

Holy Eucharist September 7, 2025 | 8:30 & 11 am 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Please enter in silence and prepare your heart for worship.
"Be still and know that I am God"—Psalm 46:10

Welcome to St. Bartholomew's!

Emails: We send out a Wednesday email about upcoming opportunities (called the "Weekly") and a monthly Love in Action email. By request, we also send out a daily prayer and reflection email and youth and children's emails. To receive any of these, please email churchoffice@stbs.net.



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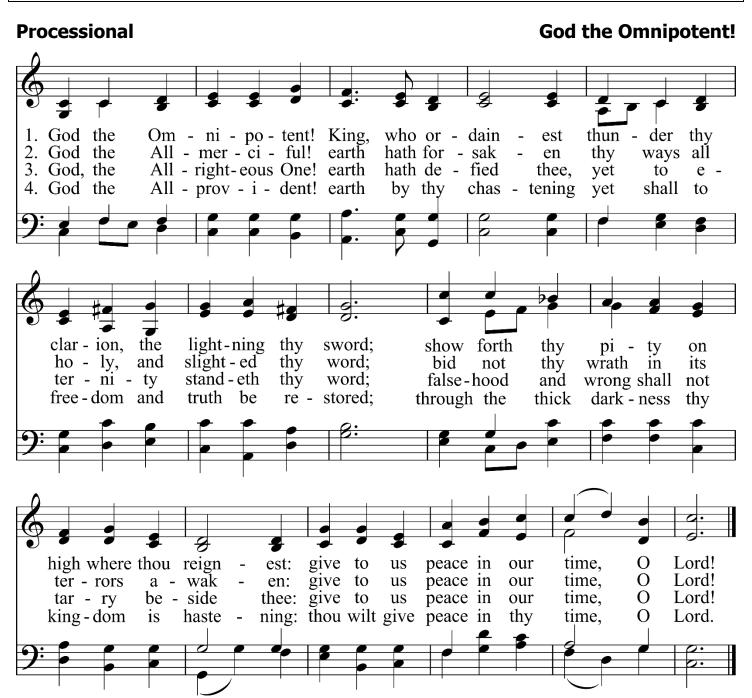
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Key to Congregational Responses

Prelude

Please silence your mobile phone.
Parents with children in the nursery, please put your phone on vibrate.

Please stand when the bell tolls for worship.



Opening Acclamation

- Blessed be God:
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Be Unto Your Name



The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 Word of God

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

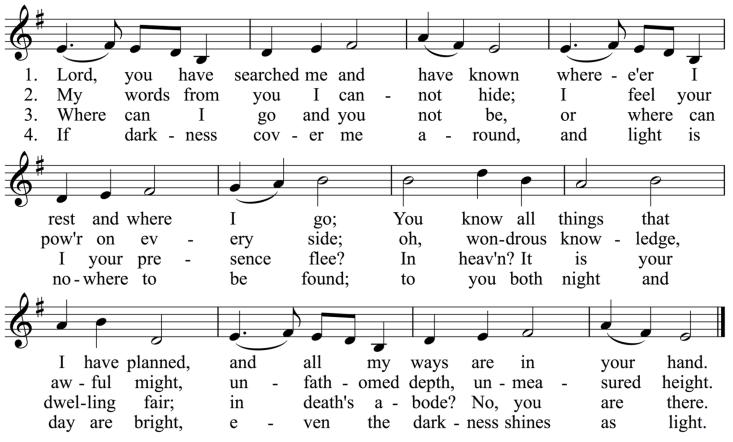
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Congregation: Verse 1



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Reader:

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Congregation: Verse 2

Reader:

For you yourself created my inmost parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

Congregation: Verse 3

Reader:

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!
If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Congregation: Verse 4

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a

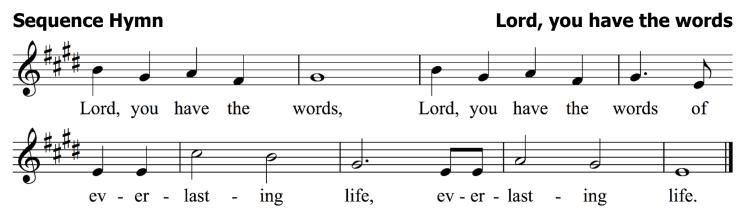
while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.



