



HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

The Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 am and 11:15 am — October 18, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS



The church altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Catherine Conway McParland and Jacob Ellis Gomillion. To donate altar flowers in memory, thanksgiving, or honor of someone, scan the QR code, visit sjd.org/flowers, or contact Carolyn Baker at 713.354.2239 or cbaker@sjd.org.

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The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24 – Year A

PRELUDE Psalm-prelude, Set 1, No. 1 Herbert Howells 1892-1983

“Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him; yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.” Ps 34:6

INTROIT (9:00am) David Ashley White b.1944

For you deep stillness of the silent inland
For you deep blue of the desert skies
For you flame red of the rocks and stones
For you sweet water from hidden springs.

From the edges seek the heart-lands,
and when you're burnt by the journey,
may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit
soothe and replenish you,
In the name of Christ.

Text: Julie Perrin, 1996

(11:15am) attr. William Byrd 1540-1623

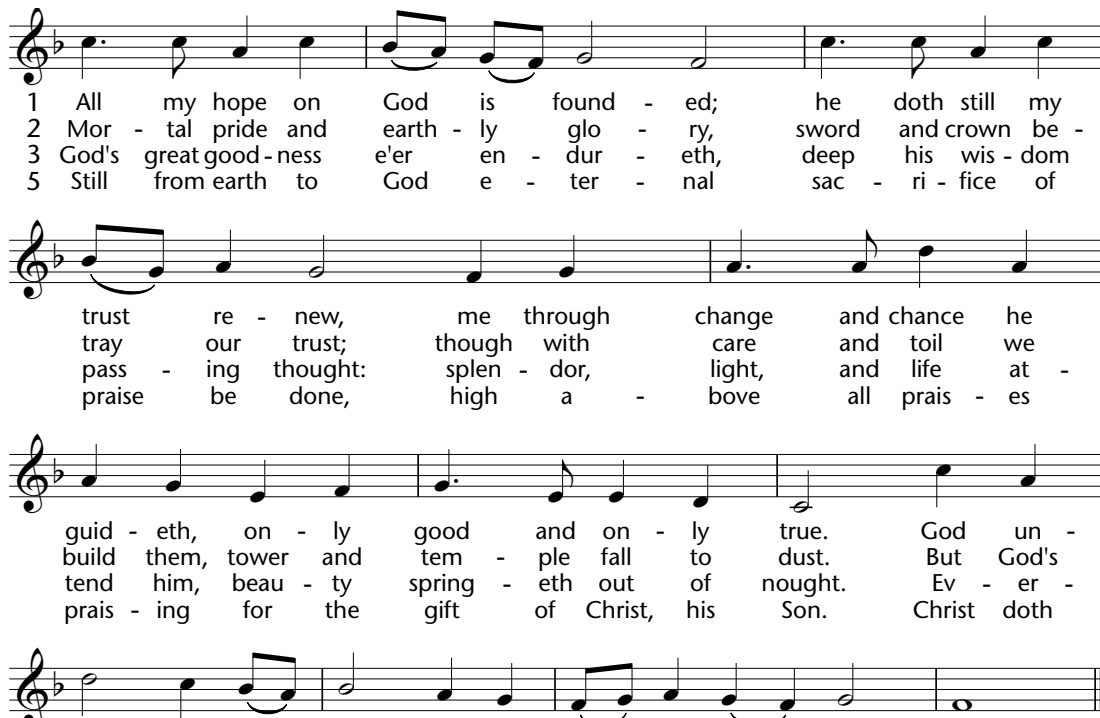
Non nobis Domine, non nobis,
sed nomini tuo da gloriam.

*Not unto us, Lord; not unto us,
but unto Your name be the glory.*

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 665

Congregation stands.



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

trust re - new, me through change and chance he
tray our trust; though with care and toil we
pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es

guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -
prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth

known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
power, he hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.
call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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- might-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,
 you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God__ the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹ For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 99

Dominus regnavit

setting by Edgar Day 1891-1983

(9:00 am read responsively by whole verse)

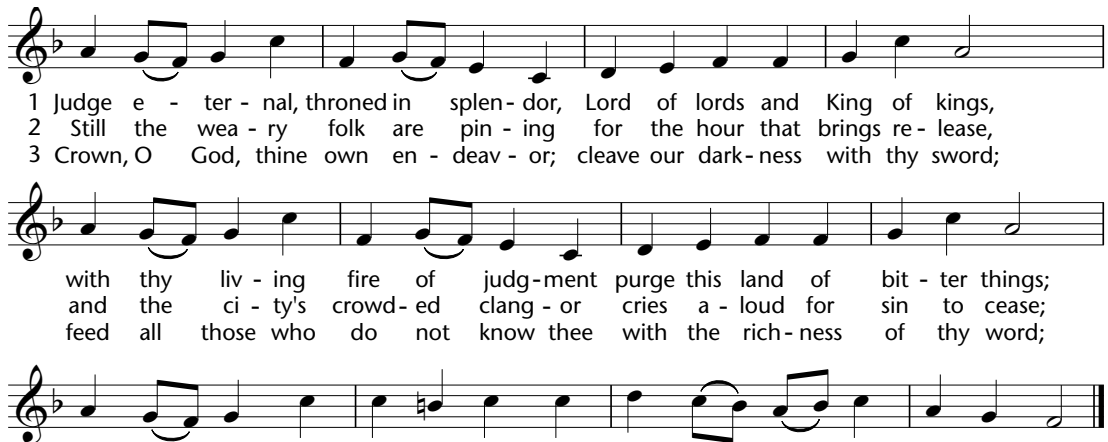
(11:15 am sung by the choir)

- ¹ The LORD is King, be the people never so impatient:
he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
- ² The LORD is great in Sion:
and high above all people.

