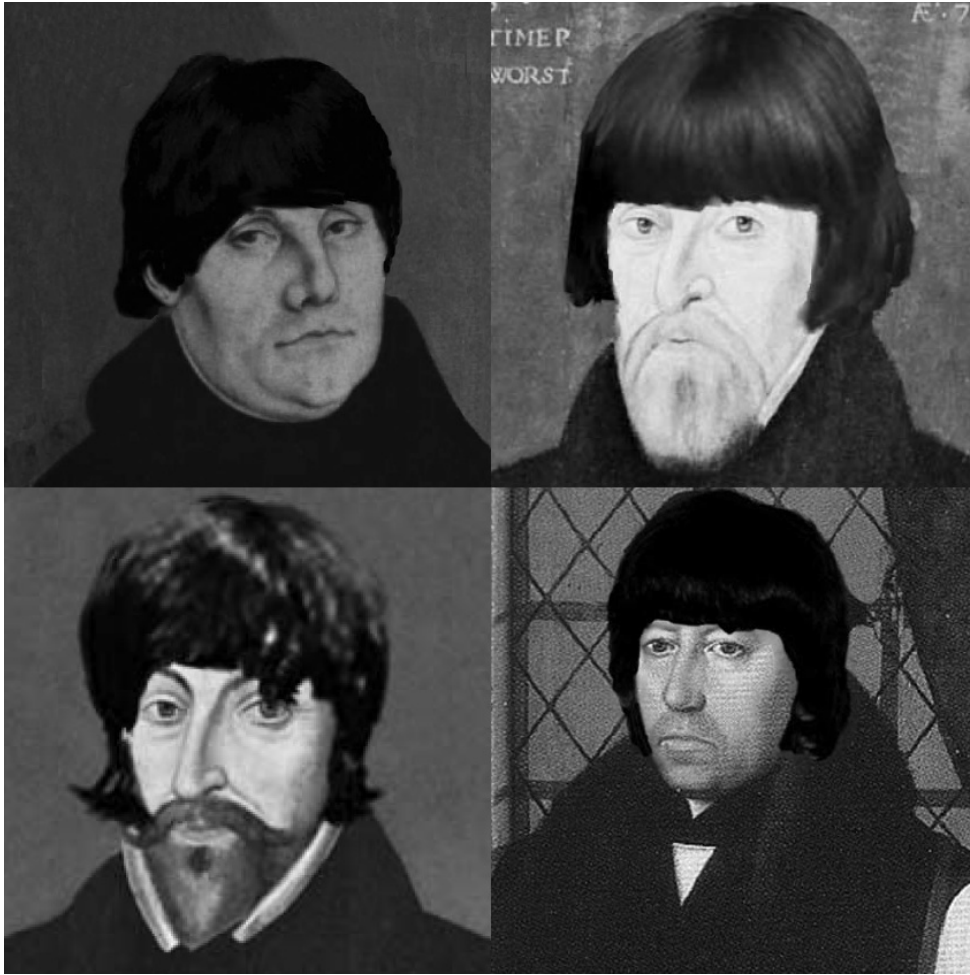




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Saints of the Reformation Era

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

10:30 A.M.

Choral Eucharist | In-Person & Livestream

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The Rev. Matthew Senf, *Preacher*
The Rev. Kevin de la Mare, *Deacon*
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Welcome to the Cathedral

Whether today is your first time with us, or if this is your spiritual home, we welcome you to the Cathedral. We're glad that you're here today.

We envision a radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired Cathedral. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out the Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city of Vancouver, and the world.

We recognize our history and traditions while seeking renewal and growth in spiritual depth and size. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for every voice — especially yours.

To learn more about the many ministries and opportunities for service in this community, please visit our website: www.thecathedral.ca. Following our worship service, please join us for coffee hour in the parish hall.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence enriches our life together.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas, Ph.D., D.Min.
Dean & Rector



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We invite you to tell us more about yourself by completing our short connection form. You may find this form at tinyurl.com/CathedralConnection or by scanning the QR code on the left.

A message to children and their grown-ups

We're glad you're here! Here are a few things we would like you to know about our 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- Playmats and an activity cart with books, puzzles and colouring are available at the front of the church;
- Parents are invited to drop off children aged 2.5+ downstairs in the Park Room for Sunday school.

Sunday school starts at 10:30 a.m. and children will return to sit with their parents for communion. The nursery is available downstairs as a quiet space for you and your children. The service is live streamed so you can follow the worship.

Need to reach us?

