

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 9, 2024

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

“Introduction and Voluntary I” from *Vesper Voluntaries*

by Edward Elgar

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation may stand.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God’s mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

(ELW 675, vs. 1, 4 & 5)



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite
 Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676
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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.
All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

+ Word +

READING

Isaiah 42:5-12

A reading from Isaiah.

- ⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.
¹⁰Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise from the end of the earth!
Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the coastlands and their inhabitants.
¹¹Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice,
the villages that Kedar inhabits;
let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy,
let them shout from the tops of the mountains.
¹²Let them give glory to the LORD,
and declare his praise in the coastlands.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 112

Read responsively, the congregation reads the verses in bold.

- ¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation may stand.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:7-16

The gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁷“As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

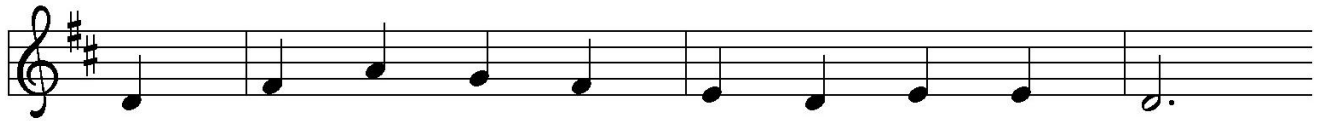
The congregation may be seated.

Vicar Alex Linn

HYMN OF THE DAY

The congregation may be stand.

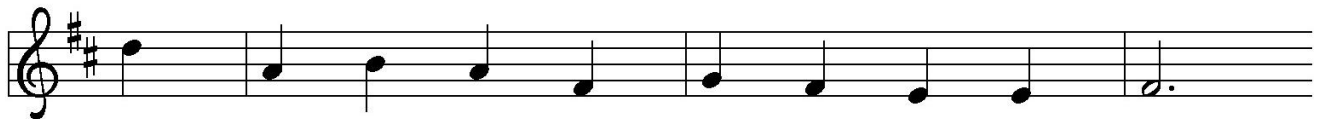
The Son of God, our Christ (ELW 584, vs. 1, 3 & 4)



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
 2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,
 3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare
 4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,
 5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;
 these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;
 to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,
 may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,
 what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be
 and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought
 to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,
 and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,
 that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.
 the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.
 de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.
 o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
 and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

During the green season of abundance we will have ample time to pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts. You are invited to pray for all things, joys as well as needs through standing, kneeling, or sitting. Let us pray,

As we journey through the long days of summer, guide us to seek new missions for the church. Pray for the work of God's people. . .

God of grace

Your mercy is great.

The nights are short and the days are long, you have called us into communion with the earth's seasons. Pray for God's creation...

God of grace

Your mercy is great.

We live together in communities, yet we are a people of your divine dominion. Pray for just governance and nations...

God of grace

Your mercy is great.

O God, we often fail to see your image in one another causing us to fall into sins of racism, sexism, hate, and all that we do to separate us from each other. Pray for transformation...

God of grace

Your mercy is great.

For those who hurt in mind, body, spirit, we pray for your hand. Pray for the healing of one another...

God of grace

Your mercy is great.

People of God, for what else shall we pray this day? Pray for what you wish to share today...

God of grace

Your mercy is great.

Trusting God who raises us out of death, we give thanks for the people who have gone before us into your embrace. Pray for our beloved dead...

God of grace

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

The congregation may be seated.

+ Meal +

OFFERTORY

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's! Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



OFFERTORY VERSE

The congregation may stand
We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the Lord; we bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the Lord. And we of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of thanks-giv-ing; and we of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of joy." The chords are: D, Em7, D2/F#, G, F#m7, G/A, D, Em7, D2/F#, Bm7, Em7, GM7/A, A, Dsus, D, D/F#, G, F#m7, Bm7, Em7, G/A, A7, D, Dsus/E, D/F#, D7, G, F#m7, Bm7, Em7, G/A, A7, D.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.
God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

DIALOGUE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You,
 And also with you
Lift up your hearts
 We lift them up to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We gather at your table, . . .
 . . . to whom we offer all honor and praise from this day forth and forever more. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the many and varied languages we hold dear...

**Our God 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 forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

The congregation may be seated.

