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# CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 3, 2021 | 9:15 & 11:15 AM



# 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 The Flood & the Ark. 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!

#### **Bulletin Rubrics**

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to cross oneself, and if you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

#### Youth Formation

Youth Formation, Sundays, 10:20am-11:05am | Join us today for youth formation (grade 6-12). We gather for 45 minutes to enjoy donuts and discussion. We've pondered questions like "Is God male?"; "Did God write the Bible?"; and "What is the real meaning of Christmas?"

Youth Group: Sunday, October 3 | Today the youth group will attend a White Sox game at 2:10 PM. It's not too late to sign up. Contact Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org) if you would like to attend or drive.

# **THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **Prelude**

Hymn Prelude on *East Acklam (one of our communion hymns today)*Setting by Francis Jackson (b. 1917), based on his eponymous hymn tune.

# **Entrance Hymn**



The Hymnal 1982 #495 "Hail, thou once despised Jesus!"

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: In Babilone, 87. 87. D, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710

## Welcome

+ Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

# The Collect of the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

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 Job.

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

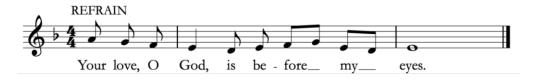
Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 26

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



Give judgment for me, O God, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in you and have not faltered.

Test me, O God, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. **Refrain** 

I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked. **Refrain** 

I will wash my hands in innocence, O God, that I may go in procession round your altar,
Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

O God, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

Refrain

Do not sweep me away with sinners nor my life with those who thirst for blood, Whose hands are full of evil plots and their right hand full of bribes. Refrain

As for me, I will live with integrity; redeem me, O God, and have pity on me. My foot stands on level ground; in the full assembly I will bless you, O God. **Refrain** 

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A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **Chant at the Gospel Procession**



"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 10:2-16

#### Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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: The Rev. Catherine Healy (Rector)

#### 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.
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.

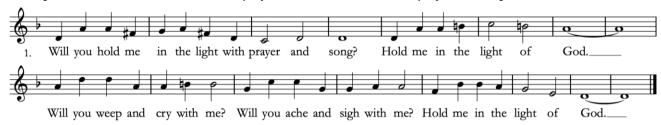
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

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

All sing the first stanza as an invocation to prayer. At the conclusion of the prayers, all sing the final stanza.



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 **Jacob** de Jong (10/6), **Liam** de Jong (10/6), **Taylor** Dugas (10/6), **Cooper** Hannan (10/8), **Owen** Hannan (10/8), and **Nicholas** Muthu (10/8); and for the anniversaries of **Brianna** & **Kenji** Kuramitsu (10/5), and **Evan** Randall & **GP** Ooi (10/6).

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 the **family of Marcus** Goodman, **Becky** Newman (sister of Mary Naftzger), **Ryan** Smith (friend of Mary Naftzger), **Alexander** David Jones (grandson of Charlene Jones-Foster), **Carolyn** Hardeman, **Joseph** Burgio, **Jacquelynne** Corey Hain, **Tim** Sehr, **Shannon** Cate and her family, **Sophie** Dillard (granddaughter of Robert and Sheila Bator), **William** Jenkins (uncle of Twila Jones), **Josef** Michael Carr, Jr., and all those on our prayer list.

Lord, in your mercy,

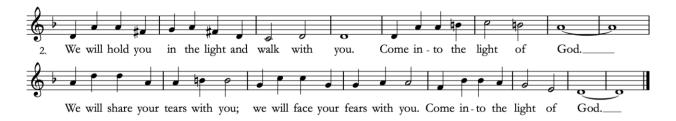
#### Hear our prayer.

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 **Marcus** Goodman (9/28/2021, student at the University of Chicago), **Harley** Follmer, Sr. (10/3, father of David Follmer), **Ruth** Cokiegee (10/3/1962, mother of D. Maria Neighbors), **Nathaniel** Williams (10/5/1998, father of Gail Williams), **Oswald** Mowatt (10/5/2019, father of Cecilia Mowatt), **David** Lee Wallace (10/9/2017, husband of Anna Mary Wallace), and **Dawne** Evans (10/9/1994, mother of Jason Evans).

