

# HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine 10:00 am — August 24, 2025

# 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!

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Worshipers 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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# 10:00 am – August 24, 2025 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16 — Year C

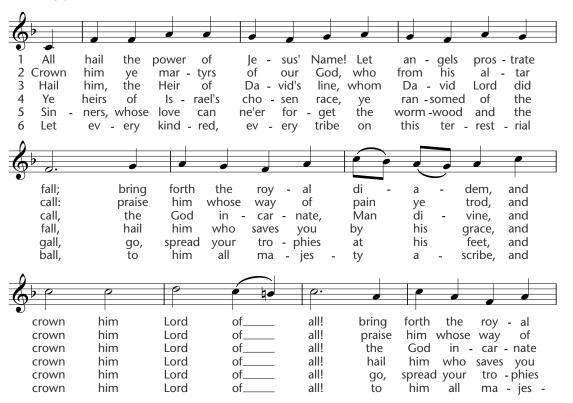
Fanfare for Organ **PRELUDE** 

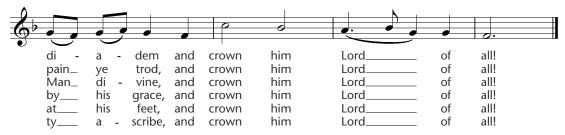
John Cook 1918-1984

# THE WORD OF GOD

Congregation stands.

**HYMN 450** 





Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792); Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden (1795-1844).

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

## Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

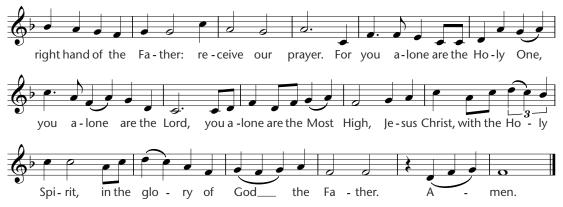
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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*.





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 Hebrews 12:18-29

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." <sup>27</sup>This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup>for our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

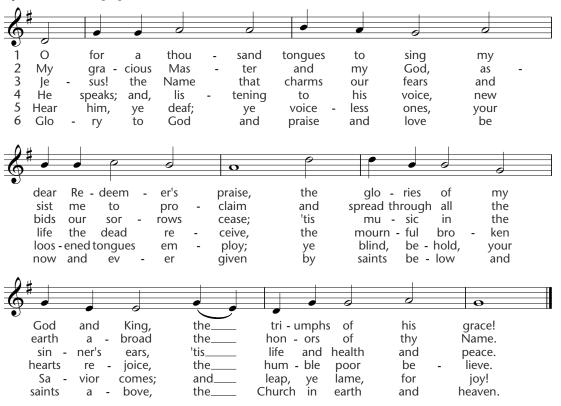
People: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 71:1-6 (read responsively by whole verse)

In te, Domine, speravi

- In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.
- In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.
- Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.
- Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- For you are my hope, O LORD GOD, my confidence since I was young.
- I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

Hymn 493 Congregation stands.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); Music: Azmon, Charles Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829), adapt. by Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Gospel Luke 13:10-17

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>10</sup>Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." <sup>13</sup>And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. <sup>14</sup>But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of

Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Louise Samuelson

## 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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form VI revised

BCP 392

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

Congregation kneels.

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

*People:* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world, especially our ministry

partners at Casa de Esperanza;

*People:* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People:* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People:* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People:* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian, our

Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For Meredith,

John, Sally, Carolyn, Lisa, Bruce, Mary, Karen, Cynthia, Madeleine, JB, Scott,

Gray, Zoe, Dianne, Michelle, James, Andy, Martha, and Georgiana.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King; *People:* And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, especially Bob Jones, Myrna Harbuck, Grady

Holliday, and Jane Reed, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

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 to 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.

#### 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 Howard Goodall b. 1958

> Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. lesu, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast, Let us all in thee inherit, let us find that second rest. Take away our power of sinning, Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, sets our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be; Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee; Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley 1707-1788

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 A

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

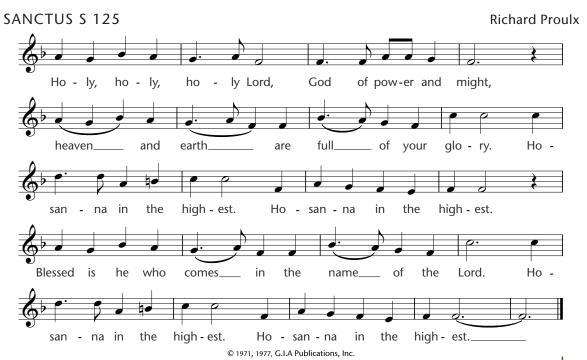
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.* 