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table without exception! Please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please take a glass of wine (dark colored) or a glass of grape juice (light colored). After drinking, please place your empty glass in the basket before returning to your seat via the side aisle. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The congregation may stand.

Let us pray together.

**Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.**

**As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.**

In your name we pray.

Amen.

+ Sending +

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word (ELW 663)



1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

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DISMISSAL

The worship is over. Now let your service begin

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

by Gerald Near

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SERVING TODAY

<i>Interim Minister:</i>	Vicar Alex Linn
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<i>Director of Music:</i>	Luke Duroc-Danner
<i>Communion Assistant:</i>	Jan Wendel
<i>Reader:</i>	Evergreen Edwards
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Jan Wendel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's Spring Clean-Up for Family Promise Today, June 9th, following Worship & Coffee Hour

Before everyone breaks for summer, we are coming together to get our spiritual house in even better order. Pitch in for a little while, as long as you can stay, or join us from start to finish. We are looking to clean up and clean out some of our lower level areas to make nice, new rooms for our next visits from Family Promise families. We want to provide them with clean and fresh spaces to stay in. Lunch and beverages will be served to everyone who stays and pitches in to help for our St. John's community refresh! Invite your friends. There will be something for all ages to do. Everyone is welcome for this day of doing good work together. Meet downstairs outside the nursery after coffee hour.

Migrant Response Project

Buses continue to arrive at the Wilmette train station with migrants who have been transported here from Texas. The buses arrive unscheduled, and the Wilmette Police and volunteers try to assist the migrants to get "Take Care" packages and coats before they get on the train to Chicago processing centers. In connection with SaLT an organization in Highland Park, volunteers have packed bags with hygiene items, water and snack bars to give to the migrants when they leave the bus, along with winter coats that have been donated by the public.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Family & friends of Rena
Leinberger, wife of Karl and
mother of Shayna, Brandon and
Jordan, who passed away
4/26/24
- † Sandy Kaspar, sister of Bill
Kaspar, recovering from
abdominal surgery
- † Tom Fries, friend of Jim Dossa,
cracked vertebrae
- † Family & friends of Lorraine
Beutelspacher, who died 3/6/24
- † Buckley Crist
- † Family & friends of Peter
Knobel, who died 1/13/24
- † Dottye Wolf, sister of Margye
Smith
- † Family and Friends of Hing
You Tam Siu, mother-in-law of
Jim Dossa, who passed away
- † Family & friends of Viola
Gonder, mother of Craig
Gonder, who died 8/7/23
- † Congratulations to Dano
Johnson & Emily Mock, who
were married June 17, 2023
- † Family & friends of Richard
Rusz, who died 6/6/23
- † Family & friends of Karen
Daugherty, aunt of Erin
Rasmussen, who died 5/8/23
- † Margaux Tauszig,
granddaughter of Wolf
Peddinghaus
- † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire
Sainson, sister of Olga
Domchenko and sister's
husband, in need of healing
- † Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave
& Lyn Brunn, recovering from
spinal cord injury

NOTES ON TODAY'S MUSIC

Edward Elgar (1857-1934) was an English composer most famous for his *Enigma Variations*, *Pomp and Circumstance* Marches, *The Dream of Gerontius*, and his cello and violin concertos. Born near Worcester, Edward's father was a violinist, piano tuner, and apprentice music publisher. As a child, Edward received violin and piano lessons at home, and at age 15, he served as the assistant organist to his father at St. George's church in Worcester. He succeeded his father in 1885 as the primary organist, and the *Vesper Voluntaries* were likely composed at this time for his own personal use at St. George's. Elgar also began to conduct and compose more during this period, and he would begin building his reputation by composing works for the major choral festivals of the English Midlands. He would eventually be made Master of the King's Music in 1924.

Gerald Near (b. 1942) is an American organist and composer. He first studied music theory and composition at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago with Leo Sowerby before moving to the University of Michigan where he also studied organ and choral music. In 1982, he became one of the first recipients of the McKnight Foundation Fellowship, and he began to receive major commissions. Afterwards, he moved to Dallas and took up the Organist and Choirmaster position at St. Matthew's Cathedral. Gerald would continue to perform across the US alongside composing works on commission from a variety of international organizations including the Southern Cathedrals Festival in England and the Sydney Opera House.