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# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & THE REDEEMER

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 | 10:00 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.

### 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.



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## Children & Youth at SPR

### KidZone (Nursery), Sundays, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Professionally staffed nursery care is available for children ages 1-4 in our KidZone, located down the southwest stairs. Changing tables are in the downstairs restrooms and the KidZone.

### Children's Chapel, Sundays during sermon

During the sermon at the 10:00 service, children from preschool to second grade are invited to a special liturgy in the children's chapel, featuring songs and a Bible story.

### Christian Formation

From September through May, we welcome all ages to join our formation (Christian education) gatherings, downstairs from 11:05 to 11:50 AM:

- Godly Play: Preschool to grade 2
  - Junior Youth Group: Grades 3 to 5
  - Youth Group: Grades 6 to 12
  - Adult Formation: Teens and adults
- High-school youth are welcome to attend either youth group or adult formation.*

### 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.

### Bulletin Rubrics

Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the + indicates that.

### Giving to SPR

Every dollar you give to SPR supports our ministry to and with our community.



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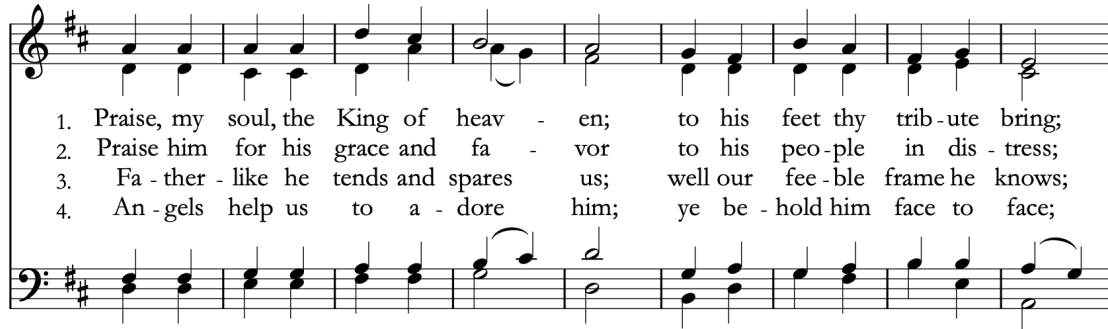
# THE WORD OF GOD

## Prelude

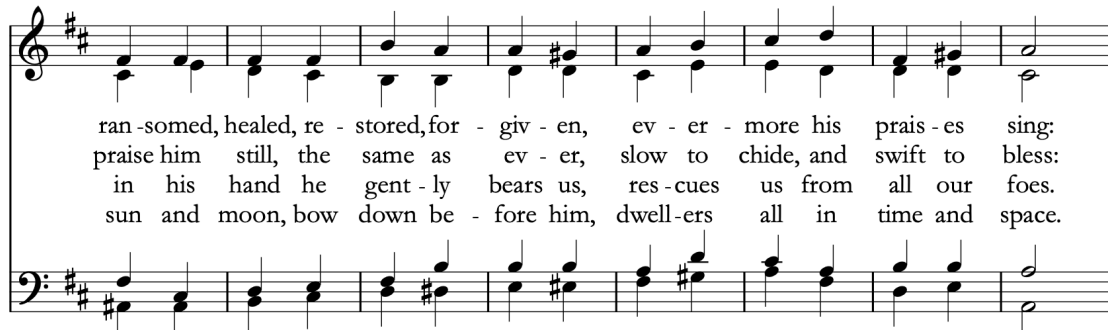
"Adagio" from *Adagio and Fugue*

Adolphus Hailstork (1941).

## Entrance Hymn



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



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



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

Hymnal 1982 #410 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.

Music: *Laude anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Stellar Lang (1891-1971).

## Welcome

+ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Mother of us all.

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

All sing.

*In 2* *f*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -

- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

*poco rit.*

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*a tempo* *mp* *poco cresc.*

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin — of the world; have

mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right

*ff*

hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our — prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, —

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: *Enriching our Music, Vol. 1*, from *Music for the Holy Eucharist: Rite II*, Peter Crisafulli (b. 1946).

