

## The Holy Eucharist The NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 19C

August 7, 2022 · 10:00 AM

Welcome to St. John's, Shaughnessy! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining us in the church building or via the livestream, you are welcome here!

If you are new to St. John's and would like to learn more, please introduce yourself to the clergy after the service. If you would like to be added to our mailing list so that we may keep you informed of upcoming events, please contact the church office. Infants and children (and their accompanying noises) enliven our services. Colouring, crafts, and quiet toys are available in the children's area, just to the left of the front pews.

We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples, and we pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids us all keep silence for prayer and preparation.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE 'Variation' from Prelude, Fugue & Variation C. Franck (1822-1890) (featuring the new oboe rank/stop installed this week)

#### GREETING

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

Our opening hymn, "Morning has broken," was requested both by Maggie Sanders and by Ken Pepin.

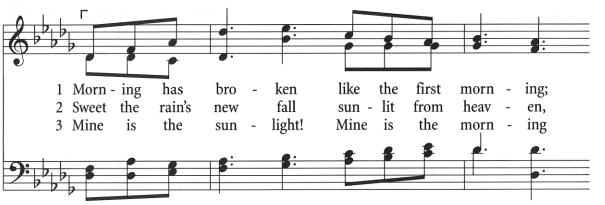
Maggie remembers it from morning assembly at her high school in New Zealand: "Cat Stevens released a version of the song in 1972, and we (all of us girls from Waiwhetu Girls' High School) knew the words because we had sung it at school assemblies just a few years before, so we thought we were pretty cool."

Ken Pepin writes, "I was an enthusiastic evangelical teenager when Cat Stevens' recording of this hymn came out . . . It thrilled me at that point in my life that an overtly Christian song should be popular . . . My affection for the hymn has remained even as my understanding of my Christian faith has changed.

"What attracts me to it today is what would be called the 'incarnational' aspect of the song . . . the song directs us to see God in the natural world. This resonates deeply with me, as this is my own experience of the Divine. I was a scout leader for some years. This became the wake-up song for many a scout camp."

PROCESSIONAL HYMN · 3

BUNESSAN





## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

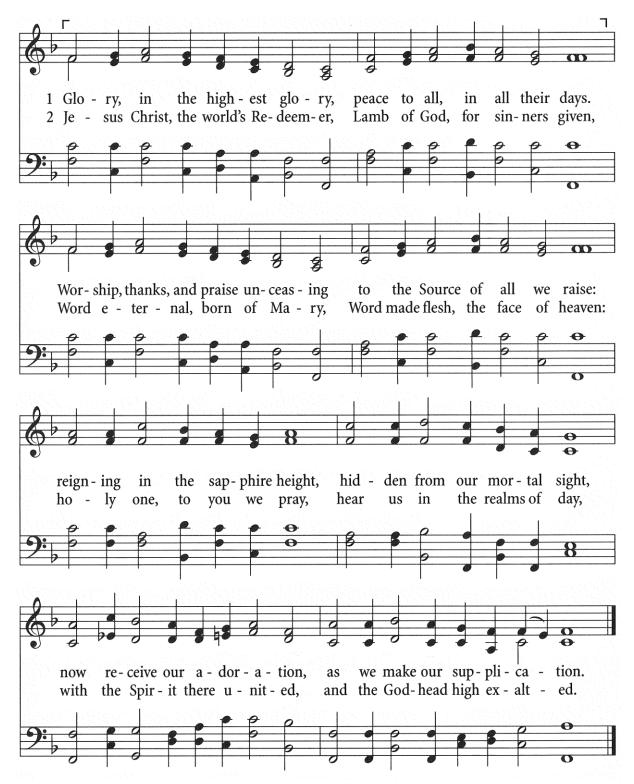
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### SONG OF PRAISE · 366