Visit us at www.thecathedral.ca/pages/our-team or scan the QR code on the right to access our clergy and staff contact information.

We're here to support you — feel free to reach out anytime!



The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

(CP 347)

Text: The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah (1400?); st. 1-3, para. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.; st. 4, rev. *Hymns for Today's Church*.

Music: LEONI, melody Yigdal trad.; trsc. Meier Leon (1751-1797) and Thomas Olivers (1725-1799); harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

**1 The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting Days,
and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.**

**3 The goodly land I see
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty,
and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.**

**2 The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace
for evermore.**

**4 Triumphant hosts on high
give thanks eternally
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry,
"great Trinity!"
Hail Abraham's God and ours!
One mighty hymn we raise:
all power and majesty be yours
and endless praise!**

Presider In this time and place, we gather on the traditional ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk^wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlilwətaʔł (Tsilil-Waututh) nations.

All **From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

Presider In this time and place, we meet in the presence of the living God.

All **The Creator who is the source of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Presider In this time and place, the risen Christ stands in our midst.

All **Our Companion who walks with us and with all peoples
on the path of reconciliation.**

Presider In this time and place, God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us.

All **The Divine Wisdom who transforms us and all life.**

Presider In this time and place, together, people of God from every language, culture and nation.

All **We are being made new by the holy and life-giving Trinity, one God.**

Gloria

Missa Brevis "Tongues of Fire"

Cecilia McDowall (1951-)

The Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, by the gospel of your Son you stirred the hearts of many reformers to seek afresh the knowledge of your grace and to renew the ways of godliness.

All Pour healing upon your Church, we pray, and bind up the wounds which prejudice inflicted and pride keeps sore, that we with patience may seek that unity of mind, speech and love which is the reflection of your eternal life, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, whom we worship and confess, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

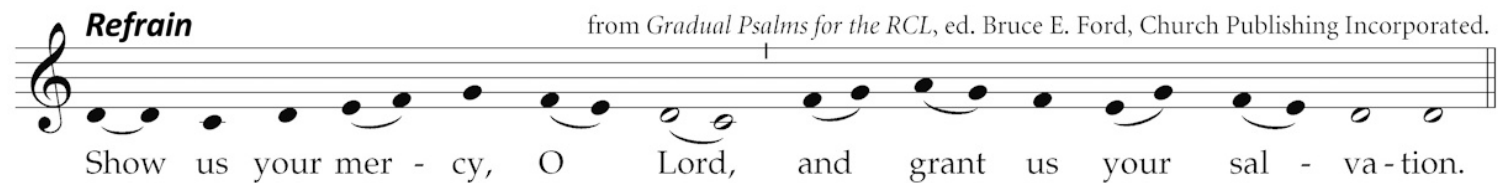
At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader Word of God, word of life.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85

Refrain from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.



Show us your mer - cy, O Lord, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord,
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.

3 You have withdrawn all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

4 Restore us then, O God our Saviour; let your anger depart from us. **Refrain**

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? will you prolong your anger from age to age?

6 Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him. **Refrain**

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **Refrain**

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **Refrain**

The Second Reading (*Read in Arabic*)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

At the conclusion of the epistle:

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

All Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Seek Not in Distant, Ancient Hills

Text: Thomas H. Troeger (1945-2022).

Music: MORNING SONG, melody *Sixteen Tune Settings*, Philadelphia, 1812; harm. C. Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with line numbers 1 through 4 indicating different parts of the hymn. The lyrics are: 1 Seek not in dis - tant, an - cient hills the 2 A sin - gle heav - en wraps a - round this 3 To climb the tem - pled, foot - worn peak where 4 In spir - it and in truth, you'll find what prom - ised ho - ly land, but where you live do whirl - ing, wa - tered stone, and ev - ery place is pil - grims long have trod, un - lock the bolt - ed hu - man thought can't frame: the source of breath and what God wills and find it close at hand. sa - cred ground where God is loved and known. soul and seek the pres - ent, liv - ing God. pulse and mind the pri - mal wind and flame.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-22

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says:

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Matthew Senf

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Apostles' Creed

Deacon Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Please scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin for prayer cycles.

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another, in thought, and word, and deed. We are truly sorry for our pride, and for our lack of faith, of understanding and of love. We repent of our narrow-mindedness, of our bitterness and our prejudices. Pardon and forgive us, save us and renew us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider 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.

All Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Offertory

Thank you for your prayerful stewardship of the ministries of the Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity at any amount, because your stewardship empowers our mission to advance the Good News of God's infinite love and mercy through our worship, ministries, formation, and service. You may make a gift using the offering plate being passed around at this time or refer to the back page of this bulletin to see other methods. Together with the gifts of bread and wine, we present our gifts at the altar as a sign of thanksgiving to God, from whom all good things come.

Offertory Hymn

Sing Praises Old and New

(CP 469)

Text: Brian Wren (1936-).

Music: FONDREN, John Carter (1930-).

1 Sing praises old and new;
past and present join in one.
Old covenants renew:
new commitments have begun.
God's soaring purpose spans
all ages, lives and lands.
Christ's open, wounded hands
past and present join in one.

3 Great Spirit, make us wise;
doors of promise open wide.
Though evil's deadly lies
truth and goodness set aside,
faith never stands alone,
hope rolls away the stone,
love makes your presence known,
doors of promise open wide.

2 Word, from the heart of God,
costly, unexpected grace;
Love, making all things good,
Light of all the human race;
hail, Wisdom, deep and vast,
shining in Israel's past,
raising the least and last:
costly unexpected grace!

4 People of hope, be strong!
Love is making all things new.
Lift our united song,
show what faith can dream and do!
Come, Presence, ever near,
revive us year by year.
Sing through our joy and fear,
"Love is making all things new!"

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of mercy and forgiveness,
grant that in contending for your truth

All we may have grace to put on the righteousness of Christ
and worship you by faith with thanksgiving.
We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

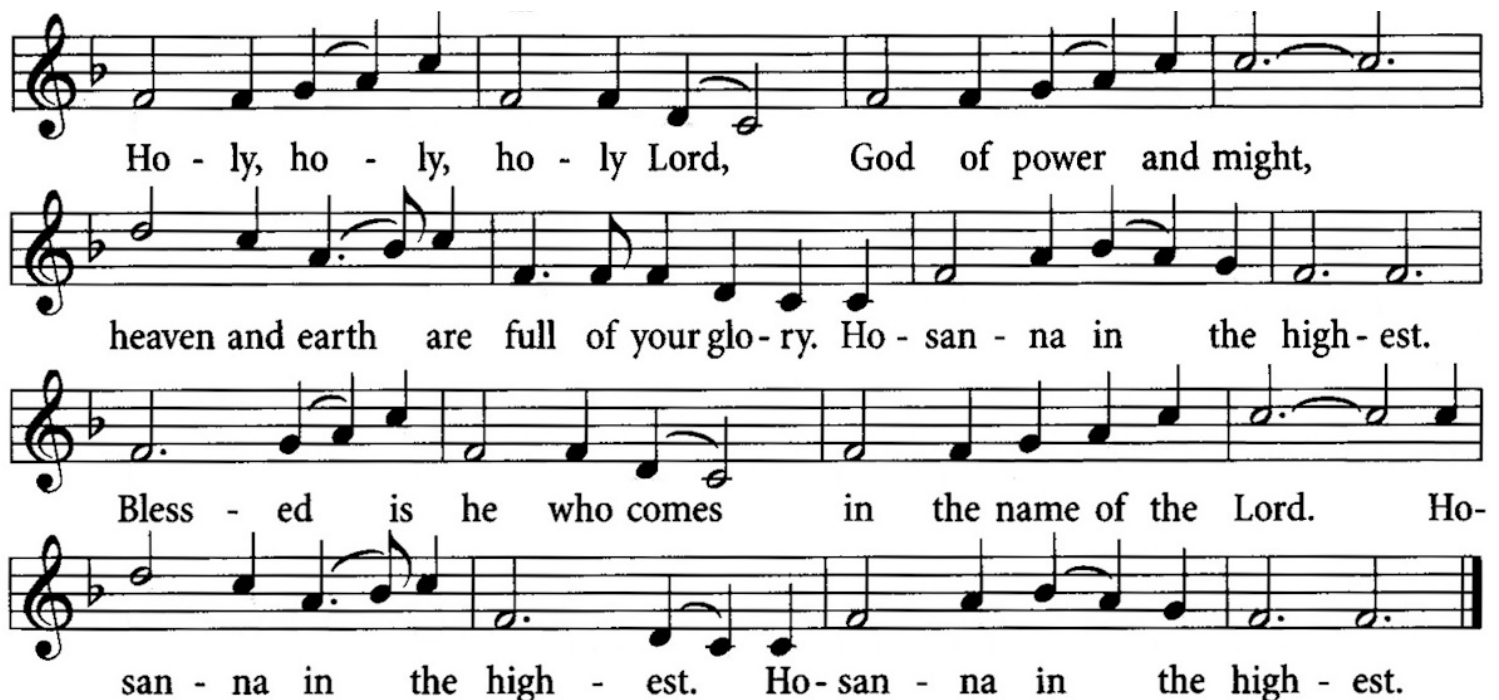
Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth [...] Therefore we join our voices with theirs as earth and heaven unite to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(CP 719)

Music: LAND OF REST; American trad.; adapt. Marcia Pruner (1936-2013); harm. John Campbell (1950-).