## **The Collect of the Day**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God,**

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

*Please be seated.*

## **The Lessons**

### **First Reading**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

*Exodus 14:19-31*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*

Choir intones antiphon, all repeat antiphon, choir sings verses, all sing antiphon as marked.



Choir: Hallelujah!

When Israel came | out of | Egypt,\*  
the house of Jacob from a | people of | strange | spëech,

**All:** Judah be|came God's | sanctuary, \*  
and | Israel | his do|minion.

Choir: The sea be|held it | and fled; \*  
Jordan | turned and | wënt | back.

**All:** The mountains | skipped like | rams, \*  
And the little | hills like | yöüng sheep.

Choir: What ailed you, O | sea, that you | fled? \*  
O | Jordan, that | you turned | back?

**All:** You mountains, that you | skipped like | rams? \*  
You little | hills like | yöüng | sheep?

Choir: Tremble, O earth, at the | presence of the | Lord, \*  
At the | presence of the | God of | Jacob,

**All:** Who turned the hard rock into a | pool of | water \*  
And flint-stone | into a | flowing | spring.

	= corresponds to bar line
*	= indicates half-way point
••	= 2 notes for 1 syllable
┌───┐	= 2 syllables for 1 note

Words: Psalm 114, The Book of Common Prayer 1979.  
Music: David Hurd (after Peregrinus).

## Second Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

*Romans 14:1-12*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand as able and sing, first in English, then in Spanish.*



Oh, how good is Christ the Lord! On the cross he died for me.  
*Oh, qué bueno es Je - sús. que por mí mu - rió en la cruz.*



He has pardoned all my sin, Glo-ry be to Je - sus.  
*Mis pe - ca - dos per - do - nó. A su nom - bre glo - ria.*



Glo-ry be to Je - sus! Glo-ry be to Je - sus!  
*A su nom - bre glo - ria. A su nom - bre glo - ria.*



In three days he rose a - gain. Glo-ry be to Je - sus.  
*En tres días re - su - ci - tó. A su nom - bre glo - ria.*

*My Heart Sings Out #103 "Oh, how good is Christ the Lord"*

Words and Music: Puerto Rican folk hymn; harm. Dale Grotenhuis.

### Gospel Reading

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

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

*Matthew 18:21-35*

#### Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he



could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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 Megan Cather and Lindsey Strieter. Participants under age 3 are encouraged to bring a parent. The children will return to the main service at the peace.*

## **Sermon**

*Today's Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy, Rector*

## **Apostles' Creed**

*Please stand as able.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins**

**+ the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks with rejoicing for **Crystal** Plummer (9/17), **Marie** Benson (9/18), **Charlie** Lowe (9/19), **Henry** Byrn (9/20), **Toni** Daniels (9/20), **Peggy** DeMaree (9/20), **Elder** Chipman (9/23), **Matthew** Erlec (9/23), and **Brett** O'Brien (9/23) as they begin another year.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind; for those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy, especially **Susan** Hartger, **John** Mulholland, **Brenda** Kilpatrick, **Willie** Carrie Spraggins (aunt of Jo Ann Roberts), **Alarra** Tozin (friend of Twila Jones), **Brenden** Jones (godson of Cecilia Mowatt), and all those on our prayer list. Guard their waking and their sleeping.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety.

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world, as we remember and honor **Dorothy** "Dot" Baker (parishioner, 9/18/2019), **Joel** A. Agina (father of Michael Agina, 9/18), and **Frank** Edwards (parishioner, 9/21).

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. I invite you to offer your own prayers and thanksgivings, ending each with "Lord, in your mercy."

