

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Francis of Assisi, Blessing of Animals
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. October 4, 2026



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
700 Callahan Dr.
Bremerton, WA 98310
360-377-0106
stpaul700@gmail.com
stpaulsbremerton.org

VIDEO ADVISORY: The service is being live-streamed through Facebook. All in-house members of the congregation may be shown on video. Your presence at this service constitutes permission to record and broadcast that video.

Welcome to St. Paul's!

We seek Christ and celebrate the mystery of God's love for all.

-Our Vision Statement-

We are progressive Christians in an open, inclusive, and affirming community of faith.

We provide a safe harbor for everyone on their spiritual journey.

We endeavor to bring God's presence to a world in need.

Newcomers and Guests: Please sign our guest book in the lobby where you entered and introduce yourselves. We would love to give you a thank you gift for praying with us and learn more about you.

Families with Children: We welcome people of any age who seek God's love and saving help.

The OK Corral is a good spot for small free-ranging kiddos.

Families are especially welcome to gather on the rug near the altar step, where you will also find children's activity bags. Quiet activities are available so kiddos can watch and learn while wiggling.



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith

The Holy Eucharist

4 October 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost St. Francis of Assisi Day, Blessing of Animals

Gather

Share

The Presider invites members and visitors to share important milestones of God's work in their lives, like birthdays, anniversaries, job changes, new family members.

Participate

A member of the clergy or an elected leader shares important news about how to participate in the fellowship and mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Acknowledge

Presider We begin by gratefully acknowledging the Native Peoples upon whose ancestral homeland we gather today. St. Paul's was built on the ancestral land of the Suquamish Nation. The Suquamish are known as the "People of the Clear Salt Water," and have lived in harmony with the lands and waterways along the Salish Sea for thousands of years.

People **We offer our respect to Elders past, present, and future.**

We Listen for God

Presider Silence is not the absence of noise. Take a moment to breathe in God's Holy Spirit and listen for the presence of Christ among us in every place we are.

The people observe a moment of silent reflection begun by the toning of the singing bowl and ended with the ringing of the Martinique Bell.

The Word of God

Opening Hymn: Gather Hymnal #745 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our Head and
2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of
3. Here be - stow on all your ser - vants What they ask of
4. Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
hosts, to - day; With your stead - fast lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; What they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear your serv - ants as they pray; And your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and

help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed in all its bright ar - ray.
in your glo - ry Ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: *Angularis fundamentum*; 11th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Tune: ST. THOMAS, 8 7 8 7 8 7; John Wade, 1711–1786

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-718300. All rights reserved.

Presider
People

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria (8 am)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Gloria (10 am): Gather Hymnal #604 "All the Ends of the Earth" vv. 1-2

Refrain

All the ends of the earth, all you crea-tures of the sea, lift up your
eyes to the won-ders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the
Mas-ter of the sea, has come with jus-tice for the world.

Verse 1

1. Break in-to song at the deeds of the Lord, the
won-ders he has done in ev-'ry age. D.C.

Verse 2

2. Heav-en and earth shall re-joice in his might; ev-'ry heart,
ev-'ry na-tion call him Lord. D.C.

Text: Psalm 98; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943
Tune: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; acc. by Bob Dufford and Chris Morash, alt.
© 1981, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and OCP

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-718300. All rights reserved.

The Collects

Presider Let us pray together.
All **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.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

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

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 **Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

A Reading from the Book of Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #208 "Alleluia"

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: *Mass of Joy and Peace*, Tony E. Alonso, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.
Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-718300. All rights reserved.

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 21:33-46** ❖ ❖ ❖

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is

amazing in our eyes?’ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #208 “Alleluia”



Music: *Mass of Joy and Peace*, Tony E. Alonso, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-718300. All rights reserved.

Sermon: The Rev. Arienne Davison

Silence follows the sermon

The Nicene Creed *(from Holy Eucharist Rite Two: Expansive language)*

Presider Let us affirm our faith together.

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 *(from Form VI Prayers of the People, adapted for Expansive language)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, O God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Phil our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Georgann, Shayne, Mike, Kathy, Bill, Declan, Bob, Steve, Deacon Bill, Rolly, Brandy, Darlene, Allen, Linda, Elaine, Anne, Gianna, Pricilla, Alexa, Ramond, Beth, and Becky.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
The People may add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.

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

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence. The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Intercessor and People Have mercy upon us, **most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

The Peace

Passing the Peace is an ancient practice where Christians recognize the holiness in one another before encountering Christ in the Eucharist. Members shake hands, hug, or bow to one another. The Peace comes to a close when the Presider bids the Offering.

