

YOUTH SUNDAY

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021 | 9:15 & 11:15 AM

You are welcome here.

A Little About St. Paul & the Redeemer

What kind of church is this?

St. Paul & the Redeemer (SPR) is a community that seeks to mirror the radical hospitality practiced by Jesus, holding together a progressive outlook and a rootedness in the Christian faith. We are woven of different races, economic statuses, cultural backgrounds, faith backgrounds, gender identities, and sexual orientations, and we are strengthened and enriched by each person's story and voice. SPR honors both faith and doubt, bringing together our highest hopes and our deepest fears.

Let's Get Connected

Welcome! If you are new, tell us about yourself and get connected to what's happening at St. Paul & the Redeemer. Scan the code or visit sprchicago.org/new to complete a *Let's Get Connected* form.



Children's Formation

Nursery, 9:00am-12:30pm | Professionally staffed nursery care is available during the services for children ages 0-4. The nursery is down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the nursery.

Children's Chapel, 9:30am-9:45am | During the sermon at the 9:15 service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

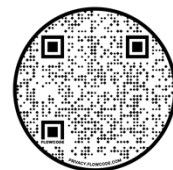
Godly Play 10:20am-11:05am | Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to Godly Play today at 10:20am to hear the story of **Creation**. Children are welcome to join Godly Play at any time during the year. To learn about volunteering with Godly Play, contact Dafne del Risco-Nolla (nolla@sprchicago.org).

SPR's Anti-Racism Vision Statement

We strive to become a beloved community that reflects on our own racial identities and recognizes racism and privilege in our church and society; works for justice by building relationships and sustained efforts to heal, reconcile, and seek Christ in each other; and acts to interrupt and dismantle white supremacist structures, transforming ourselves and our church to become a living embodiment of justice and peace.

Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, or scan this code to give via PayPal. If you are visiting, please do not feel obligated to give—it is our honor to have you as our guest!



Youth Formation

Please note that there will be no evening youth group today, September 26.

On **Sunday, October 3rd**, the youth group will attend a Sox game at 2:10 PM. We are hoping to have as many youth attend as we can. Contact Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org) if you would like to attend or drive.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

2 variations on *Commit Thou All That Grieves Thee*.

Johann Gottfried Walther, 1648-1748.

Based on the hymn tune *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*, by Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612.

Entrance Hymn

1 Com - mit thou all that grieves thee and fills thy heart with
2 O trust the Lord then whol - ly, if thou wouldst be se -
3 Thy last - ing truth and mer - cy, O Fa - ther, see a -
4 Hope on, then, bro - ken spi - rit; hope on, be not a -

care to him whose faith - ful mer - cy the
cure; his work must thou con - sid - er for
right the needs of all thy chil - dren, their
fraid: fear not the griefs that plague thee and

skies a - bove de - clare, who gives the winds their
thy work to en - dure. What prof - it doth it
an - guish or de - light: what lov - ing wis - dom
keep thy heart dis - mayed: thy God, in his great

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is in a key with one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

cours - es, who points the clouds their way; 'tis
bring - thee to pine in grief and care? God
choos - eth, re - deem - ing might will do, and
mer - cy, will save thee, hold thee fast, and

he will guide thy foot - steps and be thy staff and stay.
ev - er sends his bless - ing in an - swer to thy prayer.
bring to sure ful - fill - ment thy coun - sel good and true.
in his own time grant thee the sun of joy at last.

The Hymnal 1982 - #669 "Commit thou all that grieves thee"

Words: Paulus Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [*Passion Chorale*], 76. 76. D, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Welcome

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

Glory to God for ever and ever.

At 11:15 AM only

Song of Praise

Refrain



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

Verse 1



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.

Verse 2



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right
hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Return to Refrain

Verse 3

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 *Continue to the ending*
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Ending

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
 A - men, a - men.

"Glory to God"

Music: *from Liturgy of Joy*, James Capers (b. 1948)

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The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God,

you declare your almighty power

chiefly in showing mercy and pity:

Grant us the fullness of your grace,

that we, running to obtain your promises,

may become partakers of your heavenly treasure;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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 Esther.

