

# ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, OAKVILLE

# The Holy Eucharist

Sunday, September 14, 2025 | 10:30 AM Holy Cross Day (Holy Day) The Season of Creation

This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrated the triumph of the cross. Paul reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as the sign of our health and salvation. Each time we make the sign of the cross we remember our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.

The people's responses are given in **bold**.

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

# **PRELUDE**

Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, BWV 621

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

The people are invited to stand as they are able as the choir and sacred ministers enter the church from the west door.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus HYFRYDOL

CP 374

Please find this hymn on the final page of this leaflet.

# WELCOME AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As we are welcomed to the worship service, we acknowledge that the sacred place we gather is located on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Remembering this history, and our place within it, is part of the work of reconciliation we are committed to as a community of faith.

#### THE GREETING

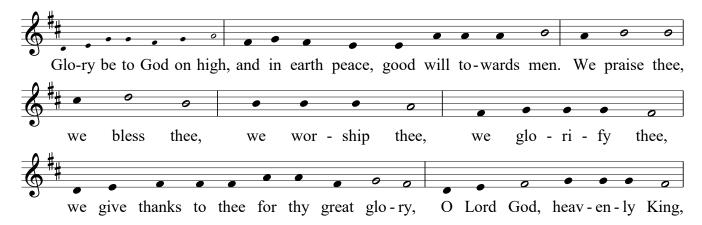
We share in the Apostolic Greeting.

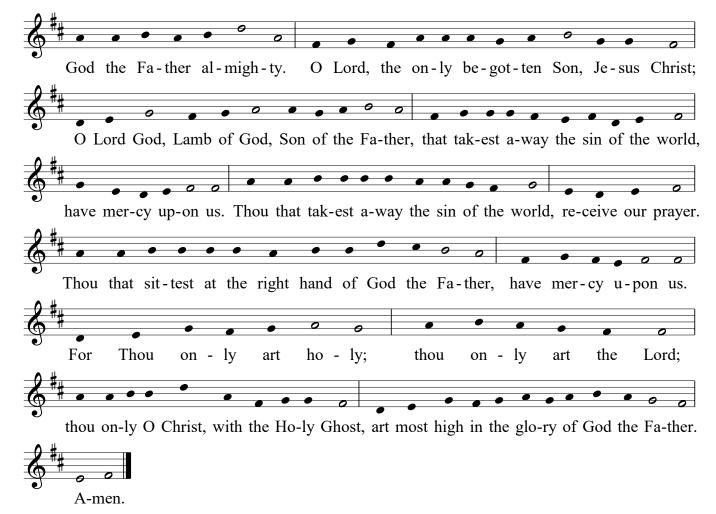
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

#### ACT OF PRAISE Gloria in Excelsis

A song of praise centres our attention on God, whom we have gathered to worship.





'Gloria,' Holy Communion, John Merbecke (c. 1510-1585).

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for the day that reflects the theme of the day or season, and which celebrates the attributes of God revealed in the readings of the day.

Imighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption have grace to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

The people may be seated.

# THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Numbers 21. 4b–9

Clive Coombs

When people spoke against God and Moses, the Lord sent poisonous snakes against them. Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord ordered him to erect a serpent of bronze on a pole. All who looked at it after having been bitten by a serpent would live.

rom Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the

Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and

everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a

pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 98. 1-6 Cantate Domino.

The Psalms form the ancient songbook of God's people.

The people are invited to join in singing the Psalm responsively as indicated.



- <sup>1</sup> SING TO the Lord a <u>new</u> song, \* for he has done <u>mar</u>-vel-lous *things*.
- <sup>2</sup> With his right hand and his ho-<u>ly</u> arm \* has he won for himself <u>the</u> vic-to-ry.
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord has made known his vic-<u>to</u>-ry; \* his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the na-*tions*.
- <sup>4</sup> He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Is-<u>ra</u>-el, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victo-<u>ry</u> of our *God*.
- <sup>5</sup> Shout with joy to the Lord, all <u>you</u> lands; \* lift up your voice, <u>re</u>-joice, and *sing*.
- <sup>6</sup> Sing to the Lord with the harp, \* with the harp and the |voice of | song.

The New Plainsong Psalter, arr. Christopher Ku ©. The Anglican Church of Canada, 2008; arr. words to music Christopher Ku, 2008.

### THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1. 18–24

Clive Coombs

At the heart of the Christian message is the word of the cross. This proclamation seems foolish to many because it reveals true divine power in the absolute weakness of Christ's crucifixion. True wisdom understands how ours is a God who suffers for and with humankind in the cross.

I or the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The people may stand for the Gospel.* 

wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.



Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ

# THE HOLY GOSPEL John 3. 13–17

After explaining to Nicodemus that one must be born of water and Spirit, Jesus of being lifted up on the cross, with reference to the bronze serpent lifted up by Moses in the desert. Here the Son of God is revealed as the source of healing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### THE SERMON

The Reverend Canon Dr. Patrick Patterson

The sermon follows the readings and reflects on one or more the readings, relating them to our Christian discipleship and daily life. The people are seated.

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

The Affirmation of Faith typically takes the form of one of the ancient creeds of the Church. The word 'creed' comes from the Latin 'credo,' translated as, 'I believe.'

The people stand for the creed.

Let us confess the faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Robert Clarence

We pray for the Church throughout the world; the flourishing of creation; the nation, our King and all in authority under him; the needs of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, especially those who have requested our prayers; and for the departed. The people are seated.

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

# A brief silence.

Sustaining God, guide your church on the way. We especially pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion, and in our cycle of prayer, for The Anglican Church of South America. In our Diocese of Niagara, we pray for In the Niagara Diocese: St. Columba, St. Catharines, The Reverend William Alakas, Rector; and the people of that parish. We pray for Susan and Colin our bishops; David, Sarah, and Patrick our priests, for our other parish leaders and all the people. Give us patience in our journey and protect us from division and doubt. May we look to the cross and live. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Creator God, renew the earth. Heal our planet from the venom of greed and exploitation, and direct us to respect all life as a gift from you. May we look to the cross and live. God of grace, receive our prayer.

God of wisdom, grant discernment to those in authority. We pray for Charles our King and all in authority under him. We pray for the leaders of nations and those who suffer war and violence. We pray for Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, Myanmar, South Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Thwart the plans of the proud, bring low the mighty, and uphold those who work for peace. May they seek the way of the cross and live. God of grace, receive our prayer.

God of grace, alleviate suffering. Comfort the sick and the grieving. Come to the aid of those who are hungry or needing shelter. We pray for all those who have requested our prayers: Bruce, Kevin, Eileen, Marlene, Moira, Madison, Brooke, Kathryn, Peter, Luis and family, Jas, Isabel, John, Bud, Pam, Cheryl, Mary, David H, Gerald, Barence, and Walter. May they find hope in the cross and live. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Good Shepherd, guide your flock. Protect us from the world's lies and lead us in the way of truth. Strengthen us in our faith and inspire us to serve others. May we follow you to the cross and live. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

Merciful God, you receive into your loving embrace those who have died. This morning, we give thanks for the life of Mike Say who died this week, and we pray for those who mourn. We also remember Midge & Peter Downe and Larry & Gerry Wilson in whose memory flowers have been given. Giving thanks for them, may we find comfort in the cross and live in the hope

of resurrection. Bring us with all the faithful departed, St. Jude, and all the saints to the fullness of your kingdom. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.** 

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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 neighbours 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,

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# THE PEACE

The people may stand.

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

to the glory of your name. Amen.

And also with you.

The people are welcome to share words of peace with one another.

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

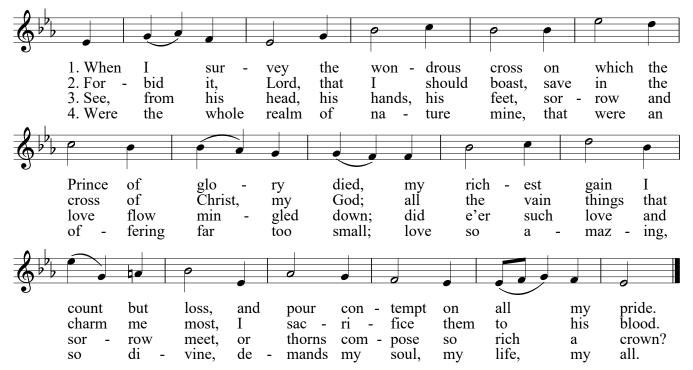
#### THE OFFERTORY

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully and symbolically offer back to God some of what God has given us, as we offer the bread and wine, and the money we give.