Gracious God, remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Prayers adapted from Sundays & Seasons: Year A, Prayers of Intercession for September 17, 2023.*

*Prayer List: Susan Hartger, John Mulholland, Brenda Kilpatrick, Willie Carrie Spraggins (aunt of Jo Ann Roberts), Alarra Tozin (friend of Twila Jones), Hilton Clark (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Penny Piantedosi (sister of Val Tonsgard), Rosalyn Hill (friend of Cecilia Mowatt), Alphonso Guerrero (nephew of Cecilia Mowatt), Brenden Jones (godson of Cecilia Mowatt), Pamela Anderson, D. Maria Neighbors, Rahsaan Clark Morris, Marian Elliott, Naomi Haynes, Mel Hodder (brother-in-law of Mary Naftzger), Amelia Dammen (grandniece of Lisa Rademacher), and Tim Brown (cousin of Maureen Jesuthasan), as well as their caregivers.*

## **Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet those around you with the words "Peace be with you," accompanied by a wave, peace sign, or handshake. 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**

*Sung by the choir.*

God be merciful unto us,  
and bless us; and cause thy face to shine upon us.

May thy way be known upon the earth,  
and thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God,  
let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

"God be merciful"

Words: Psalm 67:1-4, King James Version.

Music: Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941).

## **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 our thanks and praise.**

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

*The Presider adds a proper 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.

*All sing.*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Lift Every Voice and Sing II #255 "Holy, holy, holy"*  
Music: *Mass for a Soulful People*, Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948).

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are the Lord.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Source: All Creation Sings: Thanksgiving at the Table, Form A.*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

All sing.

Antiphon  
Cantor, then all



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing



— of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -

2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -



All repeat Antiphon

ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.

ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Wonder, Love & Praise #876 "The disciples knew the Lord Jesus"

Words and music: Jack Warren Burnam (b. 1946).

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All, without exception, are invited to receive communion. If you would like to receive communion at your seat, please let the ushers know. 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.

No matter whether or how you choose to receive the Eucharist, may this time in the service be one of contemplation and prayer, enabling you to draw nearer to the quiet presence of God.

## Communion Music

All sing.



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail there God is ev - er found;

2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;

3 For - give we now each o - ther's faults as we our faults con - fess;

4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;

5 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;



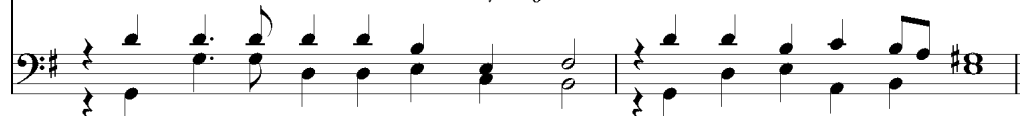
1 brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.

2 let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.

3 and let us love each o - ther well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.

4 be his the glo - ry that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.

5 as mem - bers of his Bo - dy joined we are in him made one.



The Hymnal 1982 #581

"Where charity and love prevail  
Words: Latin; tr. J. Clifford Evers (b. 1916)

Music: Cheshire, melody and bass from  
The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1592, alt.;  
harm. Hymns III, 1979.

All sing.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

*The Hymnal 1982 #516 "Come down, O Love, divine"*

Words: Bianco da Siena (b. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.

Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).



# Sending Forth

*Please stand as able.*

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Presider blesses the people.*

+ May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Source: Celtic traditional, *Enriching Our Worship 1*, p. 71.

*All sing.*

No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone or dies a -  
For to God, this end our Lord by death was slain, that to new  
Lord God, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in  
lone, for we with Christ are one. So if we live, for  
life he might a - rise a - gain. Through sor - row on, to  
peace as prom - ised in your word; my eyes have seen the  
Christ a - lone we live, and if we die, to Christ our  
tri - umph Christ has led, and and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing  
Sa - vior, Christ the Lord, pre - pared by you for all the

dy - ing give. In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:  
 and the dead. In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.  
 world to see, to shine on na - tions trapped in dark - est night,

we are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.  
 We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.  
 the glo - ry of your peo - ple, and their light.

*Wonder, Love, and Praise #776 "No saint on earth"*

Words: vs. 1-2: J. W. Schulte-Nordholt; tr. Norman J. Kansfield; vs. 3: Rae E. Whitney (b.1927); para. of *The Song of Simeon*.

