



Saint Helena by Giovanni Battista Cima da Conegliano

The Parish of Saint Peter

The Feast of the Holy Cross



Sunday, September 14, 2025
10:30 in the morning



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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Kindly enter the worship space quietly and reverently, so that all those seeking stillness may find it. We invite you, too, into a time and space of holy stillness. The following prayers are provided to assist you in your preparation for worship.

A Prayer for Quiet Confidence

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, and that in quietness and in confidence we shall find our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Spirit of Grace and Supplication

O Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CRUCIFER

“Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim”
473

The Hymnal,

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant
♠ Bless-ed be God: Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Robert Powell



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Please kneel for the Collect.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated for the First Reading.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 45:21-25

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the

offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

The Word of the Lord.

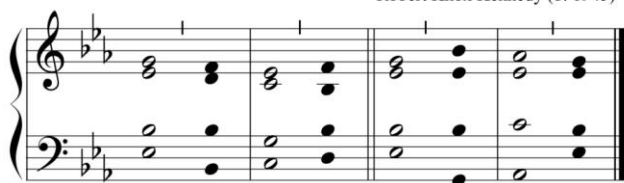
Thanks be to God.

Congregation sings the psalm together.

THE PSALM

Psalm 98: 1-4

Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)



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Sing to the Lord a new ¹ song, |
for he has done marvelous ¹ things. ||

With his right hand and his holy ¹ arm |
has he won for himself the ¹ victory. ||

The Lord has made known his ¹ victory; |
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight
of the ¹ nations. ||

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house
of ¹ Israel, |
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our ¹ God. ||

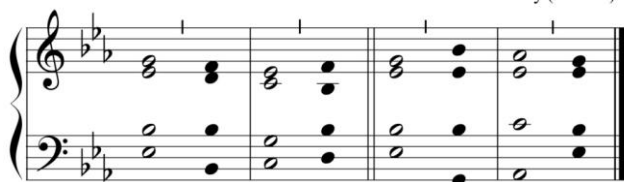
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you ¹ lands; |
lift up your voice, rejoice, and ¹ sing. ||

Sing to the Lord with the ¹ harp, |
with the harp and the voice of ¹ song. ||

With trumpets and the sound of the ¹ horn |
shout with joy before the King, the ¹ Lord. ||

Let the sea make a noise and all that is ¹ in it, |
the lands and those who dwell there ¹ in. ||

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Let the rivers clap their ' hands, |
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the ' earth. ||

In righteousness shall he judge the ' world |
and the peoples with ' equity. ||

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gradual Hymn and Holy Gospel.

THE GRADUAL HYMN

ROCKINGHAM

“When I survey the wondrous cross”

The Hymnal, 474

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:31-36a

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend James Kaestner, *Supply Priest*

Please stand for the Nicene Creed.

THE 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. *(please bow or genuflect)*
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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel for the Prayers.

Let us pray to the Father through his Son, who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption, saying, Lord, save us and help us.

Silence

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church, that we may be your vessels of grace and truth to the world. Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.

Silence

By the Savior's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship. We ask for God's blessing, wisdom, and strength for their ministry. In the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments, draw your people close to you.

Silence

By the Savior's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Give your grace to those who preach your word to the nations. Help us to witness to the faith we have received by our words and in our deeds, and daily conform us more and more to Christ, that we may glory in his cross.

Silence

By the Savior's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much that you sent your Son to suffer and to die. Strengthen those who work to share the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

Silence

By the Savior's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us throughout our time of transition. Empower each one of us to use our unique gifts in ministry to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Instill in us a vision of the Church's family; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission.

Silence

By the Savior's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of South America. In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries cycle of prayer, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for the following: All our Air Force service

members on their 78th birthday and those serving in Alaska—at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Eielson Air Force Base, Fort Wainwright, Clear Space Force Station, and the Anchorage VA Medical Center. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Intercession, Stevens Point, and St. Barnabas, Richland Center.

Silence

By the Savior's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

In our own community, we pray for Bishop Whitmore, Sister Charis, Anne-Marie, Gail, and Simone. Are there others? (*Please observe a moment of silence.*)

Silence

By the Savior's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice. Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus, and in his passion to know their salvation.

Silence

By the Savior's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship. According to your promises, bring them with all your saints to share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.

Silence

By the Savior's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Heavenly Father, 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.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

The Celebrant alone stands and says

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.

Please stand for the Peace.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the Parish Announcements included with this leaflet.

