

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2024
10:30 am

Welcome to St. Paul's! *We are so happy you are here. If you are new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate so we can welcome you personally.*

Prelude *Deux Arabesques, No. 1*

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

The Hymnal 1982 #671

Amazing Grace!

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider,

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.**

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #734

Glory Be To the Father

All sing,

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff begins with a quarter note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, B-flat2, and C3. The lyrics 'Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly' are written below the treble staff.

6 Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

The second system of musical notation continues from the first system. It begins with a measure rest followed by a quarter note G4. The treble staff continues with quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff continues with quarter notes G2, A2, B-flat2, and C3. The lyrics 'Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er' are written below the treble staff.

10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It begins with a measure rest followed by a quarter note G4. The treble staff continues with quarter notes A4, B-flat4, and C5. The bass staff continues with quarter notes G2, A2, B-flat2, and C3. The lyrics 'shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.' are written below the treble staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass staff.

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit for the readings.

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-9

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

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Sung by the Cantor and Choir.

- 1 When God restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
“God has done great things for them.”
- 4 God has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O God, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Epistle

Hebrews 7:23-28

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

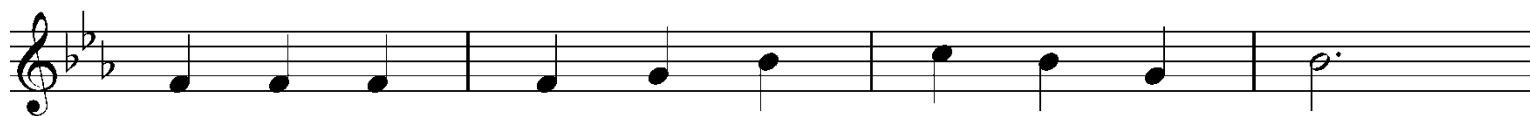
All stand as they are able to sing the sequence hymn.

The Hymnal 1982 #488

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart,— what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Jadon Hartsuff

All stand as they are able and say,

The Apostles Creed

**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 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

Let us now offer our prayers and petitions to God:

Holy God, source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over our nation during this time of election. Help us infuse our faith into our principles and priorities; God, our creator, **hear our prayer.**

Help us nurture a beloved community that reflects your compassion, cares for the poor and vulnerable, advocates for the unseen, and listens to everyone's voice; God, our creator, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to listen in love, work together with humility, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our common life; God, our creator, **hear our prayer.**

Help us be servants of your peace and champions of reconciliation, in our families, in our communities, and through the leaders we choose; God, our creator, **hear our prayer.**

Help us offer love and support to our neighbors in need, all who have been impacted by hurricanes and other disasters, and everyone who has asked for our prayers, especially *[those on our parish prayer list]* and all who we name now, silently or aloud *[the People offer names and intercessions]*; God, our creator, **hear our prayer.**

Help us remember and cherish the faithful departed, who, in their day, “toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew,” especially all who we name now, silently or aloud *[the People offer names and intercessions]*; God, our creator, **hear our prayer.**

The Presider offers a concluding prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins to God our Creator.

Silence may be kept.

People God of all mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider 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

Presider Peace with yourself.
Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.
The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People exchange greetings of peace with one another and are then invited to sit for announcements.

The Offertory

Prelude in C major, Op. 48, No. 2
Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915)

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Doxology *all stand & sing,*

Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #34, v. 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider,

It is right at all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here in the fertile plains of a beautiful peninsula bounded by great inland seas, studded by fields and forests, rivers and lakes. We praise you from an ancient valley of what we now call the Grand River, at a time when city and farm, wilderness and industry, coexist in this place together.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, with robins and brook trout, painted turtles, golden eagles and white-tailed deer, we join our voices with all creation to honor you with praise:



Holy, Holy, Holy
Mass of Creation, Marty Haugen

4 Assembly

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
 God of pow-er, God of might. Heav-en 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.