Music: *Song I*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

*Duetto IV* from *Clavierübung Part III*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750).

# SPR in the Community

## Adult Formation: Faith in Action

Last Sunday, Brianna Kuramitsu presented an overview of the SPR Faith in Action Team (FiAT) and its current focus: homelessness and housing. The presentation centered on a parishioner-led effort to provide supportive services to migrants housed at local police stations. Jason Evans explained the Sunday breakfast and lunch program he has joined to make and deliver meals to migrants at nearby police stations. Robert Bator introduced a new migrant housing ministry. A migrant from Venezuela who was in a Pilsen shelter that had to close is now living in a Hyde Park apartment, owned by Bob and Sheila Bator. Ronald Castañeda, the resident, was introduced, as were volunteers from the shelter. Handouts detailing how you can help and support Ronald are available in the narthex. Interpreters are especially needed. Contact: Sheila Bator (sbator@aol.com).

## Sandwich Making for Migrants Housed at CPD Districts 2 & 3

Last Sunday, 7 parishioners made 125 sandwiches for the migrants staying at the District 2 & 3 police stations. Many thanks to our volunteers! To get involved, come to the church kitchen any Sunday at noon.



# Coming Up at SPR

## **Adult Formation: Chicago's Housing Crisis**

Join us today at 11:10 AM for the second lecture in our series on Chicago's housing crisis, *Bring Chicago Home: Ending Homelessness in Our City* (led by Becky Kruse, of SPR's Faith in Action Team).

## **Justice Choir Chicago @ SPR**

On **Saturday, September 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM**, SPR will be hosting a community sing in conjunction with Justice Choir. Led by several Chicago-based directors and community activists,

join your voice in singing for positive change. Learn more at [justicechoir.org](http://justicechoir.org) and [justicechoirchi.com](http://justicechoirchi.com), or speak to Mark Bilyeu ([bilyeu@sprchicago.org](mailto:bilyeu@sprchicago.org)).

## **Haiti Sunday: September 24**

On **Sunday, September 24**, we will celebrate our partnership with St. Patrick's Church & School in Tom Gateau, Haiti. Make sure to stay after church to enjoy a Haitian meal. To learn more, read the article on the final page of this bulletin, written by the principal of St. Patrick's School.

## **Provide Meals for Newly Arrived Migrants**

Join SPR members in the kitchen every Sunday at noon to make sandwiches for the migrants housed at CPD District 2 & 3. Contact: Jason Evans ([jasoncoryevans@gmail.com](mailto:jasoncoryevans@gmail.com)).

## **Join the Anti-Racism Working Group**

Join SPR's Anti-Racism Working Group and live out your faith by working to dismantle systemic racism in our church and beyond. To apply, answer 4 brief questions (form available in the narthex) by

**Tuesday, September 19**. Contact:

[antiracism@sprchicago.org](mailto:antiracism@sprchicago.org).

## **KidZone (Nursery) Movie Day**

Children ages 1-4 are invited to a special viewing of *The Lion King* in the KidZone on **Sunday, October 1**.

Contact: Patti Lanfair ([planfair@nm.org](mailto:planfair@nm.org)).

## **Love in a Dish: Meal Delivery**

The new parents of our smallest members are grateful to receive meals as they adjust to life with their newborns. Sign up to deliver a meal:

- Julia McMillan & Brett O'Brien (55<sup>th</sup> & Hyde Park): [mealtrain.com/trains/0e047z](http://mealtrain.com/trains/0e047z)
- Jennifer Stanovich & Michael Jividen (56<sup>th</sup> & Kimbark): [mealtrain.com/trains/41woq8](http://mealtrain.com/trains/41woq8)

## **Jazzing Up Coffee Hour This Fall**

Are you ready for coffee hour after the 10:00 service to be just a bit more delicious? All church members are invited to sign up to bring one item or help with setup or cleanup. Sign up at [tinyurl.com/SPRCoffee10](http://tinyurl.com/SPRCoffee10). Contact: Cynthia Bagrowski ([cbagrowski@gmail.com](mailto:cbagrowski@gmail.com)).

