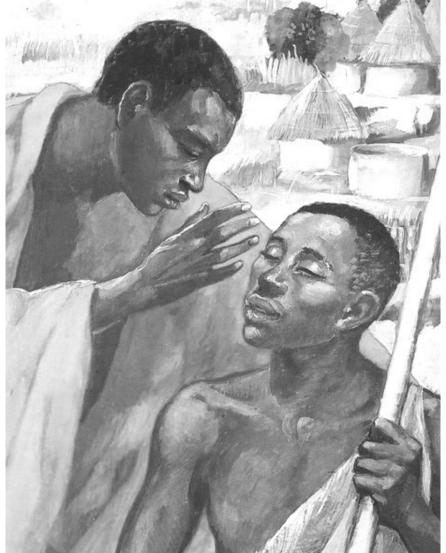
The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost October 27, 2024

10:30am ~ Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise!~



JESUS MAFA. Jesus Cures the Man Born Blind, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <u>https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57527</u> [retrieved October 9, 2024]. Original source: http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr (contact page: https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact). https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Jesus_washing_Peter%27s_feet.jpg.

~From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.~

1135 Walnut Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02461617-527-6642office@parishofstpaul.orgwww.parishofstpaul.org

SERVICE MINISTERS

Celebrant and Preacher: Musician: LEM: Reader 1: Reader 2: Usher/Attendance: Altar Guild: Counting: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney Dustin Ledgard Margaret Hummel Eliza Blay Phil Whitbeck Kathryn Anderson Jack Blay and Margaret Hummel Kim Koger and Chris Gruener

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

For the Episcopal Church; for Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, and Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop-elect; for Julia Whitworth and Carol Gallagher, our Diocesan Bishops, and Alan Gates, our retired Bishop; and for the following churches of the South Shore Deanery: Christ Church, Quincy, Parish of St. Chrysostom, Quincy, and Trinity Church, Randolph; and for the Asiamerican Ministries

PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

Sarah Conger, the Katz family, David and Susanna Lee, Mary Lou and Charlie Montgomery, Mandi Rice, David Murphy, Gary Koger, David Waters, David Tabors, Barry Koger, Joyce Conolly, Matt Beavin, Jim Nolan, Gordon Ledgard, and our friends in the NewCity Church.

Staff

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney -- <u>meghan@parishofstpaul.org</u>. Hours: In-Person Wednesday 10am-1pm and by appointment (please email Rev. Meghan directly if you would like to make an appointment) Parish Administrator: Lise Brody – <u>office@parishofstpaul.org</u>. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1

10:30am ~ Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 25B) ~ ~ Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise! ~

Prelude

Dustin Ledgard

WELCOME: From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.

God of Mercy, God of Grace **OPENING HYMN** (*Please rise as you are comfortable*) HYMNAL #538 6 of mer - cy, God \mathbf{of} grace, show the bright - ness of thy 1 God 2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -Θ 0 o 0 \bar{o} Shine face. up on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy dored. Let the tions shout and sing glo - ry na _ œ 8 d. 0 $\overline{\mathbf{0}}$ ŧ٥ Ð Ø. Church with light di vine, and thy health ex sav ing -to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be low, а 8 \mathbf{x} tend un to earth's \mathbf{re} mot est end. light, bove, and and love. one injoy, \overline{a} ₫ ₫ ð θ 0 o 0 O

Section: The Church's Mission Title: God of mercy, God of grace Meter: 77. 77. 77 Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt. Music: *Lucerna Laudoniae*, David Evans (1874-1948) Copyright: Music: By permission of Oxford University Press.

WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

All: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

SFW S1





LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant:God is with you.All:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE LESSONS

(This week's Psalm is from the St. Helena Psalter, and the other readings come from the NRSV.)

THE FIRST READING Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered God:

"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?'
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.'
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

And God restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and God gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that God had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. God blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Reader 1: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*All:* Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

I will bless God at all times, and praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Holy One; let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of God; let us exalt God's Name together.