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

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



Heavenly God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer list: The family of Marcus Goodman, Becky Newman (sister of Mary Naftzger), Ryan Smith (friend of Mary Naftzger), 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, and Tim Sehr, as well as their caregivers.

"Will you hold me in the light"

Words: Adam M. L. Tice (b. 1979)

Music: Assembly, 11.7.7.7, Sally Ann Morris (b. 1952)

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#### **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.** 

# Commissioning of Warden (At 9:15 only)

Rector: On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul & the Redeemer, we present Frances 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

Refrain

The Splendor of the House of God is meant to live and last, A foretaste of the yet-to-be, surpassing what is past.

Walls sturdy and strong, words ancient and new,

Doors open to all, words crafted, cherished and true: Refrain

A shelter from sin, a gateway for grace,

A patchwork of souls, an earthly, heavenly space: Refrain

Through preaching and prayer, through blessed bread and wine,

Through welcome and care, through silence, symbol and sign: Refrain

May Christ here befriend, anoint and baptize,

Provoke and prevent, encourage, dare and surprise. Refrain

God, break through our praise and summon us out

To prove all our days the Gospel which living stones shout. Refrain

Words & Music: John L. Bell (b. 1947), arr. Frikki Walker

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# 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.

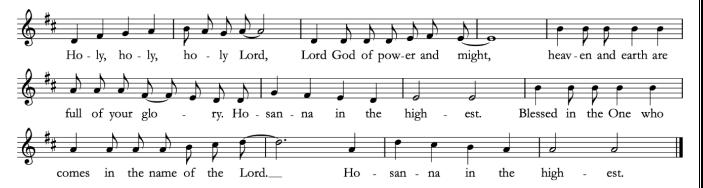
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



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"

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

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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 communion minister. If you would like a blessing in place of communion, cross your arms over your chest.

**Healing Prayer:** If you would like to be prayed for individually, you are invited to the columbarium area and counseling office (off the southeast corner of the sanctuary) after you have received communion, where a prayer team member will pray with you briefly before you return to your seat.

# **Communion Hymns**



The Hymnal 1982 - #424 - "For the fruit of all creation"

Words: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000), alt.

Music: East Acklam, 84. 84. 888. 4, Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

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6 For each perfect gift of thine to the world so freely given, faith and hope and love divine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,

#### Refrain

The Hymnal 1982 - #416 "For the beauty of the earth"

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.

Music: Lucerna Laudoniae, 77. 77 with Refrain, David Evans (1874-1948)

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# **Sending Forth & Blessing**

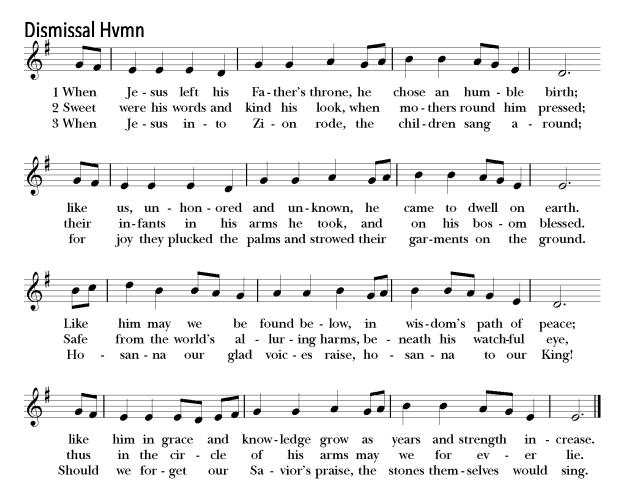
Please stand.