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

The choir introduces the refrain, which all repeat together. The choir sings the psalm, the people joining in the refrain where indicated.



If God had not been on our side, let Israel now say; **Refrain**

If God had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us,
Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us; **Refrain**

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;
Then would the raging waters have gone right over us. **Refrain**

Blessed be God, who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in the Name of God, the maker of heaven and earth. **Refrain**

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A reading from the letter of James.

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Chant at the Gospel Procession

Al - lun - dé, Al - lun - dé _____ Al - lun - dé Al - lu - ya, _____ Al -

(echo, tacet first time)

Al - lun - dé, Al - lun - dé _____ Al - lun - dé Al - lu - ya, _____

lun - dé, Al - lun - dé, _____ Al - lun - dé Al - lu - ya. _____

Al - lun - dé, Al - lun - dé, _____

Fine

Verse

1. Salt of the earth, light of the world: cho-sen and called, _____ heav-en's child-ren, Al-

3. Spi-rit of truth, pow-er and love: fire in our hearts _____ and our voi-ces, Al-

1. Salt of the earth, light of the world: cho-sen and called, _____ Al -

3. Spi-rit of truth, pow-er and love: fire in our hearts, _____ Al -

D.C. al Fine

1. lun - dé, _____ cho - sen and called, _____ heav - en's child - ren, Al - lun - dé. _____

3. lun - dé, _____ fire in our hearts _____ and our voi - ces, Al - lun - dé. _____

1. lun - dé, _____ cho - sen and called, _____ Al - lun - dé. _____

3. lun - dé, _____ fire in our hearts, _____ Al - lun - dé. _____

"Allunde, allunde"

Words: Traditional

Music: East African Chant, arr. Geoff Weaver (b. 1943) and Michael O'Connor

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At the + below, you are invited to trace a cross over your forehead, your mouth, and over your heart.

+ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Mark 9:38-50

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Chapel

Children in preschool to second grade are invited to attend their own liturgy in the chapel, led by children's ministry staff Dafne del Risco-Nolla and Gretchen Eng. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the peace.

The Sermon

Today's Preacher: Matthew Erlec

Nicene Creed

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.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for peace and security for the people of Haiti, and for St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, our partner parish.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the birthdays of **James Osborne** (9/26), **Kaia Kolata** (9/28), **Katie Wingerter** (9/28), **Thomas Christensen** (9/30), **Fred Donner** (9/30), **Clare Canapary Healy** (10/1), **Sophia Guillory** (10/2), and **Delilah Guillory** (10/2); and for the anniversaries of **Megan Prochaska & Kevin Johnson** (9/29), and **Megan & Jason Cather** (10/2).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for **Alexander David Jones** (grandson of Charlene Jones-Foster), **Carolyn Hardeman**, **Joseph Burgio**, **Stacey Morris**, **Rock Sehr**, **Amelia Dammen** (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), **Kathy Pachuta** (sister-in-law of David Farris), and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for **Sarah O'Farrell** (9/28/2003, sister of Ron Thisted), **Claire Dunham Lincoln** (9/29/2011, mother of Sarah Lincoln), **Mandy Pollard** (9/29/1994, grandfather of David Farris), and **Jessie Woods** (10/2/2004, former parishioner).

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer list: Alexander David Jones (grandson of Charlene Jones-Foster), Carolyn Hardeman, Joseph Burgio, Josef Michael Carr, Jr., Stacey Morris, Hank Underwood, Jacquelynne Corey Hain, David Daniels, Jenny Jeck, Shannon Cate and her family, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), Sophie Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), Pauline and Bill Reynolds (parents of Liza Reynolds), Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), Kathy Pachuta (sister-in-law of David Farris), William Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), Chloe Riethmiller (granddaughter of Mary & Bob Naftzger), Rock Sehr, Tim Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

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

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Bible Gifting Ceremony

Youth new to the youth group are welcomed with Bibles.

Commissioning of Warden

Rector: On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul & the Redeemer, we present Fran Spaltro for leadership as warden on the vestry. Frances has been appointed in accordance with the bylaws of our congregation.

Rector: Do you commit yourselves to carry out the responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed?