I sought, and God answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon the Most High and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and God heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angels encompass those who fear God, and God will deliver them.

Taste and see that God is good; happy are they who trust in the Most High!

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but God will deliver them out of them all.

God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

O God, you will ransom the life of your servants, and none will be punished who trust in you.

THE SECOND READING Hebrews 7:23-28

Reader 2: 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 Child who has been made perfect forever.

*Reader 2:*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*All:*Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (*Please rise as you are comfortable*) *O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*

1) O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends?

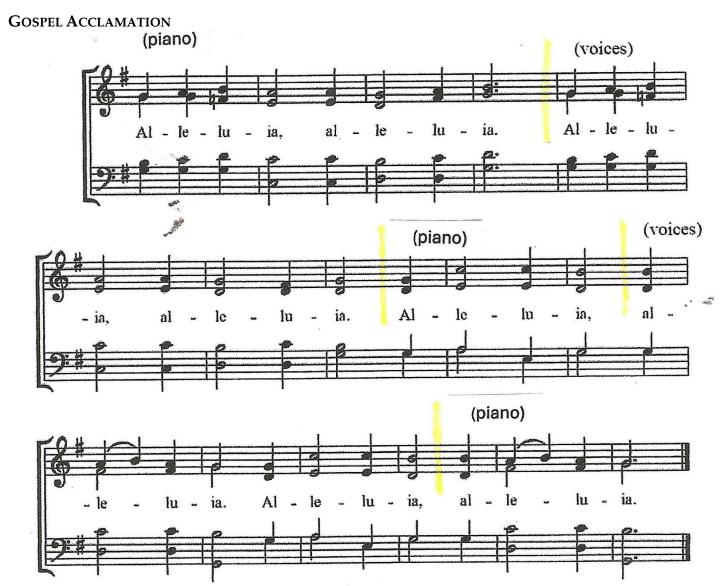
2) From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

3) How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves! Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists ourselves.

4) In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; our common life declares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

5) Grant that we all, made in one faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

Tune: Tallis Canon (same as #43 in The Hymnal 1982); Lyrics: Fred Pratt Green



Setting: South African, arr. Gobingca Mxadana, © Gobingca Mxadana. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Reprinted Under OneLicense.net #A714071

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

Celebrant:The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.All: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. Celebrant:The Gospel of Christ.All:Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Sweeney

LEM: Please rise as you are comfortable as we proclaim our Statement of Faith.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we put our trust in God; and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice, and to live in peace; to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness; to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love. And in the company of the faithful we will be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples, for the glory of God alone. Amen. Statement of Faith adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, © 2001, The Iona Community.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEM: In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

- *LEM*: For all people in their daily life and work;
- *All*: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
- *LEM*: For this community, the nation, and the world;
- *All:* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
- *LEM*: For the just and proper use of your creation;
- All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
- *LEM*: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
- *All:* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

The Rev. Dr. Meghan T.

LEM: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

LEM: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect, for Julia and Carol, our Diocesan Bishops, and Alan, our retired Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

All: For all who serve God in God's Church.

- *LEM*: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; and especially for Sarah Conger, the Katz family, David and Susanna Lee, Mary Lou and Charlie Montgomery, Mandi Rice, David Murphy, Gary Koger, David Waters, David Tabors, Barry Koger, Joyce Conolly, Matt Beavin, Jim Nolan, Gordon Ledgard, and our friends in the NewCity Church. Either silently or aloud, for whom and what else do we pray today? *(The People may add their own petitions.)*
- *LEM*: Hear us, God;

All: For your mercy is great.

- *LEM*: We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life. Either silently or aloud, for whom and what do we give thanks today? (*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*)
- *LEM*: We will exalt you, O God;

All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

- *LEM*: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kindom. Either silently or aloud, who do we name and remember this day? *(The People may add their own names.)*
- *LEM*: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
- All: Who put their trust in you.

Silence

Celebrant offers a collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (please rise as you are comfortable)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

All: O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.

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

PET BLESSING

Celebrant:God be with you.All:And also with you.Celebrant:Let us pray.

