



# HOLY EUCHARIST

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
JULY 14, 2024 | 10:00 AM

## **WELCOME!**

As followers of Christ, we strive to be an inclusive and affirming congregation. Everyone is welcome to participate fully in our community life, regardless of race or ethnicity, national origin, citizenship, age, political views, education, physical ability, economic or employment situation, relationship status, gender expression, sexual orientation, or any other markers of identity people sometimes use to create division. All are invited to receive Holy Communion.

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Children are most welcome! The Playground is open at the back of the sanctuary for anyone who may need extra space or activities during the service. St. Margaret's room (109) is located down the main hallway and offers a child-sized restroom, changing table station, and a room with privacy. There are speakers available in that room so that you can still listen to the service. Our Little Wonders (families with infants-preschoolers) and Godly Play (K-5th) meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10:00am. Check our website for more information or contact Amy Goerger, Coordinator of Children's Ministries.



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### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We are gathered on the ancestral land of the Kalapuya people, who today are represented by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. We further acknowledge that we are on this land because of white colonization and of settlers claiming their land. We also acknowledge that our church's history was tied to this colonization.

A treaty negotiated with the Indigenous people in 1851-52 was never ratified by the United States Congress. This gave the Indigenous people of this land no legal protection, and we recognize the injustice that was forced upon them. We acknowledge that the People were forced to leave their land and sent to reservations not of their choosing.

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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE

BAAL SHEM SUITE  
NIGUN (IMPROVISATION)

ERNEST BLOCH

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES

All stand and sing

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

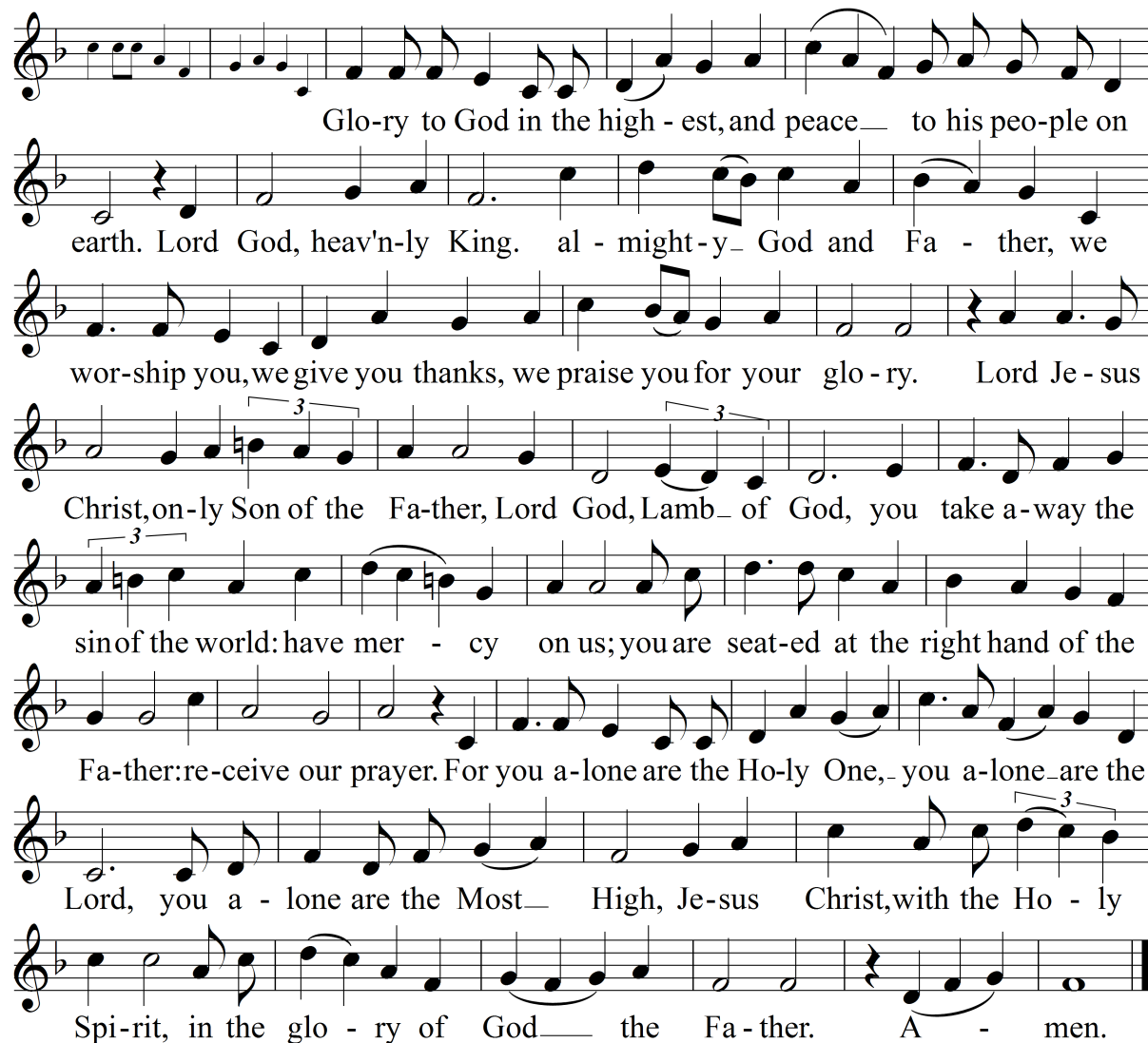
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**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.**