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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Q Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, `This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore,

none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ.

At the 8:30 service, children ages 4-12 are invited to follow the cross out for the Children's Homily, while the congregation remains standing.

Sermon The Rev. Josh Condon

Please stand.

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. 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,

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.

and his kingdom will have no end.

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 kneel.

Prayers of the People

Form III

- Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
- That we all may be one.
- Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
- That your Name may be glorified by all people.
- We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
- That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
- We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
- That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
- Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
- That our works may find favor in your sight.
- Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
- That they may be delivered from their distress.
- Give to the departed eternal rest;
- Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
- May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
- Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Concluding Collect

Invitation to 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 Absolution

Please stand.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

See what is happening this week at St. B's by scanning the QR code with the camera on your phone, or by visiting this link: https://stbs.net/about/weekly-news





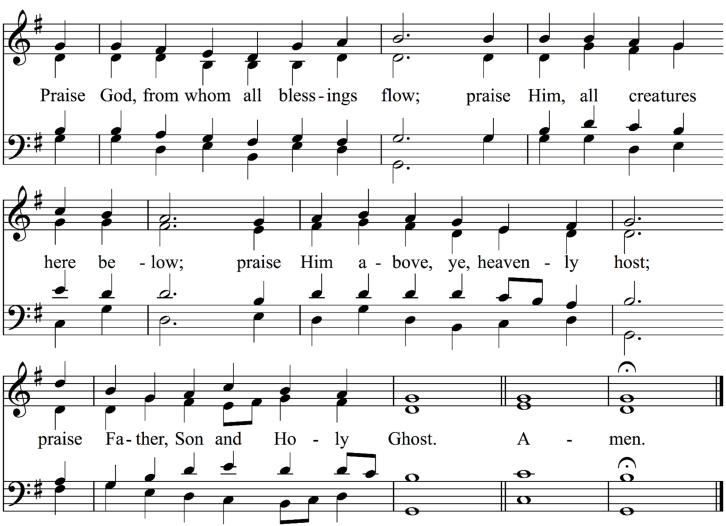
The offering plate will be passed among the congregation. You may also scan the QR code or give online at https://stbs.breezechms.com/give/online.



Please stand as the offering is brought to the altar.

The Presentation Hymn

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow



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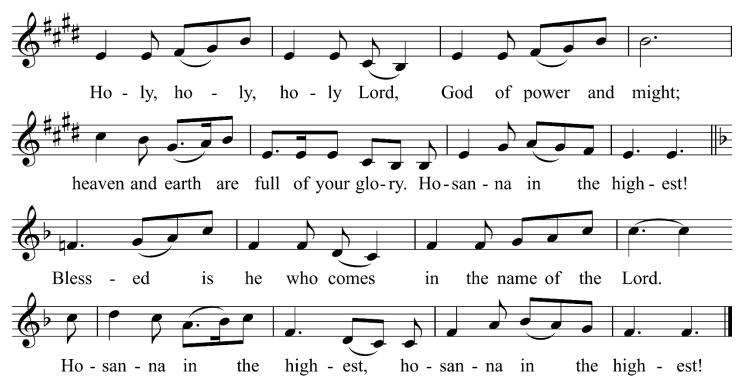
The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

- 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 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. [The Celebrant will include an appropriate Proper Preface for the day.] 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:



Setting: based on Land of Rest, from The Christian Harp, 1836; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983), arr. David Madeira, 2019.