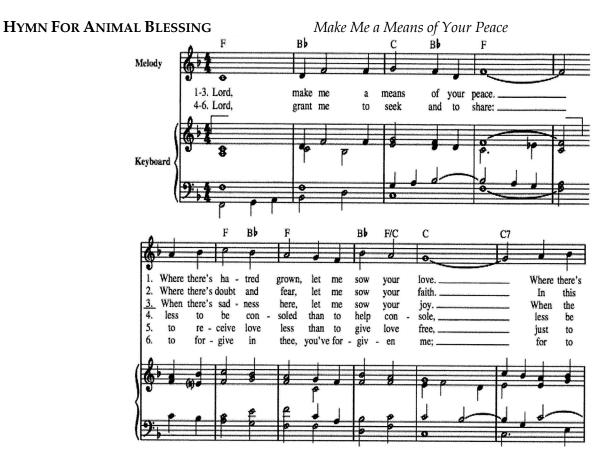
Blessed are you, living, loving God. All creation praises you, yet you have given the earth into our hands. You made the animals as our companions, that in caring for them we might learn to live and care for all your creatures, and find in them a sign of your grace. As we fulfill this calling, may we draw close to you, the giver of life, through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

(People and animals (organic, photos, or stuffies) are invited to come forward towards the altar for individual blessings of animals and their people.)

Celebrant: N (*name of animal*), may you be blessed in the Name of God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. May you enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you. **Amen.**

(After receiving a blessing, people and their animals are invited to return to their seats.)

Celebrant: Let us pray: Blessed are you, Sovereign God of the universe, for all the creatures you have made. You keep them in your care, and not one is lost from your sight. They glorify you, and each in its own way speaks to us of your beauty, your challenge, and your love. May we respect and cherish them for they are your gift to us. Continue to bless these animals here present, and every creature far and wide, that through them we may better know your will for all Creation. We ask all this in your holy Name. **Amen.**





Lyrics and music John Foley, SJ An adaptation of St. Francis of Assisi's prayer

THE PEACE

Celebrant:The peace of God be always with you.All:And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Choir

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL #380 (please rise as you are comfortable)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above all life and death Creator, Christ, and Holy Breath. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Celebrant:God be with you.All:And also with you.Celebrant:Lift up your hearts.All:We lift them up to God.Celebrant:Let us give thanks to God.All:It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

(The celebrant inserts a preface.)

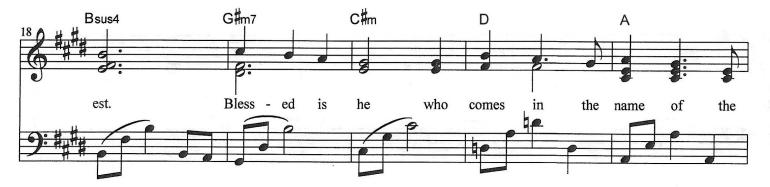
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS



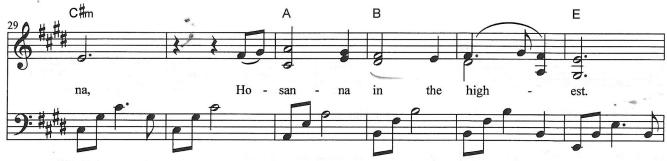




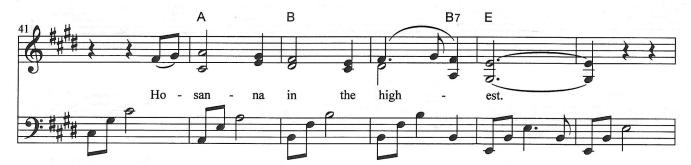


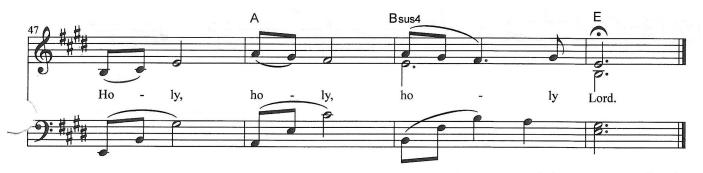
15











Setting: John Michael Talbot Copyright ©1982 Birdwing Music BMG, Inc.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to Jesus' command, O God,

