



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
10:00 am — August 23, 2026

WELCOME



Welcome to St. John the Divine. We want to get to know you! Take your first step by completing a welcome card and placing it in the offering plate or scan this QR code to introduce yourself online.

Everything you need to join us in worship is found in this booklet. Hearing assistance is available. Please see an usher, who will be happy to help you!

FOR FAMILIES

Worshippers of all ages are encouraged to fully take part in all aspects of the service. Children's packets may be found in the narthex (lobby), children's Bibles are in the pews, and nursery care for children birth – age 2 is available next door in the administration building. Also available is a Church Family Room just off the narthex with comfortable furniture, toys, and a screen to view the service.

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16 – Year A

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Congregation stands.

HYMN 518



1 Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
2 All that ded-i-ca-ted ci-ti, dear-ly loved of God on high,
3 To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;
4 Here vouch-safe to all thy serv-ants what they ask of thee to gain;



cho-sen of the Lord, and pre-cious, bind-ing all the Church in one;
in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-pet-ual mel-o-dy;
with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy serv-ants as they pray,
what they gain from thee, for-ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,



ho-ly Zi-on's help for ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.
God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
and here-aft-er in thy glo-ry ev-er-more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1866);
Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695); adapt.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

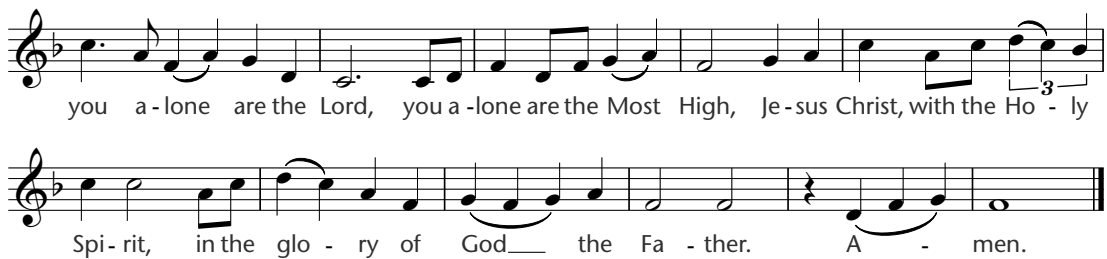
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 GLORIA S-280

Robert Powell

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and
peace_ to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al- mighty-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 prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,



Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*; Music: Robert Powell (1932-2025). rev.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Congregation sits.*