Frances: I do.

Rector: Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Christ and to serve this congregation in his name?

Frances: I do.

Rector (to the congregation): Will you do all in your power to support Frances with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with her, and your willingness to help her carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

Congregation: **We will.**

Rector: In the name of the Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer, I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon Frances who has now reaffirmed her commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give her courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain at your seat and wave to greet your neighbors. Some announcements will be given; there's much more to find out in the front and back pages of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

@ 9:15 only

i. Andante from Sonatina in D major, D.384

@ 11:15 only

iii. Allegro vivace from Sonatina in D major, D.384

Eddie Christensen, *violin*; Clara Soh-Hyun Christensen, *piano*

Music: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

The Great Thanksgiving

All stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

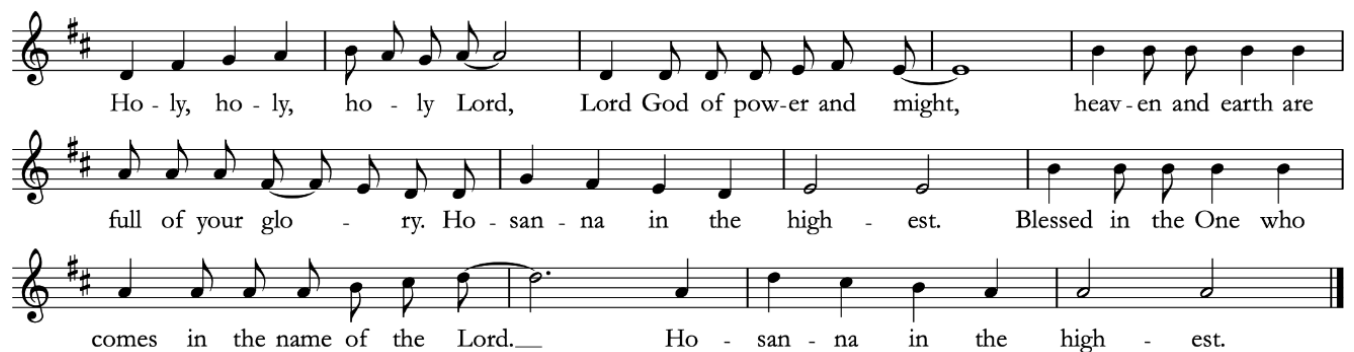
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed in the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *from Liturgy of Joy*, James Capers (b. 1948)

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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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Amen.

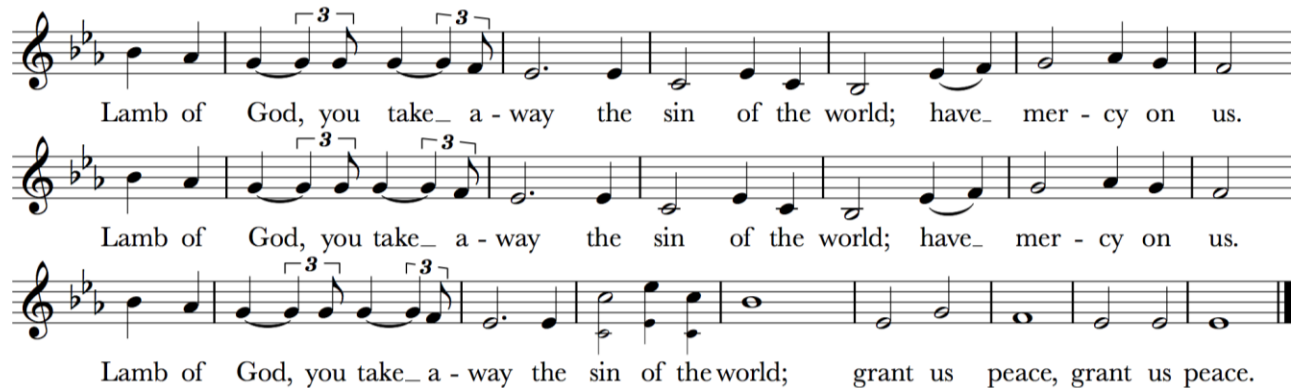
The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 3/4 time. It features three staves of music. The first two staves are vocal lines with lyrics, and the third staff is a piano accompaniment. The melody includes several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' in a box) over the first few notes of each line.