All: We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

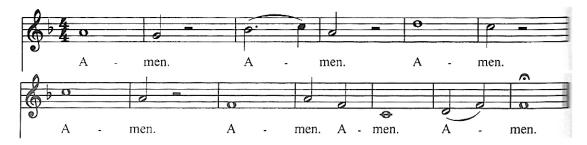
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in Christ's sacrifice, through whom may we all be acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

THE GREAT AMEN

WLP #863

All:



Setting: Carl MaultsBy from *The Saint Mary Mass*, © 1989 Malted Milk Music. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Reprinted under Onelicense.net. #A-714071.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (We invite you to say whatever version of the Lord's Prayer is most meaningful for you.)

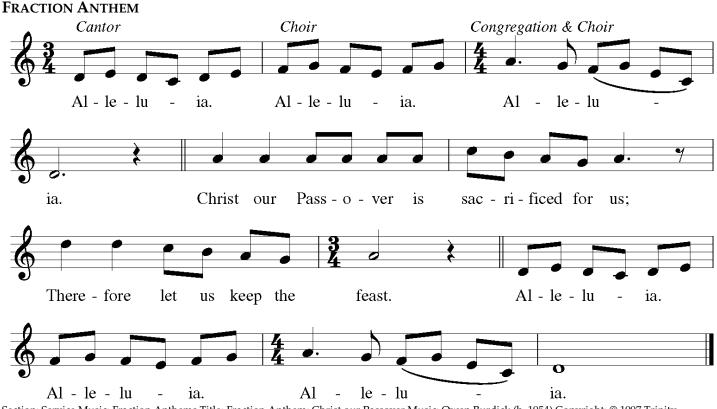
Celebrant: As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

All: Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! This living bread is broken for the life of the world.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



Section: Service Music: Fraction Anthems Title: Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover Music: Owen Burdick (b. 1954) Copyright: © 1997 Trinity Episcopal Church

Celebrant: These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and loved, died, and rose again for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

You are welcome at this table, exactly as you are, because of who you are.

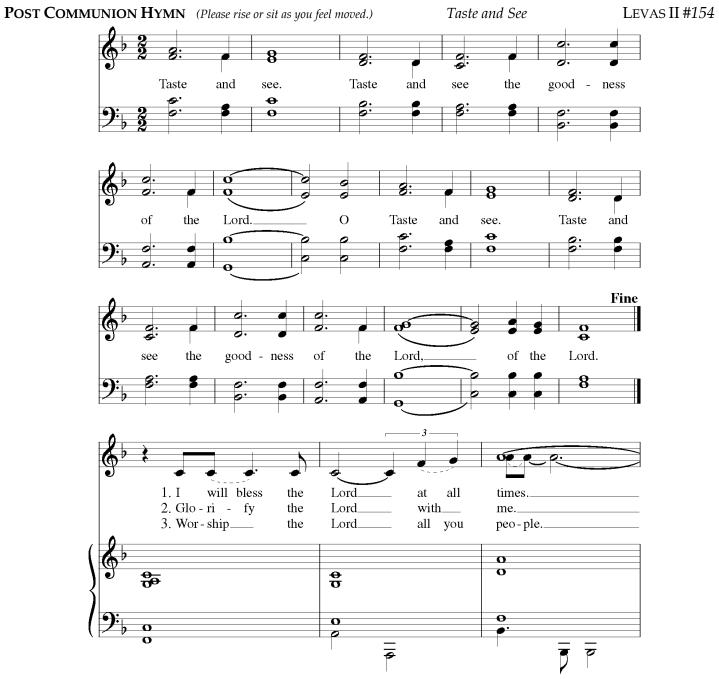
If you feel called to the table, please come forward to receive Communion.