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

THE CHILDREN'S FOCUS

The Rev. Elizabeth Ruder Celiz

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

#### A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

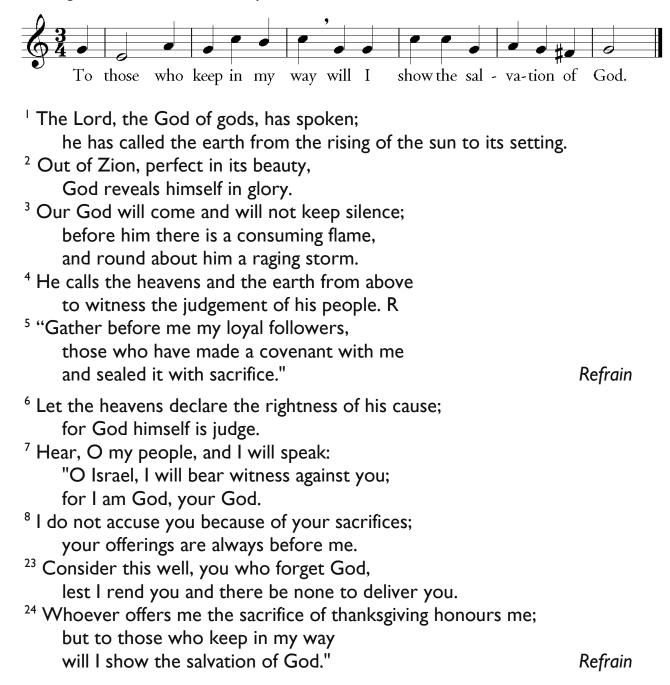
When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

#### PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24

The Choir sings the Refrain; then all repeat.



## THE SECOND READING

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

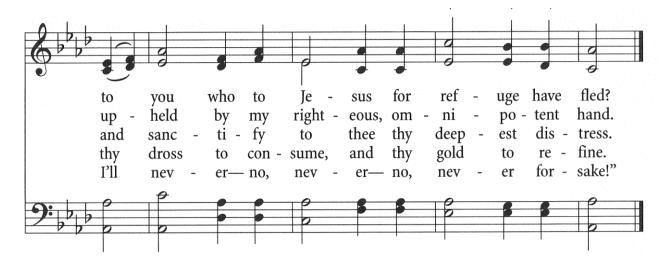
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.

#### HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE · 527

FOUNDATION



8



## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the Alleluia; then all repeat.



CantorWatch and be ready, for you do not know<br/>on what day your Lord is coming.Alleluia

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

#### The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Elizabeth Ruder Celiz

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

l believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we gather together today, let us give thanks to God for all that is good this day and this week and claim its potential sent by God. To the bidding God in mercy, please respond: hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies. We pray for Linda our Primate, for Sidney the National Interim Indigenous Bishop and the work of the Sacred Circle. We pray for reconciliation, repentance and restoration with the first peoples of this land. We pray for Bishop John and the parish St. Laurence Coquitlam, Mission to Seafarers, and Vancouver General Hospital. Give us grace to live out in action your love in the World.

# God in mercy, **hear our Prayer.**

We pray for this community of St. John's, for the love that is known, shown and received here. Strengthen us to continue to be faithful to your call to us.

# God in mercy, **hear our Prayer.**

We bring to God our concerns for this day. We pray for Creation, for the will and courage to live lightly in the Earth. We pray for those places where your Spirit of peace, your spirit of justice and your spirit of love is needed. Be in everyplace turning darkness to light, hatred to love and despair to hope.

## God in mercy, hear our Prayer.

We bring to God the people of today. We pray for those in any need, naming aloud or silently those for whom we have been asked to pray, that everyone may be held and find healing.

## God in mercy, **hear our Prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, and all those we love but see no longer, naming them aloud or in the silence of our hearts. That they may rest in peace, **and rise in glory.** 

# God in mercy, **hear our Prayer.**

We give thanks for the joys we receive, the love we know and the kindness we've been shown. Help us extend that love out into your beloved world.

```
God in mercy, hear our Prayer.
```

Loving God, give us wisdom before we speak, understanding while we listen, sensitivity toward those we meet, and the perspective of your kingdom in which to see the things of the earth. Bring us to the day's ending blessed through having shared the day's beginning, in Christs name we pray. Amen. Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the mother of Jesus, and St John the Beloved, our patron and all the saints we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father:

# Accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## THE PEACE

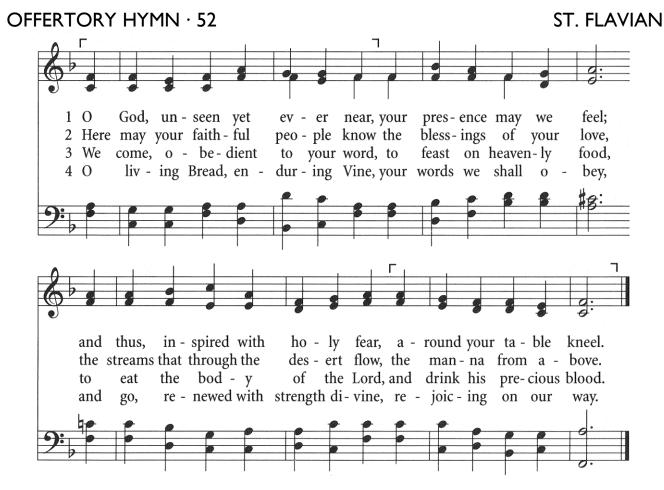
The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

The people greet one another with signs of God's peace.

## THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.



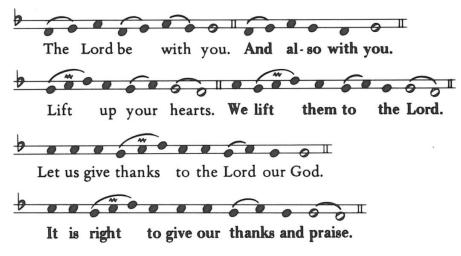


## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Loving God, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



## THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will. On the night he freely gave himself to 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 this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

#### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

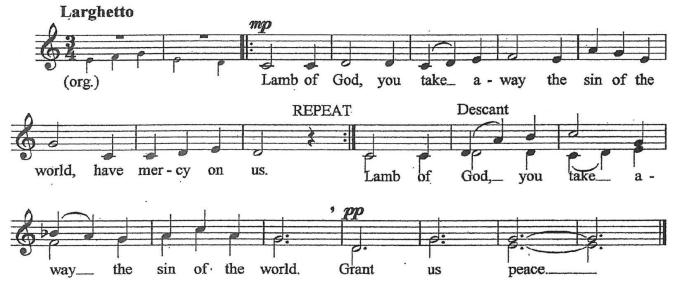
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM



We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please receive the bread by holding out your hands. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, please gently guide the chalice to your lips, or simply touch the base of the chalice if you prefer not to drink from it. Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is not permitted in our diocese.

If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Du Som Gik Före Oss Sven-Erik Bäck (1919-1994) Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.** 

## THE DOXOLOGY

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE NOTICES

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

We invite all who will celebrate birthdays in the month of August to come forward for a prayer of thanksgiving and blessings on the year ahead.

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

## HYMN AT THE CLOSING · 110

#### WACHET AUF

This hymn not only references the gospel reading today and resonates with our organist's Michael Dirk's Lutheran upbringing, but was one of the three hymns sung at his and Annabelle's wedding here at SJS 9 years ago this Aug 18th. Though the significant musical/compositional elements were of great consideration, the text reminds them that their blessed union is to serve/support/uphold God's ministry.

Today's postlude was offered as the introduction to the hymn during the signing of the registry, with groomsman tenor Stephen Bell singing the original German text. The capacity congregation followed with a 'swell of sound' inspired by Ed Norman at our Hallman organ. HYMN AT THE CLOSING · 110

WACHET AUF





#### THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE 'Wachet Auf' (Sleepers Wake) BWV 645 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Please contact the parish office if you would like to be added to our mailing list, so that we may let you know about upcoming events.

#### **Clergy and Staff**

The Reverend Terry Shields Dirbas, Rectorterry.dirbas@sjs.netThe Reverend Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz, Assisting Priesterceliz@vst.eduThe Reverend Karin Fulcher, Deaconrise Reverend Pitman Potter, DeaconThe Reverend Pitman Potter, Deaconorganist@sjs.netMichael Dirk, Music Directororganist@sjs.netJaime Yoon, Interim Choir Directorjaime.yoon@sjsparish.netCynthia Jutras, Interim Parish Administratorchurch.office@sjs.net

#### Trustees

Judith Downes, Rector's Warden Maggie Sanders, People's Warden Mike Dezell, Property Trustee Donald Wood, Treasurer



1490 Nanton Ave. Vancouver, BC, V6H 2E2 (604) 731-4966

www.sjs.net