Please kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

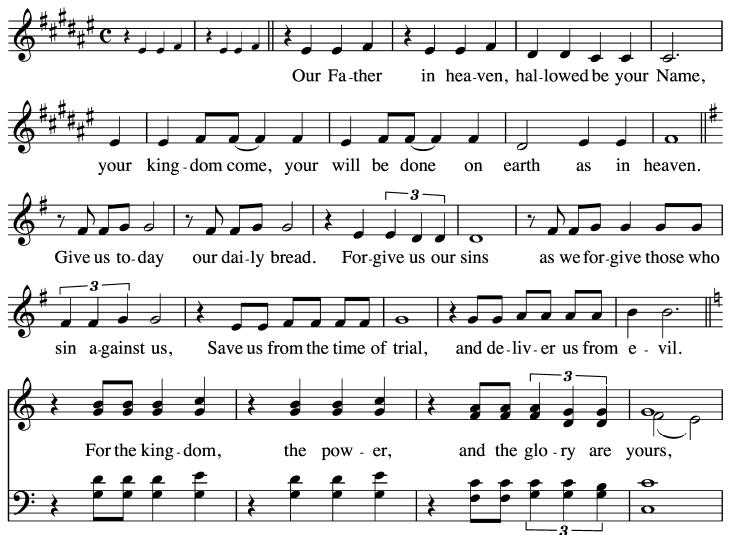


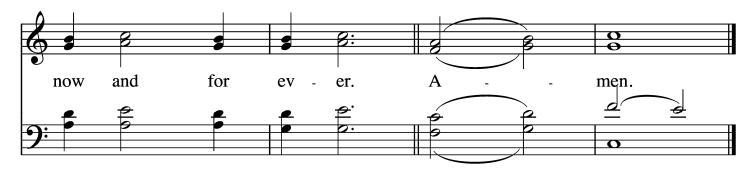
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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify \oplus us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever, **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,





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The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the People of God.



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Please be seated.

All Christians (including children) baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

Instructions for Receiving Communion

Please kneel or stand at the altar rail Open hands, one lying in the other, to receive the wafer

To sip from the common cup:

Consume wafer immediately Support base of chalice and guide it to your lips

To dip wafer into cup:

Hold wafer in fingertips
Dip edge of wafer into wine
Do not let fingertips touch the wine

To receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

Please tell the priest or verger if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

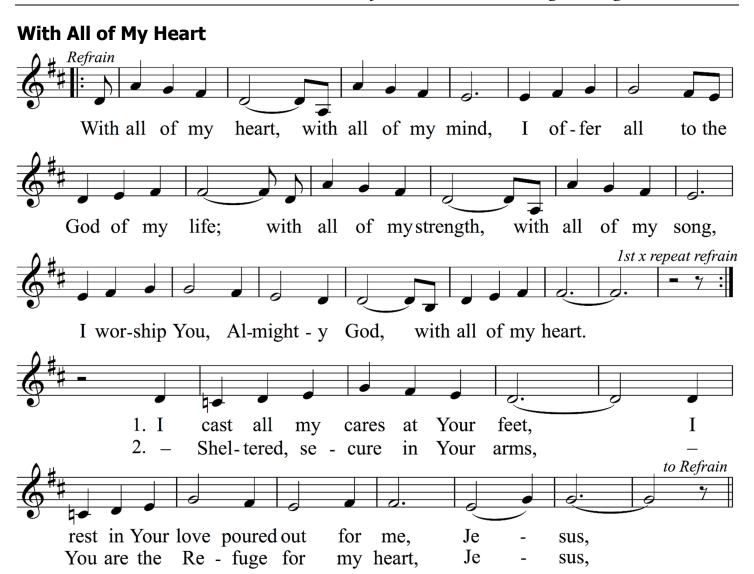
Prayer Desk

Intercessors are available by the sanctuary niche to the left of the pulpit to pray with individuals, couples, or families after receiving communion.

If you would like to submit a request to our prayer group, please email <u>prayer@stbs.net</u>. Also, the Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 12:15pm includes healing prayers.

Communion Music

Everyone is invited to sing during communion.