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



Congregation kneels.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, 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 stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

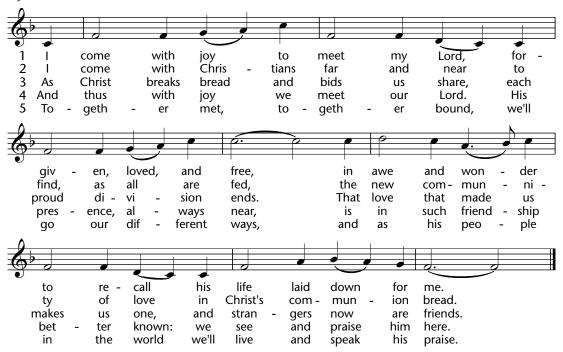
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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.



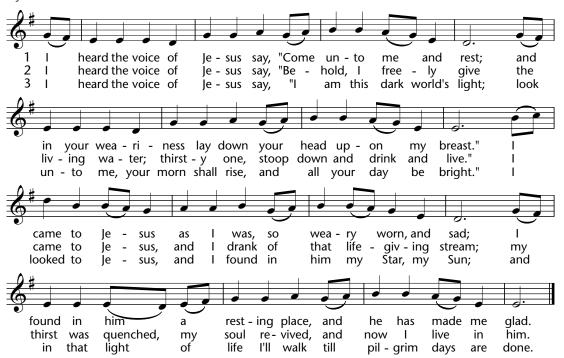


Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936); Music: Land of Rest, American folk melody, adapt. by Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983); © 1971, Hope Publishing.

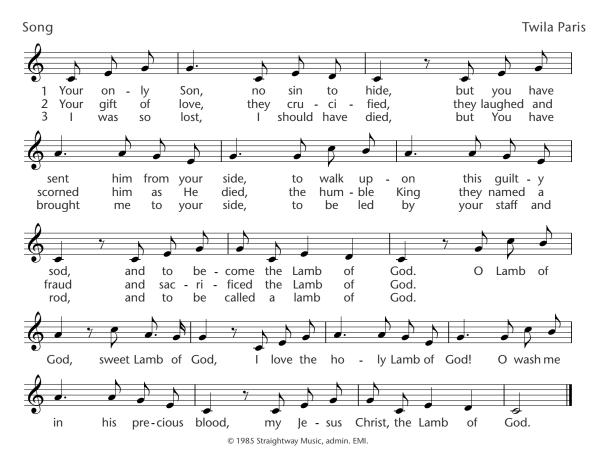
Anthem John Rutter b. 1945

> Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast. That I thee love and never rest; And make me love thee of all things best, And wound my heart in thy love free, That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

> > Text: 15th century English text



Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889); Music: Kingsfold, English melody, adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).



# THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Congregation stands.

**BCP 365** 

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

### **HYMN 525**



Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900); Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**POSTLUDE** Fête Jean Langlais 1907-1991

Come to the chancel for the postlude to hear and meet Grace Jackson, Hancock Intern for Church Music.

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### **TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING**

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Today we welcome everyone back and celebrate the Church as we begin Fall programming. In one combined service, we sing great hymns of the faith such as "All hail the power of Jesus' Name" and "The Church's One Foundation." We also commission the various lay ministries that support our worship and Christian education.

Our liturgy includes two hymns by Charles Wesley. At the Sequence, we sing "O for a thousand tongues to sing," a hymn which opened John Wesley's hymnal for the Methodists and has been included as the opening in every official American hymnal of the Methodist church, with just two exceptions. At the Offertory, The Choir of St. John the Divine sings a contemporary setting of another Wesley hymn, "Love divine, all loves excelling" by contemporary English composer, Charles Goodall. Goodall is a broad musician and has composed musicals, choral music, and music for television.

Our celebratory Eucharist is bookended by two exuberant solo organ works; one by contemporary Anglo-American composer John Cook and the other by 20th century French composer Jean Langlais. Following the closing hymn, we invite you to come to the choir area for the postlude.

#### 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT OF THE LETOURNEAU ORGAN

Saturday, September 20, 5:00 pm

Join us to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the church's grand Letourneau organ in an inspiring concert by famed organist, Ken Cowan. Save the date!!



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