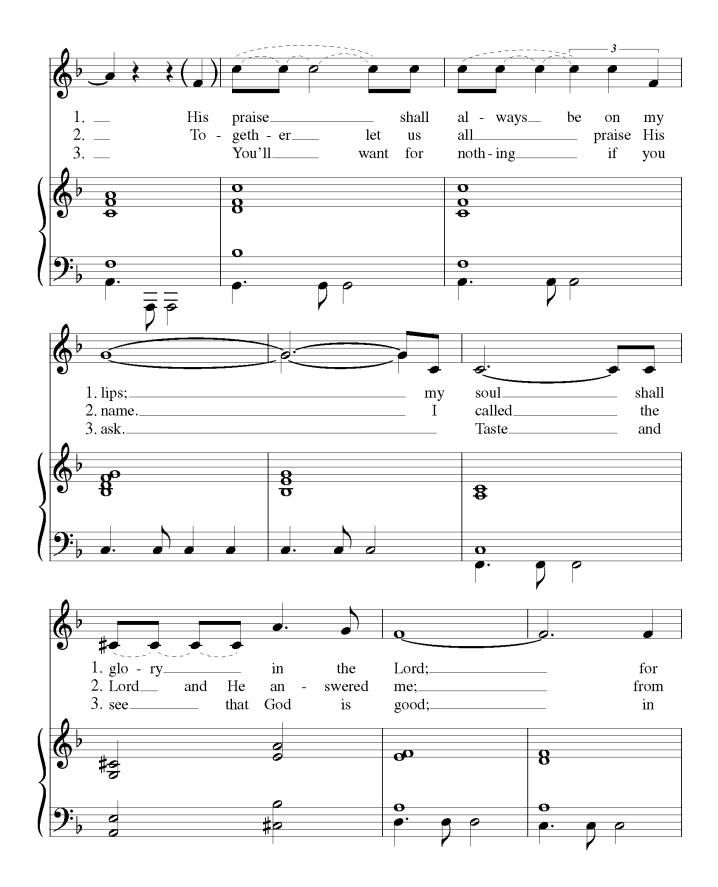
At this time, the Parish of St. Paul offers a common cup as well as individual cups for receiving the consecrated wine. Please either take an individual cup (found on a front pew on the right as you approach the altar for communion) or indicate to the Lay Eucharistic Minister that you would like to receive from the common cup. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion. *If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that a blessing is desired.*

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(Intended for individuals participating remotely, and for individuals who may not wish to receive Communion or a blessing.)

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.







Section: Communion Title: Taste and See Words: Psalm 34 Music: James E. Moore, Jr. Copyright: © 1992 G.I.A. Publications, Inc. Chicago, IL All Rights Reserved.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Please rise as you are comfortable)

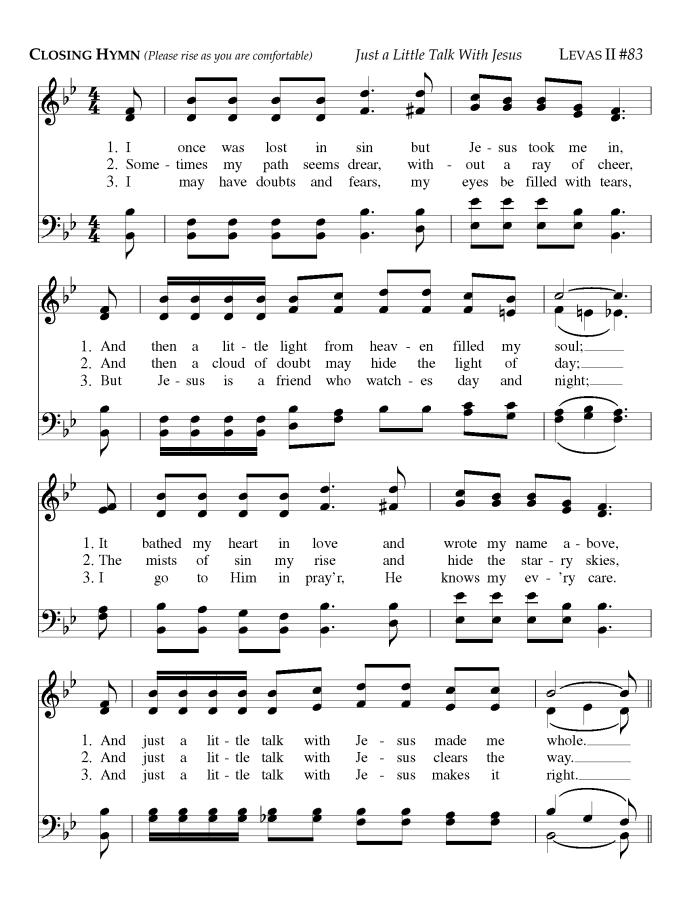
Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of compassion. You have united us with Christ, and you have made us one with all peoples and creatures in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may give birth to your love in the world, and that we may continue to make our home in your life. Amen