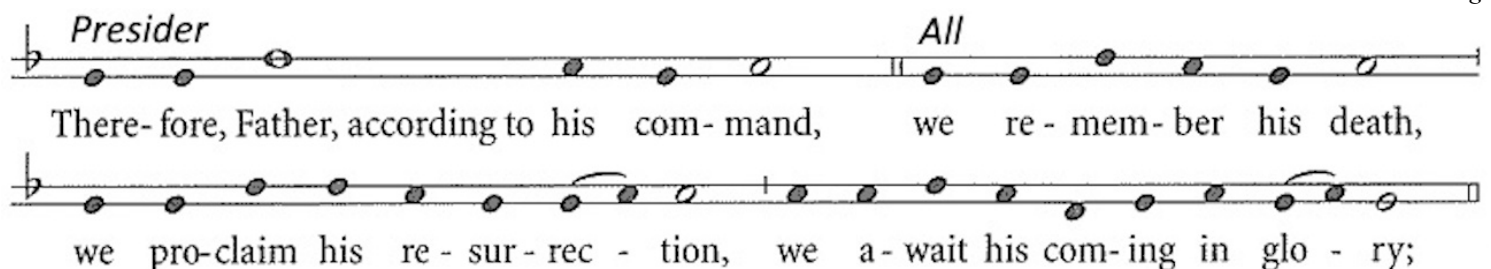


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation [...] Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

(CP 739)

Music: *Plainsong*.



Presider There-fore, Father, according to his com- mand, *All* we re- mem- ber his death,
 we pro-claim his re- sur- rec - tion, we a- wait his com- ing in glo - ry;

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all [...] by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All

Amen

(CP 721)

Music: LAND OF REST; American trad.; adapt. Richard Proulx (1937-2010); harm. John Campbell (1950-).



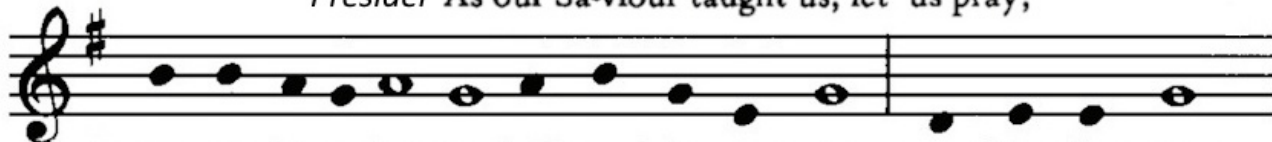
Ringing of the bell. (x3)

The Lord's Prayer

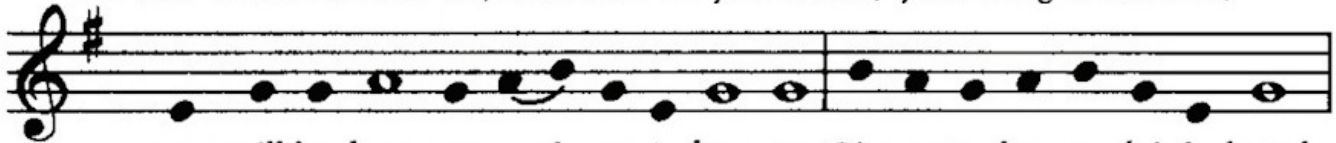
Setting: McNeil Robinson (1943-2015)



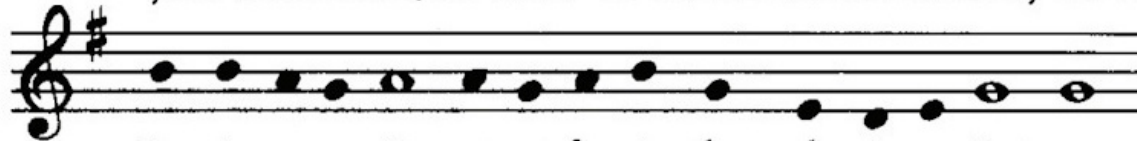
Presider As our Sa-viour taught us, let us pray,