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.** 



The Hymnal 1982 - #480 "When Jesus left his Father's throne"

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Music: Kingsfold, CMD, English folk melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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#### Dismissal

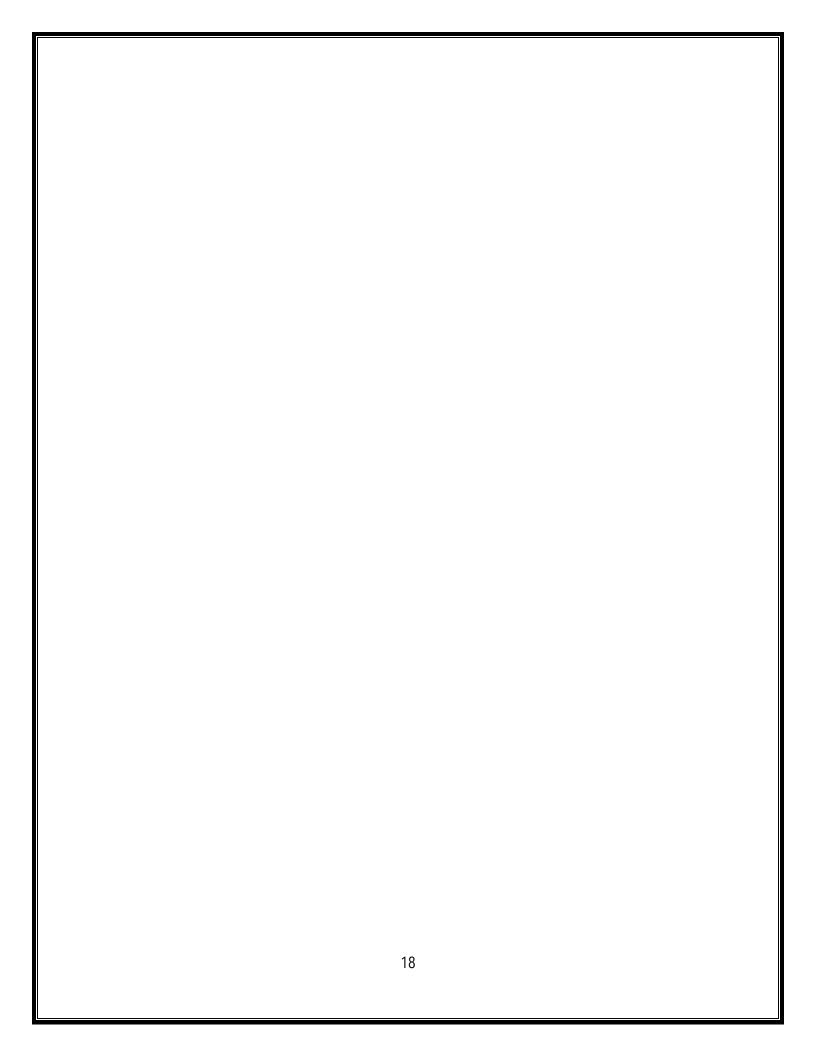
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

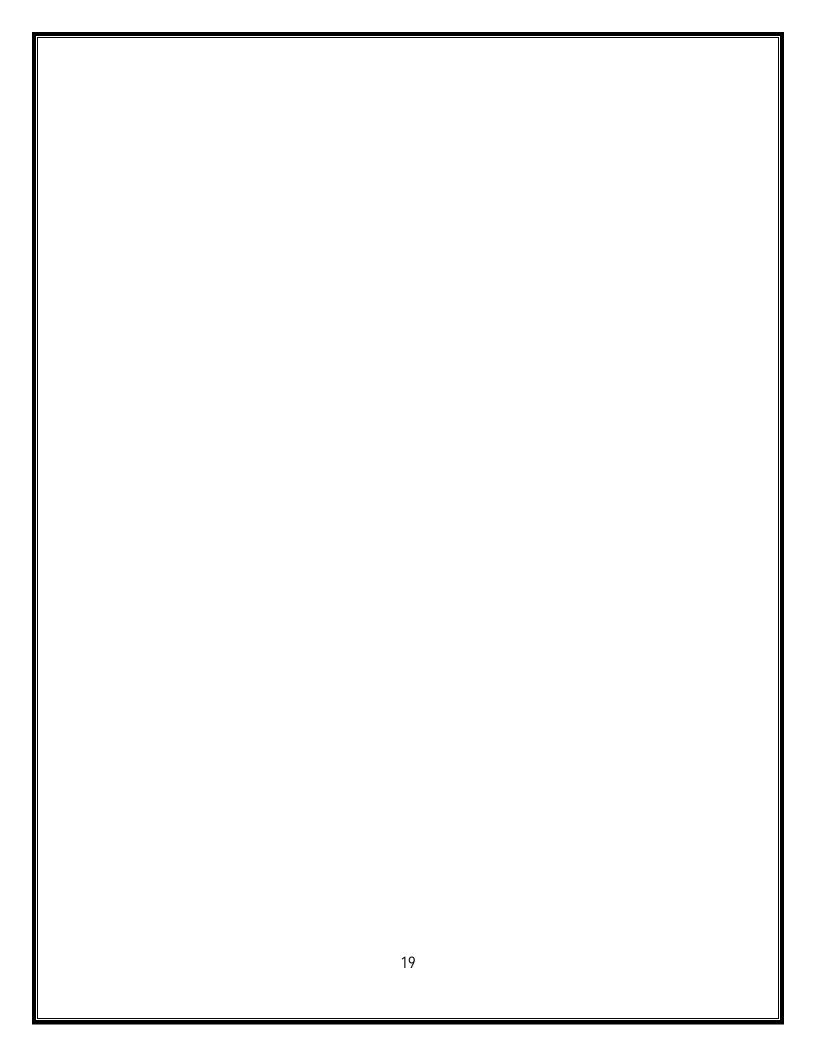
Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