# GLORIA

ROBERT POWELL

All sing



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace— to his peo-ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav'n-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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

○ Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## THE FIRST LESSON: 2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12B-19

**D**avid again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

All sing this refrain



Sing, be - liev - ers. Give  
thanks for those whose joy is in the Lord.

1. The earth belongs to the Lord, and all that we enjoy.  
A strong foundation was laid with in the seas. **(Refrain)**
2. O tell us, who shall ascend? Who shall go up to God's house?  
They are those who love the Lord,  
who make God's will their own. **(Refrain)**
3. O tell us, who are these saints,  
these saints who praise God's name?  
They are those whose hearts are clean,  
whose joy is in the Lord. **(Refrain)**
4. The Lord will bless the just, new life shall be restored.  
O come and seek the Lord;  
O praise God's holy name. **(Refrain)**

## THE SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:3-14

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

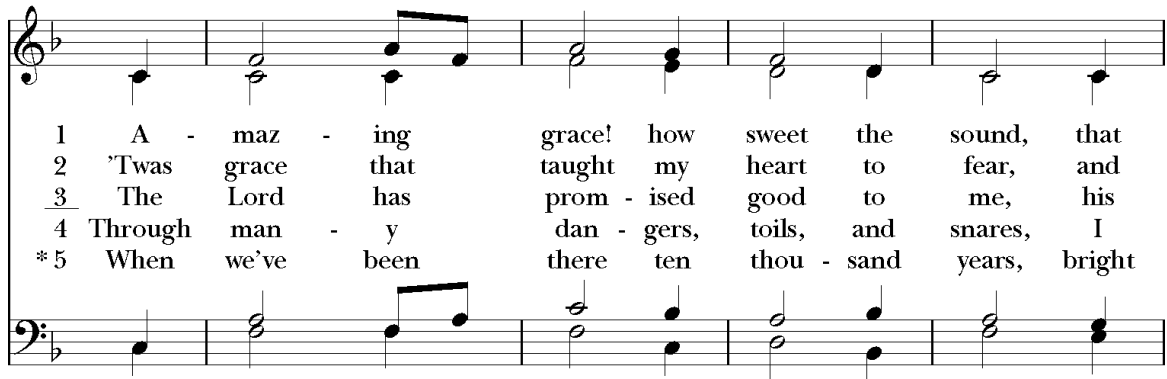
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**Thanks be to God**