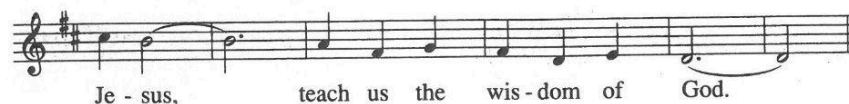
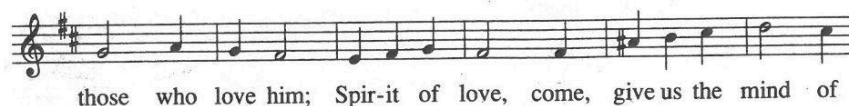
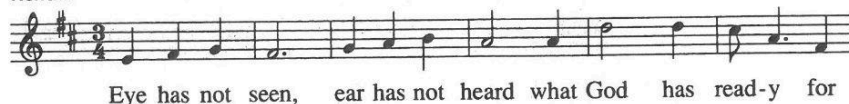
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

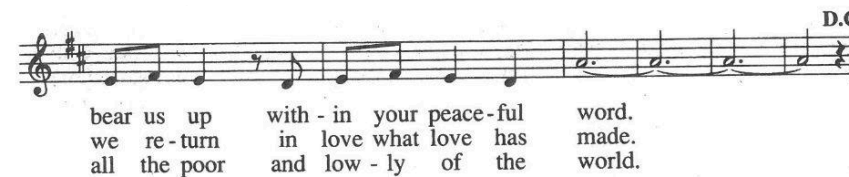
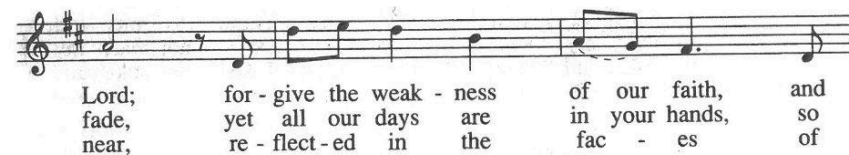
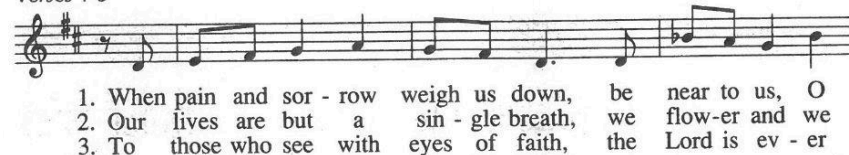
The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: Gather Hymnal #728 "Eye Has Not Seen"

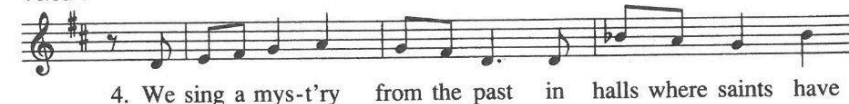
Refrain



Verses 1-3



Verse 4





Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
© 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-718300. All rights reserved.

Presider Everliving Creator, we forget that all we have comes from you. We offer you tokens of our labor to remind us that we are utterly dependent on you for our memory, hope, and very breath. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *Book of Common Prayer 1979, Rite II Prayer C (Expansive Language)*
The Presider and people pray back and forth. The people say bolded text together.

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Spoken Sanctus: *(8am only)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus: Gather Hymnal #222 “Holy, Holy, Holy” (10am only)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It is written for a single voice part in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. The score consists of eight lines of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line starts with a whole rest, followed by "Ho - ly, Ho - ly,". The second line continues with "Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are". The third line has "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the". The fourth line has "high - est. Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who". The fifth line has "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The sixth line has "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." and ends with a double bar line. At the bottom left, there is a copyright notice: "Text: ICEL, © 2010. Music: Mass for a New World, David Haas, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc."

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he, 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.

Text: ICEL, © 2010
Music: Mass for a New World, David Haas, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-718300. All rights reserved.

The Presider continues: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Members of the congregation who wish to do so may join hands during The Lord's Prayer.

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

All 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, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread [*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*]

Presider God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

Communion Hymn: Gather Hymnal #828 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, And
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, And
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

1. 2., 4.

Verse 3

3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-
soled as to con-sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der-
stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul. D.C.

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-718300. All rights reserved.

The Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori *(for those livestreaming from home):*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Presider In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

The Presider commends the Eucharistic Visitor to visit a member of the congregation then says,

We who have received the gift of Christ,

People **Share our hope in the breaking of Bread.**

Blessing

Presider May the God who created and sustains you keep you whole and holy. May Christ who walked among us, walk before us to our homecoming. And may the blessing of God: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Gather Hymnal #576 "Canticle of the Sun"

Refrain

The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo-ry of God,
and all cre-a-tion is shout-ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for-est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo-ry of the Lord.

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
 2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas' might - y
 3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
 4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
 5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
 6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl-edge of



light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
 storms, the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
 crops, so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
 sun to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
 made to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
 loss that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your



light up the way Un - to your throne.
 blow where they please To please the Lord.
 mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
 spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
 help us to know The heart of love.
 pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE, License #A-718300. All rights reserved.

The Great Beginning

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
All Thanks be to God.

Altar Memorial

This Sunday's sanctuary candle was given by the Altar Guild.

Today's Ministry Team:

Presider: The Rev. Arienne Davison

Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete

Music Director: Colleen Shoemaker

Media Arts: Tara Curran, Terri Anderson