"Lamb of God"

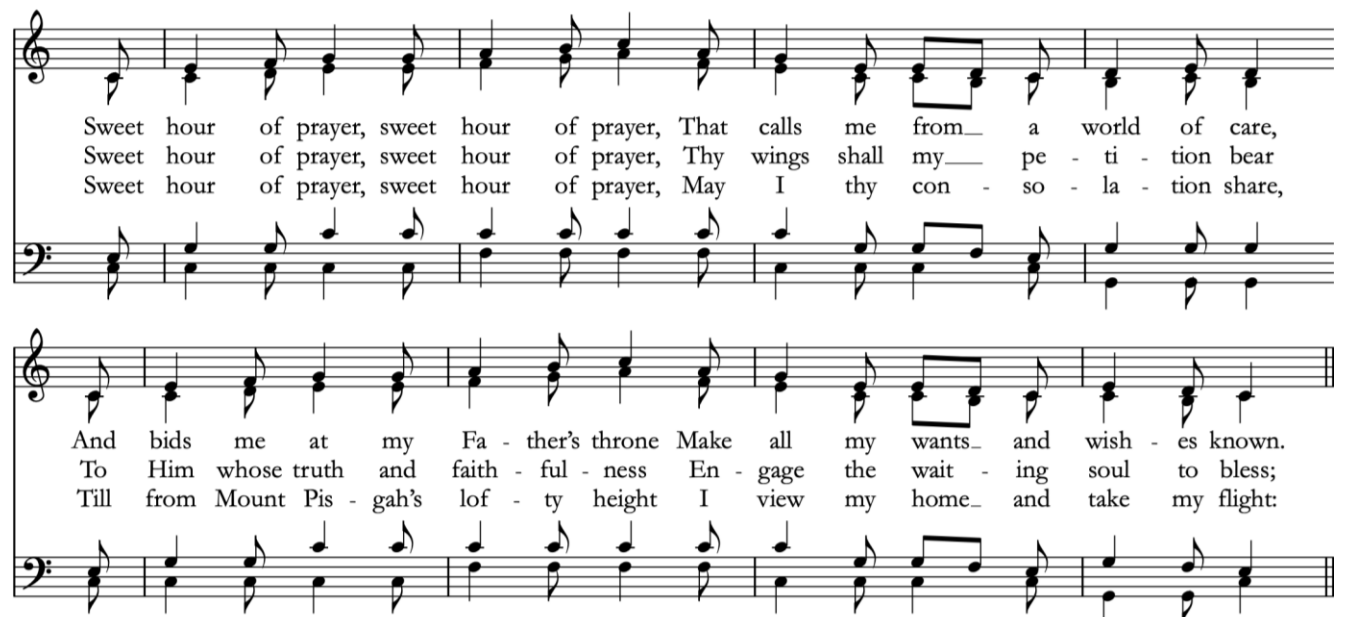
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The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you want gluten-free bread, tell the priest. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymns



Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,
Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear
Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so - la - tion share,

And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known.
To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;
Till from Mount Pis - gah's lof - ty height I view my home and take my flight:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.
 And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.
 This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.

And oft es - caped the temp - ter's snare By thy re - turn, — sweet hour of prayer.
 I'll cast on Him my ev' - ry care, And wait for thee, — sweet hour of prayer.
 And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare - well, fare - well, — sweet hour of prayer!"

Lift Every Voice and Sing II - #178 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Words: William Walford (1772-1850). Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868).

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in God through all thy ways,
 2. On - ly be still and wait God's plea - sure in cheer - ful hope with heart con - tent.
 3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swer - ving; so do thine own part faith - ful - ly,

he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee, and bear thee through the e - vil days.
 God fills thy needs to ful - lest mea - sure with what dis - cer - ning love has sent;
 and trust God's word, though un - de - ser - ving; thou yet shalt find it true for thee;

Who trusts in God's un - chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
 doubt not our in - most wants are known to God who chose us for God's own.
 God nev - er yet for - sook in need the soul that trus - ted God in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt.

Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, 98. 98 88, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

Sending Forth & Blessing

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

The Presider blesses the people. You are invited to cross yourself as the Presider traces a cross over the congregation.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, mother of us all, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal Hymn



1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
 help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
 ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
 and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in his king - dom we be - hold his face.
 his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
 shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
 re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

The Hymnal 1982 - #347 "Go forth for God; go to the world in peace"

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

@ 9:15 only

ii. Andante from *Sonatina* in D major, D.384

Eddie Christensen, *violin*; Clara Soh-Hyun Christensen, *piano*

Music: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

@ 11:15 AM only

Variations on *If Thou but Trust In God To Guide Thee*.

Georg Böhm, 1661-1733. Based on the hymn tune *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, by Georg Neumark, 1621-1681.

Notes on today's music:

Today, we welcome Eddie Christensen, violin, with his mother Clara Soh-Hyun Christensen at the piano, to our Youth Sunday musical offerings. Eddie is a senior at the U of C Lab School, and a lifelong member of SPR. Thank you both for this wonderful contribution!

We welcome back Bridget Skaggs, Alto Staff Singer, for her ninth season at SPR! And, we welcome Ariana Strahl, our newly hired Soprano Staff Singer! We look forward to hearing more from them in the months ahead. We are still searching for new and Bass Staff Singers. If you know someone who would be interested, please contact Christian (clough@sprchicago.org) for a job description to share.

We welcome James Mouw as our Supply Musician today. Jim is an Associate University Librarian at U of C, was formerly music director at Church of Our Saviour (Episcopal), Lincoln Park, and lives in Hyde Park. Christian is in Hamilton, NY, for the weekend to celebrate his father's 80th birthday.



Coming Up at SPR

Adult Formation: What Adults Need to Know About Youth in the Pandemic

For adult formation on **today, September 26**, at **10:20** in the parish hall, we will hear from a panel of youth about their experience of the pandemic. Bring your questions and come prepared to learn from our middle- and high-school members. To learn more, contact youth director Ross Fogg.

20's/30's Glorious Gathering

People in their 20's or 30's are invited to a glorious gathering in the SPR Garden **today, September 26 at 12:30 PM**. This is a casual chance to hang out and see old friends or meet some new people. Pastries, fancy juices, and sparkling wine will be provided. Questions? Contact Julia McMillan.

Youth Group Events

Please note that there will be no evening youth group today, September 26.

On **Sunday, October 3rd**, the youth group will attend a Sox game at 2:10 PM. We are hoping to have as many youth attend as we can. Contact Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org) if you would like to attend or drive.

Food Pantry Seeks Soup

The SPR food pantry eagerly welcomes donations of **canned soup**. You may leave donations in the narthex (foyer) on Sunday morning, or drop them off on Wednesday between 1:00 and 5:00 PM. Thank you for your generosity.

Empowering Communities for Safety (ECPS) Ordinance Teach-In

Join the Anti-Racism Working Group in attending a virtual teach-in on the Empowering Communities for Public Safety (ECPS) Ordinance hosted by our partner Community Renewal Society. This ordinance will establish a civilian oversight body over the Chicago Police Department, which will help shape police policy. Learn more about ECPS and how you can get involved by attending one of the following teach-ins: Oct. 5th from 6-7:30pm, Oct. 9th from 10-11:30am, Oct. 14th from 6-7:30pm. To sign up, email antiracism@sprchicago.org.

Healing Prayer Ministry Resumes

Healing prayer is resuming at 9:15 worship on the first Sunday of every month. Healing prayer ministers will be available during communion in the columbarium area and counseling office, off the southeast corner of the sanctuary. The next date for healing prayer ministry is **Sunday, October 3**.

Youth Delegates to Diocesan Convention

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, of which SPR is a part, will hold its annual convention virtually on Saturday, November 20, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. High-school youth are invited to apply to serve on a team of 12 voting youth delegates from around the diocese (details at episcopalchicago.org). The application deadline is **Monday, October 1**. To apply or express interest, please contact Louisa McKellaston at lmckellaston@episcopalchicago.org.