THE BLESSING

Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear, for God who created you has sanctified you, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. And may God's blessing be upon you: God our Father and Mother, our brother Jesus, and our sister Spirit. **Amen.**

(The blessing is attributed to Saint Clare of Assisi)





Section: Jesus Christ our Lord Title: Just a Little Talk with Jesus Words: Cleavant Derricks Music: Cleavant Derricks Copyright: © Stamps-Baxter Music/BMI. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission of Benson Music Group.

PARISH NOTICES

DISMISSAL

- *Celebrant*: Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve God and one another.
- *All:* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Dustin Ledgard



Events:

Sunday, November 3 – The Feast of All Saints, observed (see below) Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Day Evensong at 5pm at POSP with the Jubliate Chamber Choir, Mary Jodice, conducting

Names for All Saints Day

At our parish observance of All Saints Day on November 3, we will remember those who have died and entered into the hosts of heaven. If you have a name or names you would like included, please <u>complete this form (also accessible by QR code below)</u> by Wednesday, October 30.



It's time to contribute to the Centre St. Food Pantry!

In 2010, several Episcopal parishes in Newton decided to start a Food Pantry. Trinity Church in Newton Centre offered to host, and they have been doing so graciously ever since. Amy Radin and Margaret Hummel remember that the first day the pantry opened, 14 families came. Parishioners of St. Paul's have led as managers, board members, and volunteers. We still have, at the entrance to the church, a box for collection of cans and boxes and bags of food, which would then be delivered to the Pantry for distribution.

It's so much bigger than it used to be! It's now open to folks from Newton, Brookline, Needham, Waltham, Watertown and Wellesley. More than 1,100 families per month now visit. Here's how the Pantry describes itself: "The Centre Street Food Pantry provides families within our community with consistent access to nutritious food in a dignified, sensitive and inclusive environment. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization."

For the next 3 Sundays, we encourage donations through St. Paul's. You can give a check to St. Paul's with a note that it is for the Centre Street Food Pantry. Or you can donate food to the big box. Below is the Kid's Club Shopping List, so you can see what the Pantry is looking for.

Questions? Please speak with Margaret Hummel

Lay Eucharistic Ministers needed

The ministry of Lay Eucharistic Minister is an essential ministry to the sacramental life of our parish. If you find yourself curious about or drawn to serving as a LEM, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan.

Diocesan and Deanery Notices

Deanery Grant Monies Awarded – At its meeting on Monday, September 30, the Charles River Deanery voted to award POSP with \$3,317 in Sending Serving funds (this award requires a match) and \$683 in House of Mercy funds (no match required) for the Global Village Children's Project.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our Vestry!

Co-Warden: Kim Koger, mkskoger5@gmail.com Co-Warden: David Montgomery, dmontgomery@montlegal.com Treasurer: Richard Pearce, Richard@northinfo.com Clerk: Bernice Cramer, bernicecramer@gmail.com Kathryn Anderson, kmanderson.english@gmail.com Chris Gruener, crossroadscounseling101@gmail.com Margaret Hummel, margarethummel@verizon.net Dustin Ledgard, ledgarddustin@gmail.com