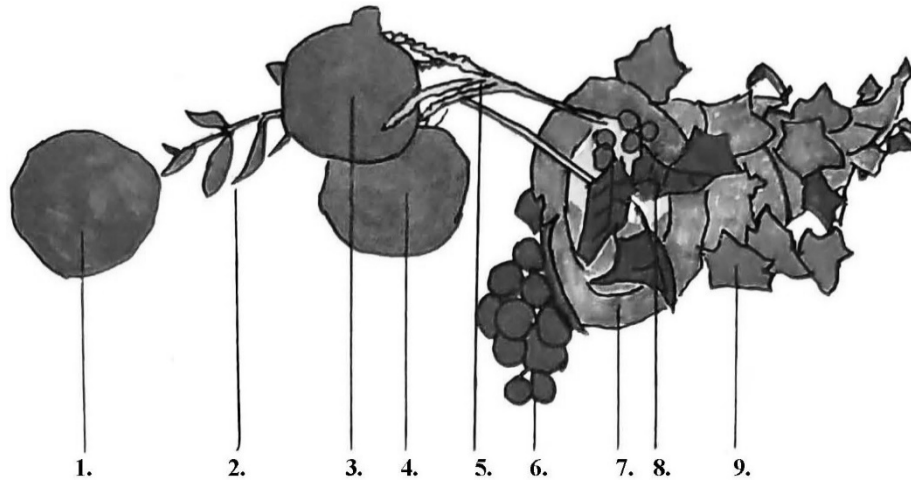
## **About This Week's Music**

The **prelude** and offertory **anthem** were composed by American Adolphus Hailstork. He taught and was composer-in-residence at Norfolk State University and is Professor Emeritus at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. While his output ranges from compositions for solo piano and voice to orchestral works and opera (his *Fanfare on 'Amazing Grace'* was performed at the 2021 inauguration of U.S. President Joe Biden), choral music is his favorite medium, and his early choral influences come from singing at an Episcopal cathedral as a young child.

*This work is part of The Oxford Book of Choral Music by Black Composers, which was purchased for the church through donations by this congregation. The editor of this landmark anthology, Marques Garrett, will be in residency at SPR during Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend: January 12-15, 2024.*



# Cornucopia Hanging by Levi Smith



1. **Apple:** Traditionally, if not biblically, the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden. A symbol of the "Fall of Man," and, when held by the infant Jesus, a symbol of his future mission as Redeemer of the world.
2. **Olive Branch:** An ancient symbol of peace. In the Old Testament, brought back to the Ark by a dove, a symbol of God making peace with humanity after the Flood.
3. **Pomegranate:** An ancient symbol of fertility and prosperity, associated with the Virgin Mary or the infant Christ who hold the fruit, bursting with seeds, and understood as symbolic of Christ's suffering and resurrection.
4. **Orange:** Occasionally a substitute for an apple held by the Christ Child; associated with the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge.
5. **Sheaf of Wheat:** Traditionally symbolic of the Eucharistic bread of Communion.
6. **Bunch of Grapes:** Symbolic of the Eucharistic wine of Communion.
7. **Cornucopia:** (from Latin: *cornu copiae*) "horn of plenty." A horn-shaped basket associated with and symbolic of many virtues, personifications, gods, and goddesses, and seen as symbolic of autumn (and the harvest), of abundance, peace and concord, and of fortune and hospitality. In the United States, it is also a symbol of the secular holiday of Thanksgiving.
8. **Holly:** Often associated with winter and understood as particularly hardy because of its evergreen leaves, it has been associated with Christmas since medieval times and more particularly with Christ, specifically with the crown of thorns and the blood it drew, but also, because of its hardiness, with Christ's resurrection.
9. **Ivy:** Associated with immortality because of its vitality and evergreen color, it forms a wonderful pair with holly in the traditional Christmas hymn: "The Holly and the Ivy."