The Presider continues,

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough for the animals. He was baptized in the Jordan River and tested in the wilderness; he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again, after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you drink it, do this to remember me. 🛎️🛎️🛎️

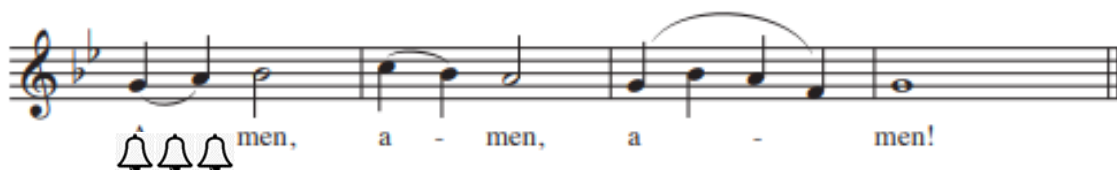
Again, after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me. 🛎️🛎️🛎️

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Heavenly Creator, send your Spirit upon these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of shalom.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your heavenly commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and all sing:

Lamb of God
Mass of Creation, Marty Haugen

Cantor

Je - sus,

All

..... you take a - way the sin of the

world. have mer - cy on us. *Repeat*

3rd time:

Cantor

All

Je - sus Lamb of God; you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Presider 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.

Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Please ask for gluten free bread if necessary. To receive a blessing instead of the Bread or the Wine, cross your hands over your chest.

Communion Music

Taste and See
Psalm 134; James E. Moore, Jr. (1951-2022)

After Communion, the Presider prays,

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. **Amen.**

The People stand, as able.

Presider and People,

**Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

If Eucharistic Visitors are being sent,

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Presider blesses the People, and they respond: Amen.

The Hymnal 1982 #429

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath



1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in
2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing
4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in



death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My
sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose
mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He
death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My



days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing
truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed, and feeds the
helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -
days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing



last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.
less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

Presider
People

Let us bless our God and all Creation.
Thanks be to God.

Dedications

ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of my mother Lucille Kerbawy by Marcia Hudson; and IN LOVING MEMORY of my husband Richard and our parents Earl & Muriel Farr and Homer & Ruth Hale by Elaine Hale.

THE AUMBRY CANDLE burns this month TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of our daughter, Robin Kay Covey Parsons and our granddaughter Caitlin, and in loving memory of our daughter Vicky Lynn Covey and our granddaughter Sara, by Floyd and Barb Covey.

Worship Ministers

The Reverend Jadon Hartsuff, Presider

Brian Ketner, Pianist; Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director & Cantor

Samuel Holsinger-Friesen, 1st Reader, Leah Holsinger-Friesen, 2nd Reader

Sandra Kilian, Intercessor; Zoë Magnusson, Acolyte

Natalie Magnusson & Melaina Magnusson, LEMs & Acolytes

Sally McKinnon, LEV

Floyd Covey & Ron Kapuga, Ushers

Announcements

- **Wonderful Wednesdays -This Wednesday, October 30th:**
 - Bible Study meets in the St. Paul's library at 10:30 am; followed by mid-day Eucharist at 12:15 pm in the chapel.
 - **This Wednesday evening at 6 pm, join us for a special movie night Halloween Edition at St. Paul's as we watch the hit musical "Coco".** Bring a lawn chair and your own beverages. Fun for the whole family, and all are welcome!

Announcements continued...

- **Next Sunday, November 3rd, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints.** There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the names of loved ones who have died in the last calendar year that will be read aloud that day, **and please sign up on the bulletin board for the brunch we will be having after the 10:30 am service.**
- **ECW is helping the Priceless Gift Toy Store** by collecting gently used (or new!) toys, games, puzzles, books, stuffed animals, sports equipment for children and teens of all ages. You can also donate hats, gloves, batteries, and personal hygiene items through the month of October. **You can also help by buying the wrapping paper available in the glass narthex. All the money donated will go to the Priceless Gift program.**
- **On Saturday, Nov. 9th at 11 am,** St. Paul's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will host Church Women United for World Community Day. \$10 for lunch and the program, please bring new socks to donate to those in need and sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to come. All women welcome!
- **Would you like to join Fr. Jadon at the Interfaith Shelter's 50th Celebration Dinner on Saturday, November 23rd at 6 pm?** Doors open at 5:15 pm, business casual, \$35 per person. Contact Fr. Jadon if you can come!
- **Organ Fund Update:** Thanks to your generosity, we have received 27 organ campaign pledges totaling \$20,800. These count towards the additional \$25,000 in matching funds available for the project. We need an additional \$4,200 in pledges in order to receive all of the matching funds and meet our minimum goal. We also have several optional additions to the organ project that could be added if additional gifts are made. If you have not yet pledged to the organ campaign, please consider doing so soon! Father Jadon is happy to answer any questions about the project that you might have.

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