

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2023 • 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, we are glad you are here!

If you are new here 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**.

PRELUDE Chorale prelude on "Vater unser im himmelreich" Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

GREETING

THE ENTRANCE RITE



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.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S FOCUS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you." God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45 *Confitemini Domino* Chant: Stephen Elvey (1805-1860)

- Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
- Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.
- Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.
- ⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
- O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.
- ²³ Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their enemies;
- Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- ²⁶ He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah!

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

MOZART



THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the Refrain; then all repeat.



Cantor

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us. *Refrain*.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. James Hwang

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I 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

Rejoicing in hope, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

O God, in whose holy name we glory: We pray for your Church throughout the world, that we might be ardent in spirit, patient in suffering, and that we might live in harmony with one another. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Linda, our Primate; Chris, the National Indigenous Archbishop; and John, our bishop. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. In our own diocese, we pray for the children and youth of the Church, and those ministries by, with, and for them: the Diocesan Youth Movement and parish youth leaders, and the British Columbia and Yukon Anglican Youth Movement. We pray also for our companion diocese, the Diocese of Northern Philippines; and for our companion parishes of St. Luke, Butbut Proper and St. James, Luccong.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Lord, you sent Moses and Aaron to lead your people out of bondage and into a new life of freedom: Raise up leaders among who will call us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Guide those in this and every land who hold authority in government. Fill their hearts and imaginations with your love; empower them with gifts suited to their callings; and guide them to wise decisions for the welfare of all, especially the most vulnerable among us. We pray especially for Justin, our prime minister; David, our premier; and Ken, our mayor.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

God of all creation, you are present on the mountain and in the valley, in the desert and in the promised land: We praise you for the majesty of the world in which we live, and of which you call us to be stewards. We ask your blessing upon all human labour, that we may use the riches of your creation with wisdom and reverence, and that we may respect one another as your beloved children, made in your image.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, on the cross you sanctified human suffering: Look with compassion on our broken world, and on all who are in trouble, sorrow, or any other adversity. We remember especially those in danger; the poor, the sick, and the lonely; prisoners and refugees; and those we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts (including . . .).

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Christ our Saviour, in your resurrection we receive the promise that in death, life is changed, not ended: We entrust to your tender care all the faithful departed, and those whose faith is known to you alone. (Today we remember especially . . .) Receive them into the arms of your mercy, and comfort those who grieve with the promise of eternal life.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ dignified our labour by sharing our toil. Be with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and to all of us, give pride in what we do and a just return for our labour; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

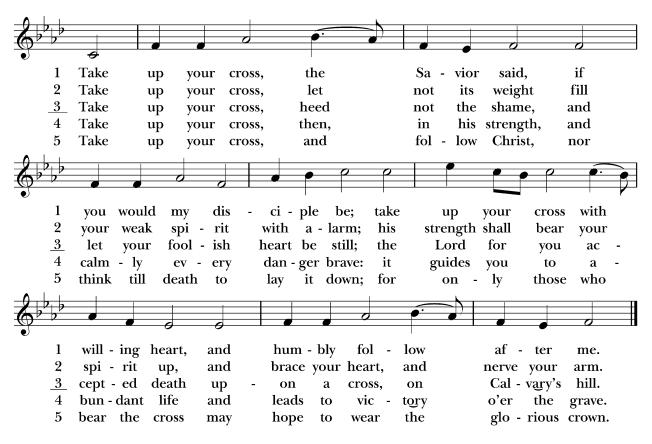
THE OFFERTORY

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.



OFFERTORY HYMN

BOURBON

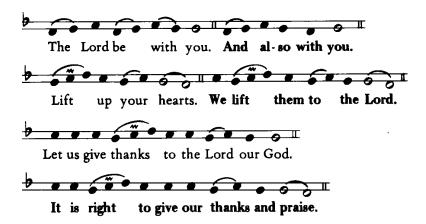


THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

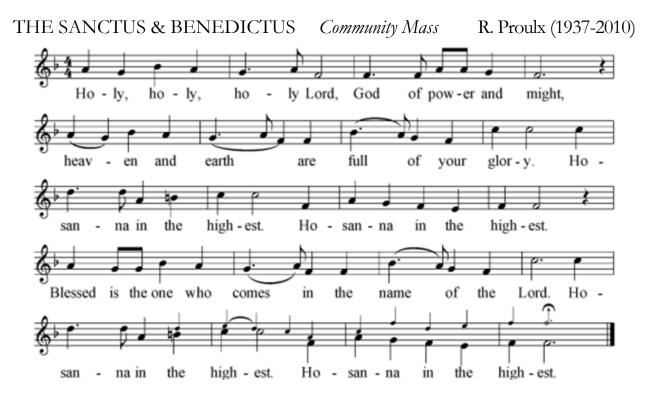
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 Celebrant continues

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,

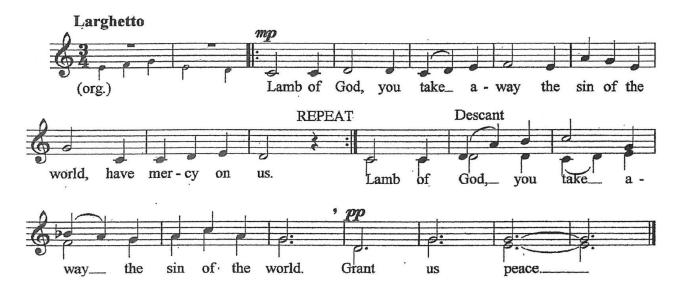
Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!



THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. 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 Ave Verum Corpus Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Ave verum corpus, natum ex Maria virgine, vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine; esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu fili Mariae.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the heavenly banquet] in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

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, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



THE DISMISSAL

Let go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

1st movement, "Lebhaft" from second organ sonata, 1937 P. Hindemith (1895-1963)

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the church. We hope you will join us for refreshments in the Trendell Lounge after the service.

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.

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