The Epistle

Romans 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

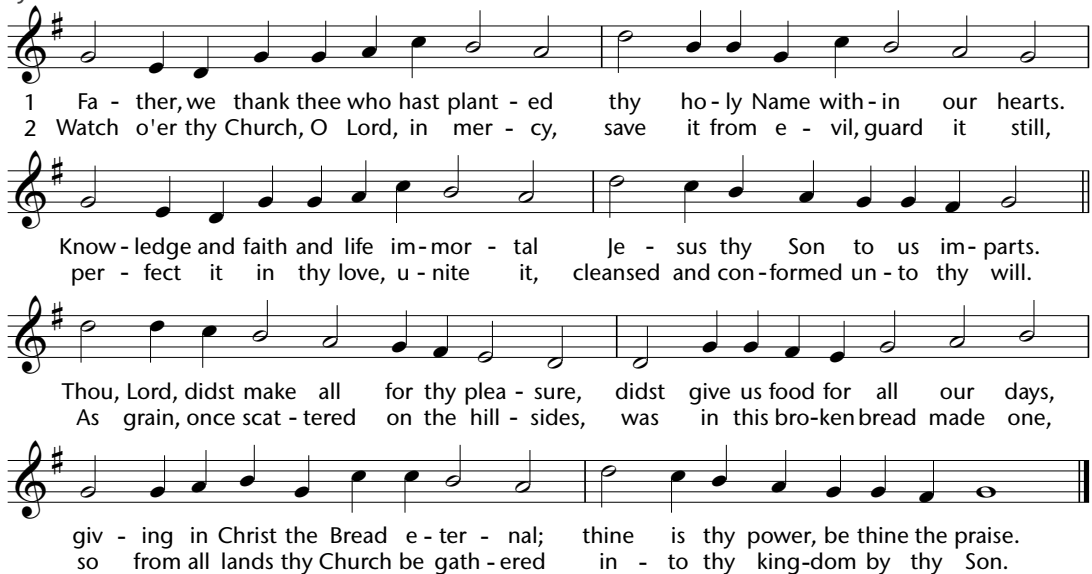
People: *Thanks be to God.*

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
- 2 *If the LORD had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;*
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 *Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;*
- 5 Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.
- 6 *Blessed be the LORD!
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.*
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 *Our help is in the Name of the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.*

*At this time in the service, students in 1st to 5th grade are invited to join
The Bridge Worship in the Nau Family Room. Students rejoin this service at the Peace.*

Congregation stands.

Hymn 302



1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with - in our hearts.
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil, guard it still,
Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy Son to us im - parts.
per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con - formed un - to thy will.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure, didst give us food for all our days,
As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, was in this bro - ken bread made one,
giv - ing in Christ the Bread e - ter - nal; thine is thy power, be thine the praise.
so from all lands thy Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Words: Greek, ca 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); Music: *Rendez a Dieu*, att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE NICENE CREED *Congregation stands.*

BCP 358

*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 he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.*

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Congregation kneels. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: *That we all may be one.*

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others;

The people may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Awaken our hearts, O Lord, to love what you love. Awaken our minds, O Lord, to think with the mind of Christ. Awaken our souls, O Lord, to walk faithfully with your Spirit. Awaken your Church, O Lord, to renewal and revival as we gather in Christ, grow as disciples, and go bearing the Gospel as a light for the city. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: *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 neighbors 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.*

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

THE PEACE *Congregation stands.*

BCP 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Congregation sits.

THE COMMISSIONINGS

Worship Ministries, Sunday School Teachers, and Small Group Facilitators

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial offerings fuel ministries that Change Lives for God in Christ. You may make your Sunday offering in one of two ways:

- ✂ *By placing your offering in the plate during the Offertory or*
- ✂ *By scanning the QR code with your phone.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem

Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord."

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Text: Psalm 122: 1-3,6-7

PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (vs. 3) *Congregation stands.*

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

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Congregation kneels.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant:

*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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD S-155

Gerald Near



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ_ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri -ficed for us; there-fore let us keep_ the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

