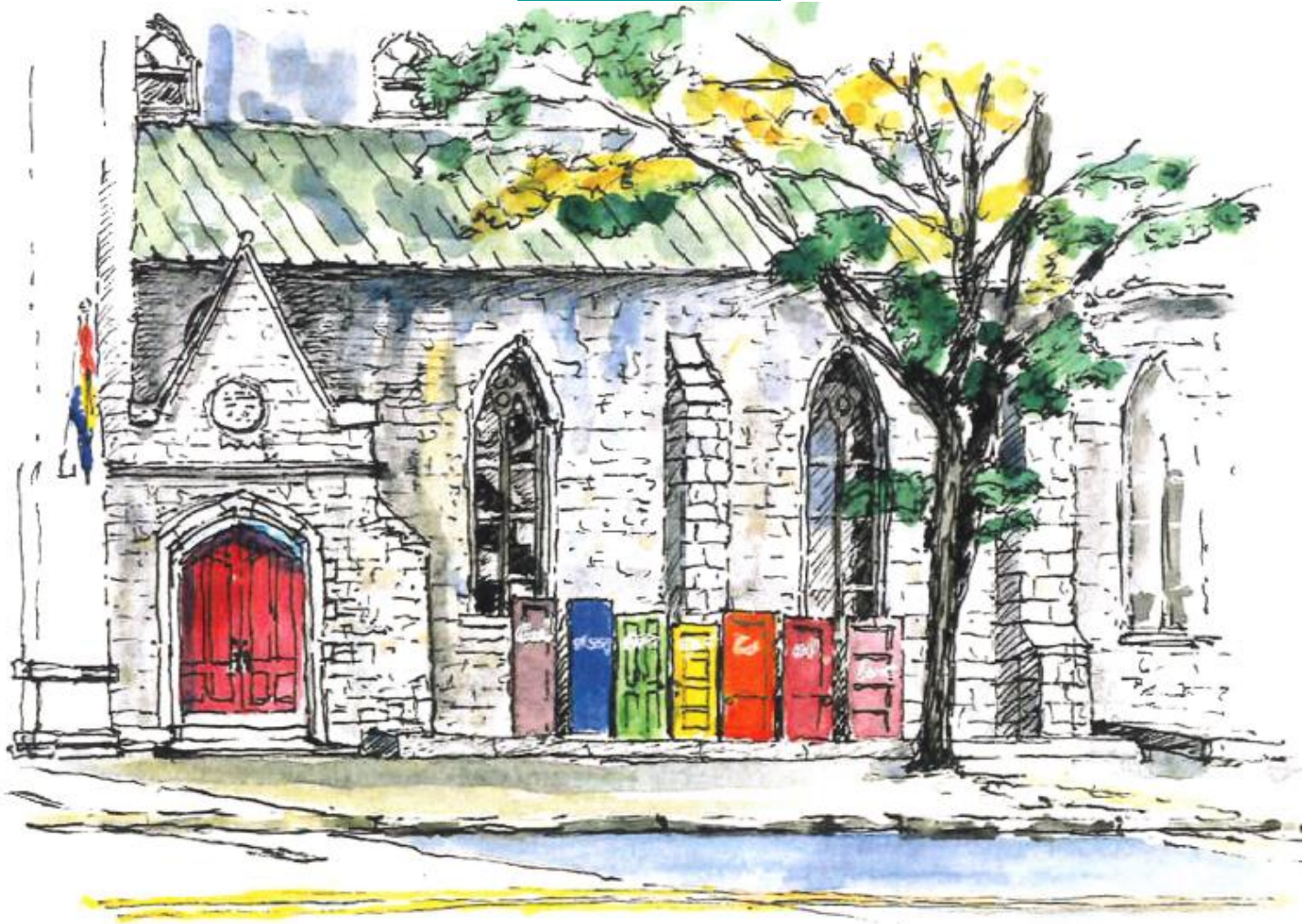


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"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLIWS

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 16, 2024

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

# ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • *Wer nur den lieben*, BWV 647

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

(Cantus firmus in the Pedal)

*The people are invited to stand.*

HYMN • 488, "Be thou my vision"

*Slane*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

CANTICLE •

*Festival Canticle*

1. O all ye works of God now come to  
2. O sun and moon and stars of heav'n your  
3. O heat and cold, O night and day, O

thank him and a - dore; O an - gels sing and  
end - less praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,  
storms and thund - er's roar, O fields and for - ests,

1.- 4.  
bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.  
bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.  
bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## LESSON • 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

*Lector*

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Lector*  
*People*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

### PSALM 20 *Exaudi te Dominus*

- 1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 Send you help from his holy place \*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all your offerings \*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.
- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the LORD grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down, \*  
but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O LORD, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

### EPISTLE • 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

*Lector*

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*Lector*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people are invited to stand.*

**GRADUAL HYMN** • 635, "If thou but trust in God to guide thee"

*Wer nur den lieben*

*Please remain standing.*

**HOLY GOSPEL • Mark 4:26-34**

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant*

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Philip Major

*A brief silence follows the sermon.*

*The people are invited to stand.*

**NICENE CREED**

*The word “creed” comes from the Latin credo, translated here as “we believe.” Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be “we give our heart,” “we trust,” “we rely upon.” Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two*

*thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.*

*All*

**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.**

*Please remain standing.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Living God, we embrace your presence in our lives. Help us to grow stronger together in the garden of your love. Plant us together in your peace. Root us together in your hope. Transform us into your love.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

As Christ's disciples in this age, we offer our prayers for our world in which we are privileged to live and our neighbors with whom we share it.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your loving guidance and counsel upon our church leaders. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Dede, our Bishop, and Philip, our Rector, and for all who serve and worship at St. Paul's.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We come to you today with hearts heavy with our ill friends and family. We lift up in prayer (*n.*). We ask that you bring healing and restoration to their bodies, minds and spirits.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those left behind at the loss of their loved ones (*n.*), those we name silently or aloud and those whose names have been forgotten. With hollows in our hearts, comfort us, give us hope. Meet us in our loss.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for a renewed commitment to you and your son, Jesus Christ, that we may continue to serve you all the days of our lives.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

## **CONFESSION**

*The people are invited to sit / kneel.*

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*All* **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.**





## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

8:00 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymnal S-130

From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b.1937)

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*All*

**AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All*

**Our 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.*

### FRACTION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

*You are invited to consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.*

*During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.*

**COMMUNION HYMN • 336** “Come with us, O blessed Jesus”

*Werde munter*

*The People are invited to stand.*

*Officiant* Let us pray.  
*All* **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.**

### BLESSING

**HYMN • 671**, “Amazing grace! How sweet the sound”

*New Britain*

### DISMISSAL

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY •** *Wer nur den lieben*, BWV 642

Johann Sebastian Bach

(In organ pleno)

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### ***Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:***

Peter M., Philip B., Steve S., Jim & Mary S., Destany W., Helen R.F., David V., Scott B., Frank M., Glen V., Mia S.R. and Pamela S.

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

We remember those who have died in recent days: Nancy Ganyard, aunt of Randy Crawford.

### ***Our thanks today for the...***

**Altar Guild:** Ruth Brown & DJ Igelsrud

**Lay Readers:** Ruth Brown / Willson Cummer

**Ushers:** Barbara Bell / Georgette and Tim Schmidt

**Flowers:** Marion Greenhalgh

### ***Announcements for June 16***

\* Special thanks to Tim Cassavaw for the extra special care he has taken with the Fayette Street garden this spring. It's looking gorgeous!

\* Join us after worship during fellowship hour today for an overview and Q and A session about General Convention.

\* Join us next Sunday, June 23rd, at 8 and 10 a.m. for a presentation given during worship by Andrew Lunetta, executive director of *A Tiny Home for Good*.

\* Fr. Philip will host a special Bible Study series, *The Seven Authentic Letters of Paul*, at 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning June 30th. This is a three part series. No advance preparation is required. If you have a favorite Bible you are encouraged to bring it with you.

\* Beginning Sunday, June 30th, and continuing through the summer, we will hold a single worship service at 9:30 a.m.

### **Construction Updates/Reminders**

- Be sure you read the special issue of the Courier (June 2024) which is totally devoted to Open Doors. It includes many useful details about this exciting project all in one place offering a review and a current update.
- Much construction is happening simultaneously now!
  - The window restoration is ongoing and is almost 60% complete.
  - Construction of the elevator shaft is complete
  - Masonry work on the outside of the building has begun
  - Work on the new bathrooms has started (there will always be a bathroom available during construction adjacent to the Sargent foyer.
- As always be very careful as you move around the parish house and do not enter any construction area. No peaking please.
- Remember a parking space in our lot is likely not to be available during the week. The X spots, once available for SPC folks, are being used by our contractors. The numbered spaces are rented to downtown workers. Parking on Sunday is not a problem!

*#24. What is the reason we sing this hymn, called 'The Sanctus', during the Eucharistic Prayer?*

*Sanctus* is a Latin word, meaning 'holy'. Like many parts of our liturgy, our singing of the *Sanctus* is based in ancient Jewish religious practices. The text of the prayer is derived from Isaiah 6. Jesus and the twelve named disciples were Jewish and likely said, or sang, a similar prayer in their gatherings together. The current form of the *Sanctus* is one of the most ancient parts of Christian worship, found in written form in Christian writings within fifty years of the first Easter.

As with several other parts of our liturgy, the *Sanctus* has been used as a prayer in worship for almost 2000 years, but it has been used in different parts of the liturgy at different times. It wasn't until sometime around the year 500 that the *Sanctus* settled down into its current position, near the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer. We sing the *Sanctus* partly because this is the most traditional use of the prayer in Christian liturgy, and partly because the text indicates that it is a hymn of praise.

*If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at [revmajor@stpaulsyr.org](mailto:revmajor@stpaulsyr.org).*

*Fr. Philip +*

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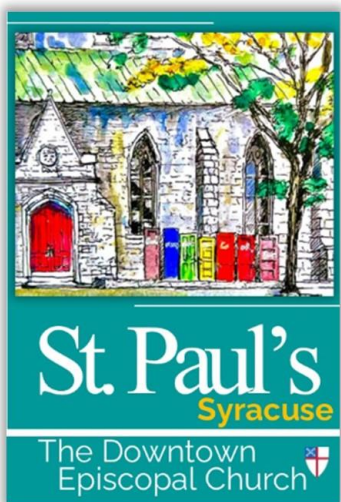
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