Prelude in G, BuxWV 147

Music: Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)







#### **Youth Group**

**Today, Sunday, October 3**, the youth group will attend a White Sox game at 2:10 PM. It's not too late to sign up. Contact Ross Fogg (fogg@sprchicago.org) if you would like to attend or drive.

#### Adult Formation: Ice Cream Social!

Today there will be no formal adult formation class at 10:20am; instead, all are invited to head outside for a free soft-serve cone from Hyde Park staple Ubita's Ice Cream truck! We'll socialize in the garden if weather allows, and in the parish hall if it's raining. (Godly Play and youth formation classes will end a few minutes early; classes will go upstairs together for ice cream.)

#### Art Show: Outdoors at Shoesmith

The Arts Committee is pleased to announce the opening of the October/November Art Show, *Outdoors at Shoesmith--Learning by Doing*, by photographer Valerie Tonsgard. Visit sprchicago.org/october-art-show to view the show. Look carefully at the photos. She has captured some magic moments. Let her know when you find the baseball.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### Adult Formation: Dante's Divine Comedy at 700

What makes Dante's *Divine Comedy* so seductive, so invigorating, so vivid, so perplexing, so musical, so visual, so savagely critical of religious practice and yet so deeply religious? Come join priest associate Roger Ferlo in each of two sessions, **Sundays, October 10 and 17 at 10:20** in the parish hall, as he leads you down to the infernal depths and up to the purgatorial and paradisal heights of this ravishing poem.

# Purgatorio Reading Group Begins October 31 Beginning Sunday, October 31 and continuing for six weeks (and maybe a bit longer, if demand arises), join priest associate Roger Ferlo in the Byllesby Room after the 11:15 service to read Dante's *Purgatorio* in its near-entirety. We will use a poetically-savvy English translation in a bilingual, facing-page edition. No knowledge of Italian expected or assumed. We will be taking advantage of the vast online resources available on the website digitaldante.columbia.edu. (More details forthcoming on October 10.) Interested? Contact Roger Ferlo (roger.ferlo@gmail.com).

# Empowering Communities for Public 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, the 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. 5 from 6-7:30pm, Oct. 9 from 10-11:30am, or Oct. 14 from 6-7:30pm. To sign up, email antiracism@sprchicago.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!

#### **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. Choirs are open only to vaccinated persons, where applicable.

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**

#### October 3, 2021

Presider: The Rev. KJ Oh

Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour Music Leader: Christian Clough

Acolyte: Andrew Rostan

Lectors: Meryl Prochaska, Fran Spaltro, Steve Heyman (9:15); Sandy Mulholland, Mike Agina, Mel Parks (11:15)

Ushers: Kevin Baldwin (11:15) Healing Prayer Leader: Toni Daniels

Vestry Greeter: Jonathan Foiles (9:15); Tayo Adegoke

(11:15)

Altar Guild: Camille Long (11:15) Linen Washer: Pat Swanson

#### 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 & Ariana Strahl, Staff Singers

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 Shoesmith 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.