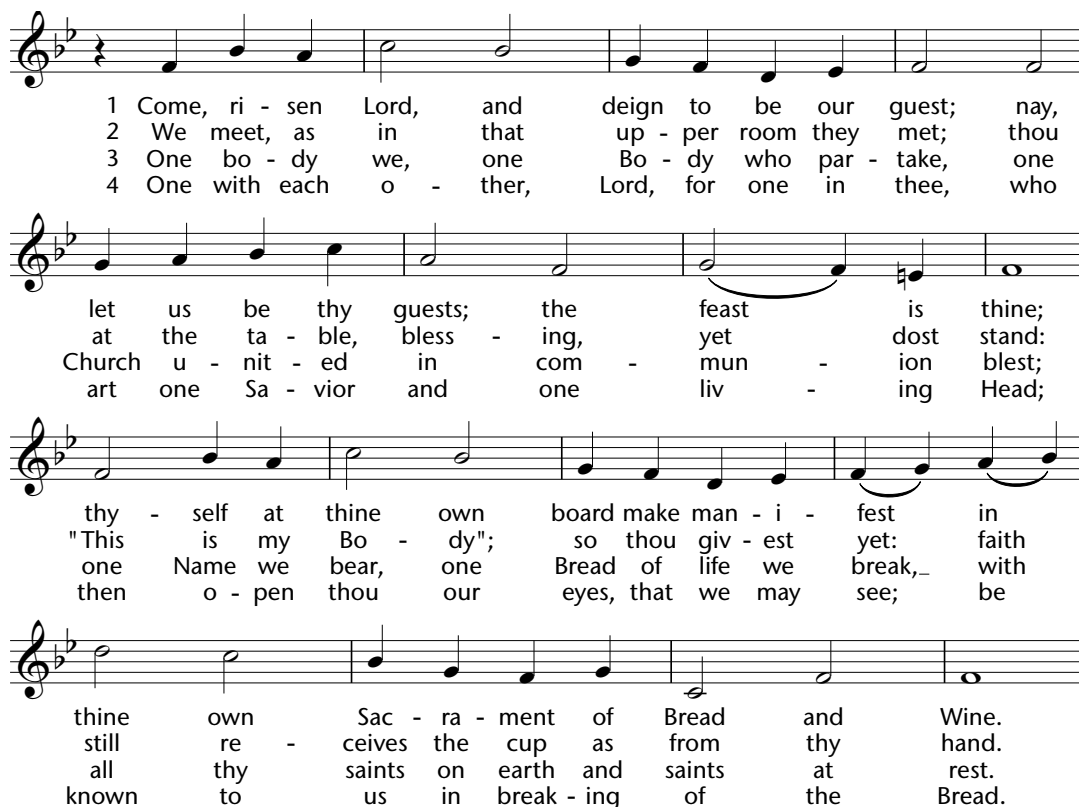
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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- ✘ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*
- ✘ *If you are not baptized, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*
- ✘ *If you are not baptized and want to be, please contact one of the clergy.*
- ✘ *Please be guided by the ushers to the communion rail.*
- ✘ *You may drink from the common chalice or intinct from the intinction cup.*
- ✘ *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar rail.*
- ✘ *After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers are present in the East Bay for prayer.*

Hymn 305



1 Come, ri - sen Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, - with
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959); Music: *Rosedale*, Leo Sowerby (1895-1968).

Anthem

Thomas Tallis 1505-1585

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father
 That He should give you another comforter, e'en the spirit of truth.

Text: John 14:15-17

Hymn 577

Refrain



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.

2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,

3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.

let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.

when we see your face, O Sav - ior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.

Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.

Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.

Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.

be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

Repeat Refrain

Words: Latin; tr. James Quinn (1919-2010); Music: *Ubi caritas*, A. Gregory Murray (1905-1992).

Song

1. All

He's got the whole world in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.
He's got the whole world in His hand.

2. Women

He's got you and me sister in His hand,
He's got you and me sister in His hand,
He's got you and me sister in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.

3. Men

He's got you and me brother in His hand,
He's got you and me brother in His hand,
He's got you and me brother in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.

4. All

He's got everybody here in his hand.
He's got everybody here in his hand.
He's got everybody here in His hand,
He's got everybody here in his hand.

Words: Traditional; Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Hezekiah Brinson, Jr. (b. 1958).

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Congregation stands.*

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*People: Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

HYMN 400

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us sing: Al-le-
4 Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our way, O
5 All you with mer-cy in your heart, for-giv-ing o thers, take your part, O
7 Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-ness, O

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn-ing sun with gold - en
praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and fruits that in you
sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that pain and sor - row
praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the

beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

O___ praise him, O___ praise him, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933);
Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623, adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Prelude in E-Flat, Op. 99, No. 3

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

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TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

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Today we welcome everyone back and celebrate the Church as we begin our fall programming. In this combined service, we sing great hymns of the faith, including “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” and “All Creatures of Our God and King.” We also commission the various lay ministries that support our worship and Christian education. Please engage enthusiastically in the hymns and spoken parts of the liturgy.

We are delighted to welcome our choristers, who join the adults as the Choir of St. John the Divine. The choir season that begins this fall will culminate in a week-long residency at Durham Cathedral next July.

At the Offertory, the Choir of St. John the Divine offers a bold proclamation of Psalm 122: “I was glad when they said unto me; We will go into the house of the Lord.” Hubert Parry’s iconic setting was originally composed for the coronation of King Edward VII and revised in 1911 for the coronation of King George V. Over the years, Parry’s anthem has become a beloved staple of the Anglican choral repertoire throughout the world.



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