#### OFFERTORY HYMN

The people remain standing to sing and as the 'Great Thanksgiving' begins.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ROCKINGHAM



Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748).

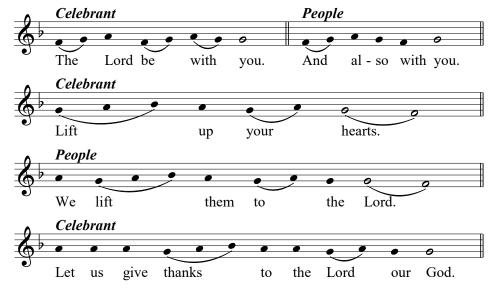
Music: Melody Psalmody in Miniature, Second Supplement, c. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

erciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we offer you this day, and renew in us the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. **Amen.** 

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: to give thanks to God and remember all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. We recall what Jesus did at the Last Supper with his friends, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."





Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sung by all.



'Sanctus and Benedictus,' *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b.1937-2010). *Arr.* © 1985, 1989 G.I.A Publications, Inc.

*The people may be seated.* 

The give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command, 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, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

We join in the prayer that Jesus himself taught his followers to pray.

Beholding the glory of the cross, we gather our prayers and praises into one, and pray as our Saviour taught us,

ur Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Many worshippers join us each Sunday by means of our livestream. Those who are not present in-person for the celebration of the Eucharist are welcome to partake in the communion in a spiritual manner.

I invite you in this moment to receive Christ, in communion with the saints, and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now. In Christ's body, many are made one.

We welcome your presence in us, and together proclaim our love for you.

With our hearts and minds, our souls and strength, we worship you.

With the saints and angels, we adore you.

With your whole church, we proclaim your reign.

Come to us, though many, and make us one in you. Amen.

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him;

if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

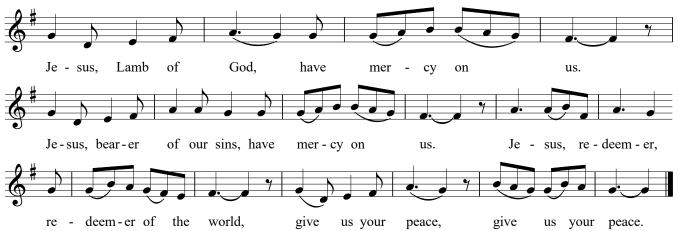
# THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

# FRACTION ANTHEM Agnus Dei

Sung by all.

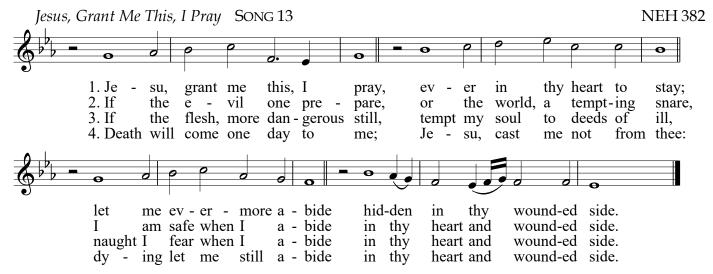


'Agnus Dei,' Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b.1937-2010). Arr. © 1985, 1989 G.I.A Publications, Inc.

All people are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. The Holy Communion is distributed at the altar rail and the church greeters will invite people to come forward one row at a time. You are welcome to kneel or stand to receive. You may receive Holy Communion in either, or both the bread and the wine. Gluten free bread is available; if you prefer gluten free, please ask the priest distributing the bread. Receive the bread in your open and outstretched hands, responding, **Amen**. The wine is offered from a common cup. To receive please assist by helping guide the cup to your lips. If you prefer not to receive the cup, cross your arms across your chest. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine of communion, again, cross your arms over your chest as the priest comes to distribute the bread and the priest will bless you.

# **COMMUNION HYMN**

The people may remain seated as we sing.



Text: Latin 17th cent.; tr. H.W. Baker (1821-1877).

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

#### **MOTET**

Christus factus est

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.

Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum, et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen. Felice Anerio (c. 1560-1614)

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name.

# THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people may stand.

Imighty God, we give thanks that you have made us partakers of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took our nature upon him and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.