**The Program:** The cornucopia can be read from left to right (front to back) as symbolic of the biblical progress of humanity, from eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, to God's promise, in the wake of the Flood, never again to destroy the world (and, more generally, of humanity's need to work for peace). This is followed by two symbols of the spiritual fertility of Mary and of Christ's redeeming sacrifice, and then by the symbols of the Eucharist. The holly and the ivy are symbolic both of Christ's sacrifice, and of its enduring vitality and fruitfulness. The cornucopia pouring out its riches is a symbol of Christianity and of the world's extraordinary abundance. As we say (in the old liturgy) at the presentation of the offering: "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

Levi Smith (Sources: James Hall, *Dictionary of Subjects and Symbols in Art* & Wikipedia)

## Serving Today

**September 17, 2023 | 10:00 AM**

Presider: The Rev. Barnabas Pusnur

Preacher: The Rev. Catherine Healy

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Seymour

Music Leader: Mark Bilyeu

Children's Chapel Leader: Lindsey Strieter, Megan Cather

Lectors: Anna Mary Wallace, Sem Sutter

Intercessor: Sandy Mulholland

Chalice Ministers: Jonathan Foiles, Peggy Johnson,

John Omowore, John Adewoye

Ushers: George Chlipala, Mike Agina

Vestry Greeter: Jonathan Foiles

Linen Washer: Jack Seymour

## Staff

The Rev. Catherine E. Healy, *Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas E. Pusnur, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Jack Seymour, *Deacon*

Mark Bilyeu, *Director of Music*

Megan Cather, *Children's Music Assistant*

Lindsey Strieter, *Director of Children's Formation*

The Rev. Roger Ferlo, *Priest Associate (on leave, fall 2023)*

Savannah Hegyi, Dennis Kalup,

Ian Murrell, & Ariana Strahl, *Staff Singers*

Sabrina Foster, Ashley Lanfair, & Patricia Lanfair,

*Nursery Teachers*

## Vestry

Twila Jones, *Warden*

Frances Spaltro, *Warden*

Baiju Markose, *Clerk*

Tayo Adegoke, *Treasurer*

Nicholas Bellomy

Joshua Daniel

Jason Evans

Jonathan Foiles

Anne Harlan

Vicky Legge

Rebecca Luttrell

Andrew Rostan

Celia Paris

## SPR's Support of St. Patrick's in Haiti

*By Chenet Durandisse, Principal, St. Patrick's School;  
translated from the French by Linda Thisted*

The management of St Patrick's School, the staff of teachers, parents and students greet all friends and supporters of SPR for their spiritual and financial support for the smooth running of the school. In my capacity as pedagogical director, I am happy to talk about the importance of SPR's support for the school's functioning.

First, having enough to eat in certain areas in Haiti is a luxury. At St Patrick's School, the children receive a hot meal three days each week. So, with food, the students are more receptive and learn better and well. The parents are happy because they know that their children will find something to eat at school. Lunch is a positive impact we provide at school.

Second, thanks to the support of SPR, teachers are paid by the hour. They are motivated because they know that at the end of each month, the 25<sup>th</sup>, they will receive their salaries. Hence the importance of SPR's support at school.

Third, having solar power in the church gives additional visibility to the church and to the school. Energy is at the service of the community for recharging telephones. People no longer need to go to the high road in search of recharging. This is very important to point out.

In summary, the support of SPR is of paramount importance for the survival of the community. We would like to take advantage of this opportunity to request two more days of lunch for the children, because they have requested it. And we hope in the future to be able to provide more support to build other classrooms, because parents are asking for secondary education at school. Then the children will no longer need to go to Léogane or Jacmel [the two nearest cities offering secondary education, each 16 miles from St. Patrick's] to continue their studies. A little extra support for teachers would also be appreciated.

We would like to thank all those who contribute, who support St. Patrick's Church & School in Belloc. We ask God to continue to bless you.

Chenet Durandisse