- 3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name:
which is great, wonderful, and holy.
- 4 The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity:
thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 O magnify the LORD our God:
and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name:
these called upon the LORD, and he heard them.
- 7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar:
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
- 8 Thou heardest them, O LORD our God:
thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.
- 9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy hill:
for the LORD our God is holy.

*At this time in the 9:00 a.m. 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.*

Hymn 596 Congregation stands.



1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and King of kings,
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that brings re - lease,
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness with thy sword;

with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment purge this land of bit - ter things;
 and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or cries a - loud for sin to cease;
 feed all those who do not know thee with the rich - ness of thy word;

sol - ace all its wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
 and the home - steads and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
 cleanse the bo - dy of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918); Music: *Komm, o komm, des Geist des Lebens*, 1693

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Libby Garfield (9:00 am)

The Rev. Reagan W. Cocke (11:15 am)

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 III*

BCP 387

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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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.*

COMMISSIONING OF CORNERSTONE FELLOWS *(11:15 a.m. only)*

Sponsors: I present to you these persons to be admitted to the Cornerstone Fellows Program.

Rector: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Fellows: I will.

Rector: You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen.
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name:

People: Make known his deeds among the people.

Rector: Let us pray.

Have regard to our supplication, O gracious Lord, and confirm with your heavenly benediction your servants commissioned to minister in your Church, that with sincere devotion of mind and body, they may offer acceptable service to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Cornerstone Fellows at The Church of St. John the Divine, Houston.

CORNERSTONE FELLOWS

Luci Aguilar	Chick Chickering	Ony Mbuk
ReBecca Alcala	Pardis Ferdosi	Ricardo Noe
Milad Balai	Laura Goehrs	Doug Pritchett
Charlie Becker	Tim Hebert	Alejandro Sanoja
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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giving Sunday is the culmination of our annual stewardship season. You may submit your pledge in one of two ways:

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

Please note, for those who already turned in pledges, the “I’ve Pledged” cards are available in the pews for today’s Blessing of the Pledges.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem

René Clausen b.1953

All that hath life and breath praise ye the
Lord; shout to the Lord, alleluia!
Praise the Lord with joyful song; sing to
the Lord with thanksgiving.
Unto thee, O Lord, have I made
supplication, and cried unto the rock of
my salvation; but thou hast heard my
voice, and renewed my weary spirit.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King
of creation. O my soul praise him, for he is
thy health and salvation. Praise him, laud
him, alleluia!

Text: adapted from Psalms 96 & 22, and Joachim Neander

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 BLESSING OF THE PLEDGES

Celebrant: Generous God, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us. All that we have and all that we are come from you. Accept these offerings and pledges as our response of love and gratitude for all you have given to us, most especially the gift of your son Jesus Christ who gave his life that we might have life in him. Bless these gifts that many will come to know and love you, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

SANCTUS S-125

Richard Proulx

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.

THE MINISTRATION

- ✠ 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 684



1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heaven - ly frame,
2 Where is the bless - ed - ness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
3 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;
4 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
5 So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
Where is the soul - re - fresh - ing view of Je - sus and his word?
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the lamb.

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800); Music: *Caithness*, from the *Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635

Anthem

Edward Elgar 1857-1934

*Ave, verum corpus natum
De 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:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of mankind.
From whose pierced side
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.
O merciful, O loving,
O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary.

Text: attr. Innocent VI, 14th c.

Hymn

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re - joice!

Look to God, do not be a - fraid, lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near! In the

Words: Taizé Community; Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Hymn 408

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy and
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

- a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the

ev - every faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529

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 423



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908); Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839, adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877)

THE DISMISSAL

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE Voluntary on "St. Denio"

Percy Whitlock 1903-1946

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TODAY'S MUSICAL OFFERING

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As we gather in thanksgiving and worship on this Giving Sunday, we present our annual tithes as an offering to almighty God, acknowledging with gratitude the abundance of blessings entrusted to our care. Fittingly, today's music reflects themes of praise, thanksgiving, and devotion, inviting us to join our voices with those of all creation in glorifying the Lord and offering our hearts anew in faithful stewardship.

The choir sings René Clausen's *All That Hath Life and Breath, Praise Ye the Lord*, a joyful setting of Psalm 96 and a little of Psalm 22. Clausen (b. 1953) is an American composer and conductor whose music is widely performed by choirs throughout the United States and abroad. Best known for his choral compositions, he served for many years as conductor of the Concordia Choir at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

In this setting, Clausen gives vivid musical expression to the Psalmist's call for all creation to praise God. Energetic rhythms, contrasting textures, and recurring phrases build toward an exuberant proclamation of praise. The work concludes with the words "Praise ye the Lord," bringing the music to a jubilant and fitting close. Listen for the section when the sopranos all sing at their own pace evocative of all creation.

During the Ministration, the choir sings *Ave Verum*, a historic Eucharistic hymn of the Church, in a setting by the English composer Edward Elgar. Written in 1887, Elgar's tender treatment of this traditional Latin text honors Christ's presence in the Eucharist through a gentle melody and warm harmonies, creating an atmosphere of reverence and quiet devotion.



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