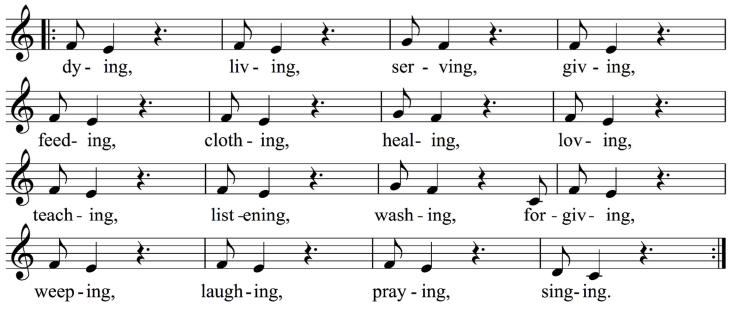


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Please stand for the final Communion song.

Weeping, Laughing, Praying, Singing





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C Let us pray.

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 🕆

Recessional Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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Hymns appearing here in text only may be found in the blue hymnals in the pew rack.

- 1. Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.
- 2. Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
- 3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still; The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.
- 4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave: It guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.
- 5. Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

About the Music

by David Madeira, Dir. of Music

"God, the Omnipotent King who Ordainest" is a hymn for time of conflict, combining elements of praise and acclamation with lament and pleas for mercy, and culminating in a final statement of confidence in the ultimate victory of God. Written in 1842 by English poet Henry F. Chorley (1808-72), it bore the subtitle "In Time of War," and asks God to have mercy and bring peace on the earth despite humanity's repeated refusal to live in ways befitting the kingdom of God.

The opening stanza proclaims the awesome might of God, as if to acknowledge that God could by all means come in wrath to deal with a sinful world. Yet in the second stanza God is known as the "All-Merciful," asked to spare us from this wrath despite humanity's continued defiance. Finally, in the last stanza God is heralded as "All-Provident," and the amazing truth as to how God will actually deal with this fallen world is affirmed: it shall "to freedom and truth be restored. ... Thy kingdom is hastening; Thou wilt give peace in our time, O Lord."

Sadly, well more than a century and a half since its writing, this hymn remains relevant. As conflict continues throughout the world, in bleak days that seem to be dominated more by hatred and greed than love and self-denial, this hymn is a powerful prayer of corporate confession, and a plea for the mercy and peace that can only come by the redemptive love of God.

Those familiar with the hymn will notice that we sing it today with a tune other than the one to which it is most commonly sung. The original tune, known as "Russian Hymn," was composed by Alexei Lvov (1799-1833) on a commission by Czar Nicholas I, and was previously the national anthem of Russia, appearing famously at the climax of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. We have, at least for now, changed the tune to this plea for peace, in order to avoid the obvious irony.

-source: hymnary.org

Participants

<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Josh Condon The Rev. Ed Smith Beverly Mahan
I FMs	8:30 Leora Allen, Ty Sparks, Patrick McGirt, Pam MacArthur
	nannon Truss, Andrew Kintz, Butch Burtch, Yvonne Poindexter
	^{8:30} Julian Smith ¹¹ Brent Ferrell
Torch Bearers	^{8:30} Francine Phillips, Evie Madeira
	¹¹ Clare Schneck, Isla Schneck
Lectors	
	¹¹ Noah Kelly, Jerry Minshall
Prayer Desk	
	¹¹ Brea Cox, Allison Hardwick
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Music Director & Piano	David Madeira
<i>Organ</i>	Jane Shepherd
	David Madeira, Katie Hill, Megan O'Reilly, Rebecca Searfoss
Acoustic Guitar	Tom Patten
Bass Guitar	Tim Lauer
Percussion	Adam Wirdzek
A/V	Matthew Shepherd
Altar Guild	Tommy Stinson, Pam West, Lynn Noel
	Katie Reasor

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^{*}Part-time, **Volunteer

St. B's Schedule

Monday - Friday

10 am - 2 pm Open Sanctuary

10 am – 2 pm Gift Gallery and Church Office Open

Wednesdays

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist (with Prayers for Healing) in the Nave

Sunday Services (with Nursery available)

8:30 am in the Nave and Streamed Live, with Children's Homily

10 am Christian Formation

11 am in the Nave

12:30 pm South Sudanese worship (first Sunday in English, other Sundays in Dinka)

For other weekly and occasional events, please view our Weekly email posted at www.stbs.net/about.



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