

**Holy Eucharist**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday**  
**After Pentecost**

**September 17, 2023—10:00 a.m.**



**Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**  
Los Gatos, California

# The Holy Eucharist

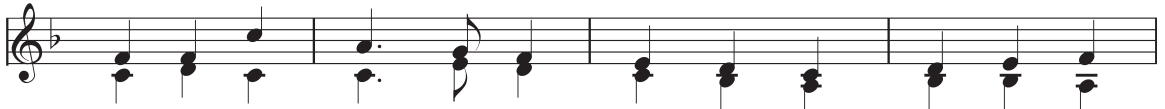
Prelude

Prelude on the Ave Verum

W.A. Mozart

## Opening Hymn 390

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with




health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*   
Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*   
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Collect for Purity

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

*"Gloria in excelsis"*

  
Glo - ry,

  
Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name,— Glo-ry,

  
Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.—

  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

  
Lord God, heav-en - 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, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we praise your Ho-ly name,-

Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu-jah, Lord we praise your Ho-ly name.-

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 Spir - it, In the glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry,

Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry,

Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we Praise your Ho - ly

name. A - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The First Lesson

*Genesis 50:15–21*

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 103:1–13**

- 1        Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
          and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2        Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
          and forget not all his benefits.
- 3        He forgives all your sins \*  
          and heals all your infirmities;
- 4        He redeems your life from the grave \*  
          and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5        He satisfies you with good things, \*  
          and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6        The Lord executes righteousness \*  
          and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7        He made his ways known to Moses \*  
          and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8        The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
          slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9        He will not always accuse us, \*  
          nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10      He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
          nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11      For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
          so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12      As far as the east is from the west, \*  
          so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13      As a father cares for his children, \*  
          so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

# The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
People        Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Hymn 410

*“Praise my soul, the King of heaven”*

*Unison or harmony*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## **The Holy Gospel**

*Clergy*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                  according to Matthew.

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

*Matthew 18:21–35*

*Clergy*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Very Rev. William S. Stafford

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Said by all*

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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The Celebrant stands and says*

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

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

*“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”*  
by Sebastien Temple, arr. Mark Hayes  
sung by St. Luke’s Choir

Make me a channel of your peace:  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your healing power,  
and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:  
where there’s despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

## Prayers Over the Gifts

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, **and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship 1*

*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a flat sign (B-flat major or D minor). The first staff is split into two parts: 'Celebrant' (left) and 'People' (right). The lyrics are 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is also split into 'Celebrant' and 'People' parts. The lyrics are 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third and fourth staves are for 'Celebrant' and 'People' respectively. The lyrics are 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes with stems and beams, and some notes have a 'v' symbol above them, likely indicating a vocal flourish or breath mark.

## Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## Sanctus

WLP 857

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow'r and 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.

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*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.**

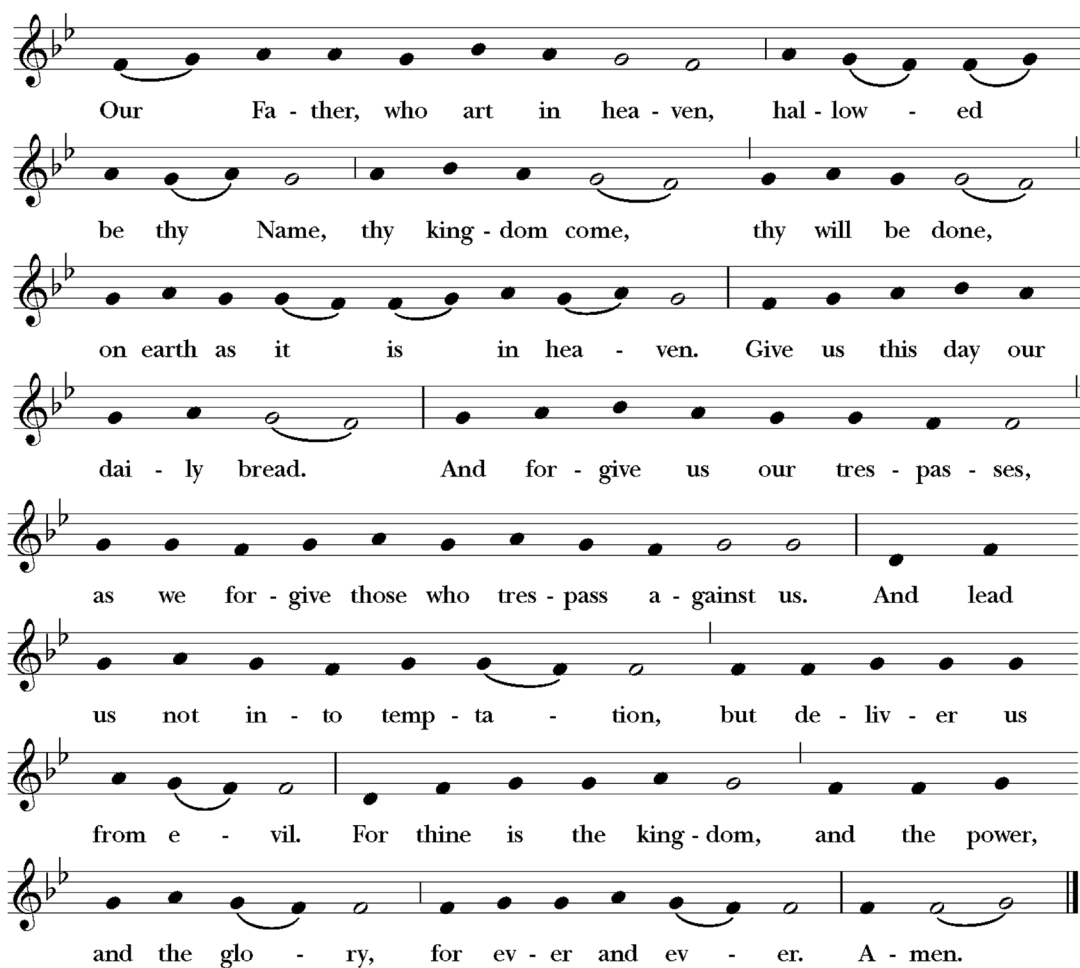
**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

# 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.

## Communion Hymn 606

*“Where true charity and love dwell”*

*Antiphon*



Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him - self is there.



1 Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,  
2 As we are all of one bo - dy, when we gath - er  
3 Now we pray that with the bless - ed you grant us grace



let us all re - joice and be glad now and al - ways.  
let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness.  
to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,



And as we hear and love our Lord, the liv - ing God,  
May all our pet - ty jeal - ous - ies and ha - tred cease  
our bound - less source of joy and truth, of peace and love,



so let us in sin - cer - i - ty love all peo - ple. [Ant.]  
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. [Ant.]  
for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end. [Ant.]



## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*Said by all*

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 Aaronic Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 376

*“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”*



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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## Dismissal

*The clergy dismisses the People and they respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*“Joyful, Joyful” from “Sister Act”*

Beethoven  
arr. Warren



## Servers—September 17, 2023

Celebrant	The Rev. Ricardo Avila
Preacher	The Very Rev. William S. Stafford
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Lectors	Ron Victor & Grady Jeter
Organist	Laura Green
Singers	St. Luke's Choir
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through our rich Tradition, our intellectual curiosity,  
and our work in the wider community.*

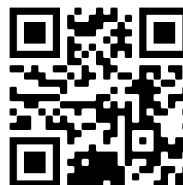
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