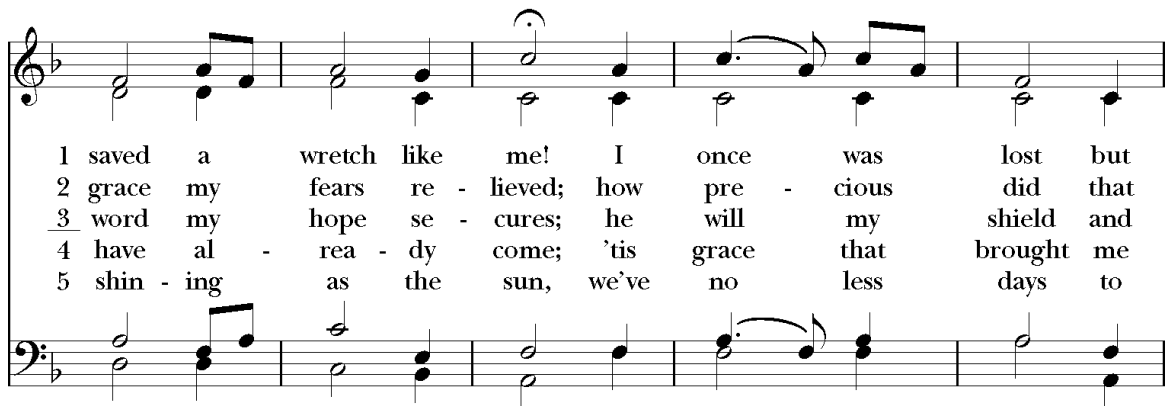
# SEQUENCE HYMN

# AMAZING GRACE

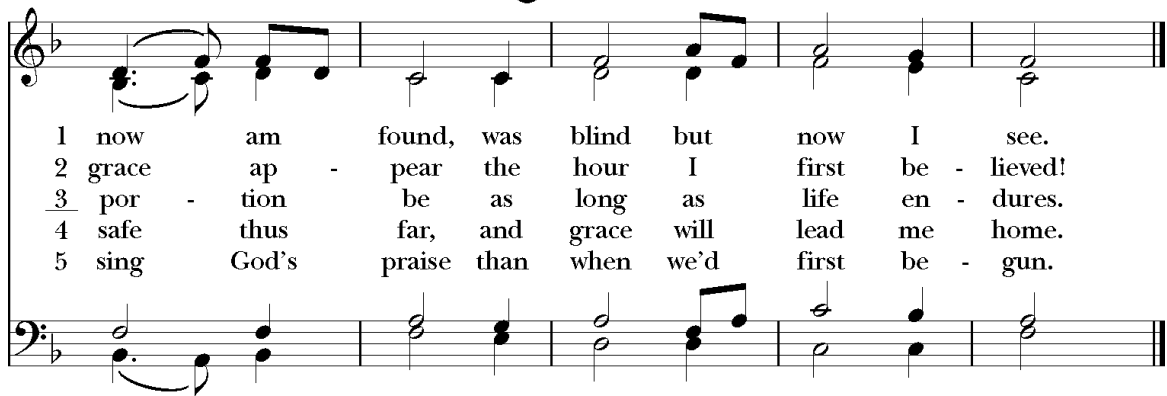
All stand and sing



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.

## THE GOSPEL: MARK 6:14-29

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel, as you are able.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**K**ing Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For

John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

BISHOP NEFF POWELL

THE NICENE CREED

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Diana, our Bishop; for this gathering; for Simon, our priest, Bishop Neff, our preacher, and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. From our congregation we pray for . . . . .  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially . . . . .  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

Creator of the world, sustainer of the church, hear our prayers, accept the praise and thanks of our worship, and grant us that which makes us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us make our confession together

*Please kneel as you are able.*

**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.**

*The Celebrant pronounces the absolution.*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*I WILL SING NEW SONGS*

*ANTONIN DVORÁK*

*I will sing new songs of gladness,  
I will sing Jehovah's praises  
upon a ten-string psaltery.  
Ev'ry day will I extol Thee  
and will bless Thy Holy Name,  
I will bless Thy Holy Name.  
Great is God and great His mercy.  
Who shall tell of all His greatness?  
Who shall His pow'r declare?  
My song shall be of praise and honor,  
and of Thy glorious acts.  
They works are wonderful,  
past our knowing.  
Yeah, men shall tell of Thy great kindness  
and of Thy wond'rous might,  
and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy Glory.*

At the presentation of the gifts of bread, wine, and money, all stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

THE DOXOLOGY

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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.