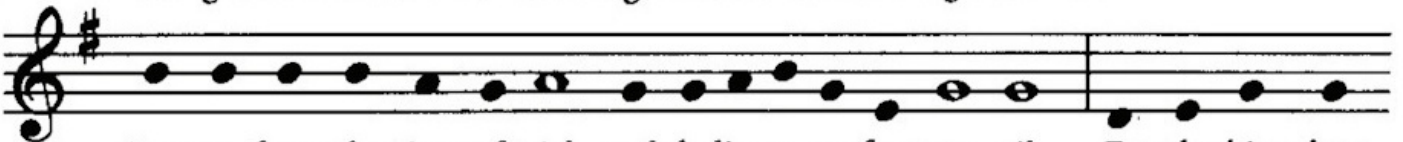
All Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come,



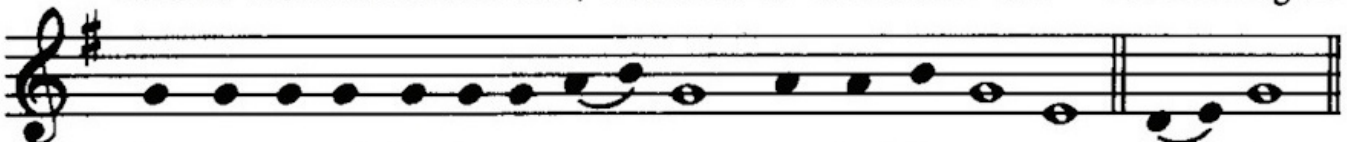
your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread,



For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom,



the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Sentence

Presider Behold the mystery of your salvation laid out before you.
Behold what you are; become what you receive.

All Thanks be to God.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

The Communion

To receive the consecrated Bread, approach the altar and extend your hands to the minister with palms open. To receive the consecrated Wine, carefully guide the chalice to your lips. For public health, please do not dip the Bread into the Wine. If you do not wish to partake of the common cup, know that you receive the full efficacy of communion with only the Bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to receive a blessing by approaching the altar and crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat as you feel comfortable. If you are interested in learning about baptism, please contact a member of our clergy. During communion, Healing Prayer is offered for all people in the west alcove. Please respect the confidentiality of the people praying by not entering the alcove during prayer time.

Music During Communion *Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels* (CP 494)

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024).

Music: COMFORT, Michael Joncas (1951-).

1 Not for tongues of heaven’s angels,
not for wisdom to discern,
not for faith that masters mountains,
for this better gift we yearn:

3 Never jealous, never selfish,
love will not rejoice in wrong;
never boastful nor resentful,
love believes and suffers long: *Refrain*

Refrain:
May love be ours, Lord. May love be ours.
May love be ours, O Lord.

4 In the day this world is fading,
faith and hope will play their part;
but when Christ is seen in glory,
love shall reign in every heart: *Refrain*

2 Love is humble, love is gentle,
love is tender, true, and kind;
love is gracious, ever patient,
generous of heart and mind: *Refrain*

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray. Gracious God, in this banquet of most heavenly food
you reveal your Son to faith and gather us into his peace.

All Give us a tender care for the conscience of others and a ready obedience in the
works of love. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Presider 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.

[Commissioning for lay ministers who will be taking communion to those
not able to participate in the Eucharist at the church:

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing Holy gifts,
that those to whom you go may share with us in the body and blood of Christ.

All We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.]

The Blessing

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

Closing Hymn

Shout for Joy!

(SNC 165)

Text: John L. Bell (1949-) and Graham Maule (1958-2019).

Music: LANSLOWNE, John L. Bell (1949-).



1 Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;
2 No more doubt - ing, no more sense-less dread;
3 Cel - e - brate with saints who dine on high,
4 Praise the Mak - er, praise the Mak - er's Son,
heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;
God's good self has graced our wine and bread;
wit - ness - ses that love can nev - er die.
praise the Spir - it— Three yet ev - er One;
Christ's own peace is shared a - gain on earth;
all the won - der, heaven has kept in store
"Hal - le - lu - jah!"— thus their voic - es ring:
praise the God whose food and friends a - vow
God the Spir - it fills us with new worth.
now is ours to keep for ev - er - more.
noth - ing less in gra - ti - tude we bring.
heaven starts here! The king-dom beck-ons now!

The Dismissal

Deacon Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Scherzo

Betzy Holmberg (1860-1900)

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The Prayers of the People

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