# **BLESSING**

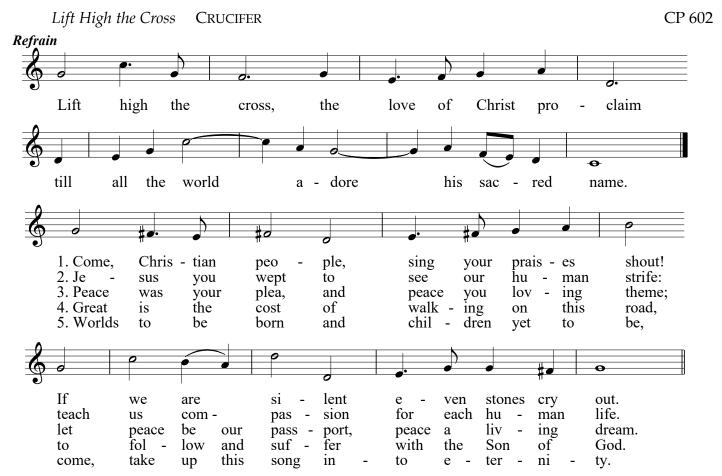
hrist crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please join us for coffee, tea, and fellowship in the library following this service.

#### SENDING HYMN

The people may stand.



Text: Refrain, George William Kitchen (1857-1912); st. 1-5, Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931), alt. Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947). Music © 1974, st. 1-5 © 1992 Hope Publishing Co.

# **ACCLAMATION**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

#### DISMISSAL

The presiding celebrant dismisses the people.

Go in peace. Proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### POSTLUDE

The people may remain standing while the choir and sacred ministers depart from the church by the west door.

Praeludium in E Major

Vincent Lübeck (1654-1740)

TODAY'S MINISTERS. Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Sarah Grondin, Priest Associate. Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr. Patrick Patterson, Priest Assistant. Reader: Clive Coombs. Intercessor: Robert Clarence. Crucifer: Brian Toogood. Server: Judy Bindon. Acolyte: Sam de Carcenac. Gospel Bearer: Barbara Caine. Greeters: Cliff Thompson, Denise Thompson, Marion Davis. Livestream Technician: Dave Haslett. Altar Guild: Esmae Tennison and Gloria Busse. Choir Director: Sebastian Moreno, Director of Music. Organist: Dr. Andrei Streliaev, Associate Organist. Choral Lead: Corinne DeJong. Choral Scholar: Grace D'Mello. The St. Jude's Choir.

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The flowers in the reredos are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Midge & Peter Downe, given by the family.

The flowers on the stands are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Larry & Gerry Wilson, given by the family.

# Join us for Coffee Hour!

After the 10:30 AM service, we'd love for you to stick around and join us for coffee, tea, and conversation in the library. It's a great way to catch up, meet someone new, and share in fellowship.

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As the plate is passed *or* by scanning the QR code at the left *or* online at <u>stjudeschurch.net/give</u>.

Thank you for your generosity.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Sat, Sept 20, 10am-1pm - Paper Quilling Workshop

Join Rev. Sarah Grodin to learn the basics of the beautiful art of paper quilling! You'll be led in step-by-step instructions, no experience necessary, all materials provided. Only \$5 to register!

Sign up in the Church Office or online.

# Sun, Sept 21 (after the 10:30am service) - Special Vestry Meeting

A Special Vestry Meeting has been called for Sunday, September 21 to approve two projects of importance to the church. We will be discussing upgrade of the sound system, as well as the replacement of the garden sprinkler system at St. Jude's. Funding of these projects has been given or pledged by gifts of generous parishioners and the Garden Guild.

#### Sat, Oct 4 @ 7:30am - Parish Men's Breakfast

The Men's Fellowship group is bringing breakfast back to St. Jude's! Men of the parish are invited to join them in Victoria Hall for a buffet-style breakfast, cooked by our very own Pantry Program volunteers. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Pantry Program to help continue their good works.

Tickets are \$30, and can be purchased on our website or in the Church Office.

# Paperless Worship Now Available

Worshippers at our Sunday services now have the option of 'paperless worship.' Each Sunday QR Codes will be available in the narthex for worshippers to scan with their mobile devices. These Orders of Service are provided with words only. For those who prefer a paper copy with music, these Orders of Service will also be available. If you would like to see what this will look like on your device, please scan the code here with the camera on your device.



# **ENTRANCE HYMN**

The people are invited to stand as they are able as the choir and sacred ministers enter the church from the west door.



Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Rowland Hew Pritchard (1811-1887).