SANCTUS

ROBERT POWELL

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea-ven 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. \_\_\_\_

*The People stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues.*

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 FRACTION ANTHEM

We break this bread to share  
in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

*The Celebrant says the Invitation*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to His supper.

*Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*You may receive at the altar rail or on the main floor at the crossing.*

*You are invited to either: Receive the Bread only or receive both the Bread and the Wine.*

*If you wish to receive the Wine, you may: Sip from the Chalice or Give your wafer to the minister who will dip your wafer in the chalice and either place it on your tongue or give it back to you.*

*Gluten free wafers are also available at the altar rail—ask the minister when you come forward.*

*If you would like a blessing instead of receiving, cross your arms over your chest as you come to the minister.*

## AT THE COMMUNION

FROM THE VOCALIST

*HERE I AM LORD*

DAN SCHUTTE

FROM THE VIOLINIST

*BAAL SHEM SUITE  
Vidui (Contrition)*

ERNEST BLOCH

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Please kneel or stand, as you are able.*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant asks for God's blessing over the people.*

# DISMISSAL HYMN

# LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

All stand and sing

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
\*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bid! Let me thy in - ner  
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

## DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

BAAL SHEM SUITE  
SIMCHAS TORAH (REJOICING)

ERNEST BLOCH

## LEADERS IN THE SERVICE

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Simon Justice
Preacher	Bishop Neff Powell
Verger	Mary Forner
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Eucharistic Ministers	Gillian Johnson, Laurel Langenwalter, Barb Leque, Mike Walsh
Lector	Laurel Langenwalter
Prayers of the People	Gillian Johnson
Ushers	Cathie Trietsch, Dave Trietsch, Jon Langenwalter
Soloist	Ellie Starr
Cantors	Addie Jane Casebeer, Coleman Casebeer
Violinist	Kate Ratcliffe
Pianist	Melissa Terrall

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and dedicated to the memory of Harriet, Annie, Kathryn, Grace, Elinor and Virginia.*

We welcome to the pulpit today, Bishop Neff Powell. Bishop Powell has long and deep connections to St. Paul's as he describes below:

I was baptized at St. Paul's, by Fr. George Swift in 1948. Later he trained me as an acolyte. My parents were Bingham and Gretchen Powell. Our family has deep roots in the congregation, beginning with my Bingham great-grandparents. I was baptized, confirmed, married, and ordained deacon here. I grew up on Liberty St., just across from the church. I enjoyed being active in the acolytes and the youth group. Mother organized the first altar guild and Dad served a term on the vestry.

Dorothy and I met at the fall youth group dance in 1964. She was fifteen and I was sixteen. She sang in the youth choir under May Dudley. Her father, Robert Houck, attended St. Paul's when he was a student at Willamette. Dorothy's family moved to Salem from Portland when Dorothy was in the ninth grade. Her father sang in the choir here. Dorothy's family also lived on Liberty Street and we walked together to school at South. The five years I served on Bishop Ladehoff's staff we attended St. Paul's. My bishop's ring was a gift from St. Paul's.

Dorothy and I settled in Eugene to be near to our children and grandchildren after I retired as Bishop of Southwestern Virginia in 2013. We all attend St. Mary's where our son Bingham is the rector.

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## VESTRY

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*Cover Image, Saving grace to all humankind, Stained glass window in the Washington National Cathedral. This window brings to mind Paul's words from his letter to the Ephesians when he says, "[God] destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us." Note the abundance in Paul's descriptive words about grace: "glorious", "freely bestowed", "riches", "lavished". May we live together in this abundant grace.*