish to receive it. Please drink directly from the cup, guiding it to your mouth, and do not intinct (dip) the bread.

Healing prayer is available in St. Nicholas chapel—all are welcome.

CLOSING HYMN 344 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing SICILIAN MARINERS

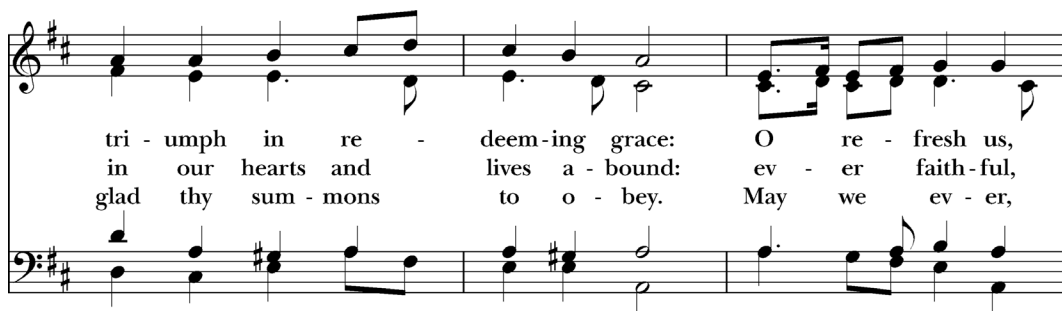
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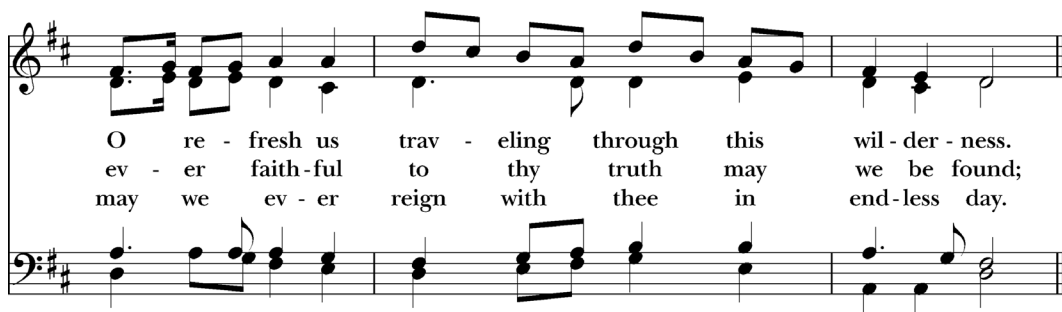
1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The dismissal sends us out to do our work in the broader world.

POSTLUDE Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Today's postlude is played by Dominic Swift,
who is seventeen years old and is a senior at the Chesterton Academy of Saint James in Menlo Park. He has been studying organ at Saint Mark's with Margaret Kvamme for nine months. He also plays piano and enjoys traveling and outdoor activities with friends. He hopes to study biology and music at the Catholic University of America next year.

SERVING AT THIS SERVICE

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FLOWER GUILD: Cheryl Miller

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GREETER: Katie Fantin

TECH ASSISTANT: Romain Kang

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COUNTERS: Miriam DeJongh, Susan Pines

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The Reverend Nancy Ross <nancy@saint-marks.com> about which ministry would be a good fit for your gifts.*

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