Join the Children's or Adult Choirs!

The children's choirs, St. Nicholas Choir (SNC) for children in grades 2 and below, and the SPR Choristers, for children and young people from grade 3 up, have resumed rehearsals on Thursdays at 6 PM. SNC finishes at 6:30, and the Choristers will finish at 7 PM, inclusive of snack time. Please contact Gretchen Eng (eng@sprchicago.org) to learn more about SNC, and Christian Clough (clough@sprchicago.org) for the Choristers. The adult choirs for the 9:15 & 11:15 liturgies rehearse together beginning at 7 PM. Contact Christian for more information. Visitors are welcome!

Nominations for Diocesan Offices

The Diocese of Chicago is accepting nominations until September 30 for Standing Committee, Bishop & Trustees, and Cathedral Chapter. Nominees will stand for election at diocesan convention in November 2021. Please prayerfully consider the nomination opportunities (details at episcopalchicago.org) and notify the Rev. Catherine Healy (healy@sprchicago.org) if you are interested in running for a diocesan office.

COVID-19 Worship Precautions

As we re-gather in person for worship, our guiding principle is Philippians 2:4: "Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." In this spirit, we ask everyone present to collaborate in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Masks are required indoors for everyone over age 3, regardless of vaccination status.

Social distancing is encouraged. Please remain 6 feet from other households when possible.

Singing has returned! Please keep your mask on while you sing.

Hand sanitizer will be distributed before communion.

Communion will be distributed in one kind (bread only) and will be brought to each worshiper.

Symptoms: If you have cold or flu symptoms, please exit the worship space. You may join the service virtually at youtube.com/sprchicago.

Serving Today

September 26, 2021

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Preacher: Matthew Erlec

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Acolytes: Nisse Danforth, Lars Danforth

Lectors: Edie Bagrowski, Agnes Daniel,
Khushi Pusnur (9:15); Mike Agina, Camille Long,
Mary Naftzger (11:15)

Ushers: George Chlipala, Vincent Johnson (9:15); Val
Cavin, Rahsaan Morris (11:15)

Vestry Greeter: Jonathan Foiles (9:15); Twila Jones
(11:15)

Linen Washer: Janet Underwood

Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, Rector
Barnabas E. Pusnur, Associate Minister
Christian M. Clough, Director of Music
Dafne del Risco-Nolla, Director of Children's Formation
Ross Fogg, Director of Youth Formation
Lukasz Jedrzejewski, Sexton
Gretchen R. Eng, Children's Music Assistant
Patricia Lanfair, Nursery Teacher
Bridget Skaggs, Staff Singer
The Rev. KJ Oh, Assistant Priest
The Rev. Jack Seymour, Deacon
The Rev. Roger Ferlo, Priest Associate
The Rev. Lydia Gajdel, Priest Associate

Vestry

Twila Jones, Warden	Frances Spaltro, Warden
Jordan Lanfair, Clerk	Tayo Adegoke, Treasurer
O. Michael Agina	Traci Beck
Nicholas Bellomy	Jared Beverly
Jonathan Foiles	Vicky Legge
Meryl Prochaska	Jeffrey Stackert
Kerstin Wellbery	



Partners in Ministry

Beulah Shoemith Elementary School

We support our neighborhood school through tutoring, arts programs, and gardening.

Community Renewal Society

We are a member congregation of CRS, which organizes faith communities for social change.

Crossroads/Chicago ROAR

Chicago ROAR supports our anti-racism commitments through facilitation and training.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

We are proud to belong to the Chicago South Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago.

Murray Fellows

Through this program, we mentor and encourage the next generation of LGBTQ+ Christian leaders.

Open Kitchen

SPR members gather monthly to cook meals for Kenwood UCC's Feed the People Soup Kitchen.

St. Patrick's Church & School, Haiti

Our collaboration with St. Patrick's in Tom Gateau, Haiti, includes school lunch and music programs, teacher salaries, and capital projects.

St. Paul & the Redeemer Food Pantry

Our food pantry is open to the community every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Syrian Community Network

Each year, SPR sponsors a newly resettled refugee family from Syria through visits, tutoring and more.