ENGAGE WITH US

Using QR codes is an easy way for you to register as a visitor,
send in prayer requests, or make a donation. All you have to do
is:

1. **Open the camera app on your smartphone.**
2. **Point the viewfinder at the QR code.**
3. **Click the link that pops up.**
4. **Fill in the secure online form.**

VISITORS

PRAYER REQUESTS

DONATIONS



THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

MIT FREUDEN ZART

“Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth” *The Hymnal*, 598

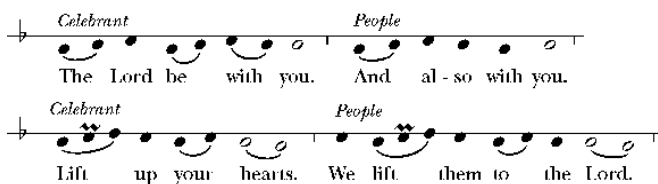
Please stand for the Great Thanksgiving.

THE ORATE FRATRES


Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING




Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give him 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS **Franz Peter Schubert**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.____



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might.____




Hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -



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



✠ Bless - ed is he who comes____ in the name of the Lord.____



____ Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER **Eucharistic Prayer B**

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,

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#), followed by a 3/2 time signature. The melody for the organ is indicated by the word "(Organ)" below the staff. The lyrics "We re - mem - ber his" are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "death, We pro - claim his res - ur - rec - tion,". The third staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics "We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry." The score ends with a double bar line.

(Organ)

We re - mem - ber his

death, We pro - claim his res - ur - rec - tion,

We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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.

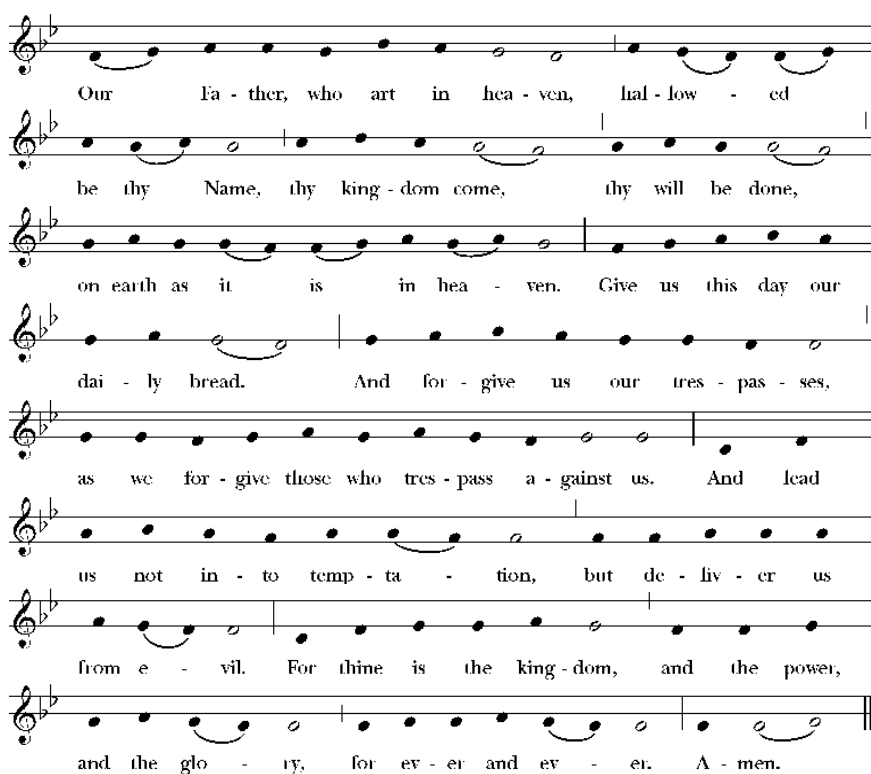
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit ✠ upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all

things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Peter 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, Hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION

Please observe a moment of holy silence.

THE AGNUS DEI

Franz Peter Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE ECCE AGNUS

Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof:
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We invite you to pray the following prayer silently before receiving Communion.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians regardless of denomination are invited to come to the altar rail and receive the Holy Sacrament. Those who are unbaptized are encouraged to come to the rail and receive a blessing. Should you wish to receive a blessing, indicate this by folding your arms across your chest.

We invite you to pray the following prayer silently after receiving Communion.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left for us a memorial of your passion: Grant us, we pray, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Please be seated for the Post-Communion Hymn.

THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN

HOLLINGSIDE

“Take my life, and let it be consecrated”

The Hymnal, 707

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Please kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.

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 BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**


THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

RATHBUN

“In the cross of Christ I glory”

The Hymnal, 441

THE DISMISSAL

<i>Deacon</i>		<i>People</i>	
			
Let	us	go forth in the name of Christ.	Thanks be to God.

We invite you to pray the following prayer silently before exiting the pew.

Grant, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard today with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE

Please join us in the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and coffee.

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