



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2026 • 10:00 AM

*Welcome to St. John's, Shaughnessy!
Wherever you are on your spiritual
journey, and whether you are joining us in
the church building or via the livestream,
we are glad you are here!*

*If you are new here and would like to learn
more, please introduce yourself to the clergy
after the service. If you would like to be
added to our mailing list so that we may
keep you informed of upcoming events,
please contact the church office.*

*Infants and children (and their
accompanying noises) enliven our services.
Colouring, crafts, and quiet toys are
available in the children's area, just to the
left of the front pews.*

*We acknowledge with respect that we
worship on the traditional, ancestral, and
unceded territory of the Coast Salish
Peoples, and we pray that we may live more
deeply into the calls to action from Canada's
Truth and Reconciliation Commission.*

*A brief organ voluntary offered a few minutes before the hour bids us all keep silence for prayer
and preparation.*

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

VOLUNTARY

Meditation on "Prayer Song" (Coast Salish Anthem) Chief Dan George (1899–1981)

GREETING

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN

ST. PETERSBURG

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - rept of
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God, for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

KYRIE

Edward Norman (b.1942)



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

John Merbecke (c.1510–c.1585)

Glory be to God on high,

and in earth peace, good will to-wards men. We praise thee,

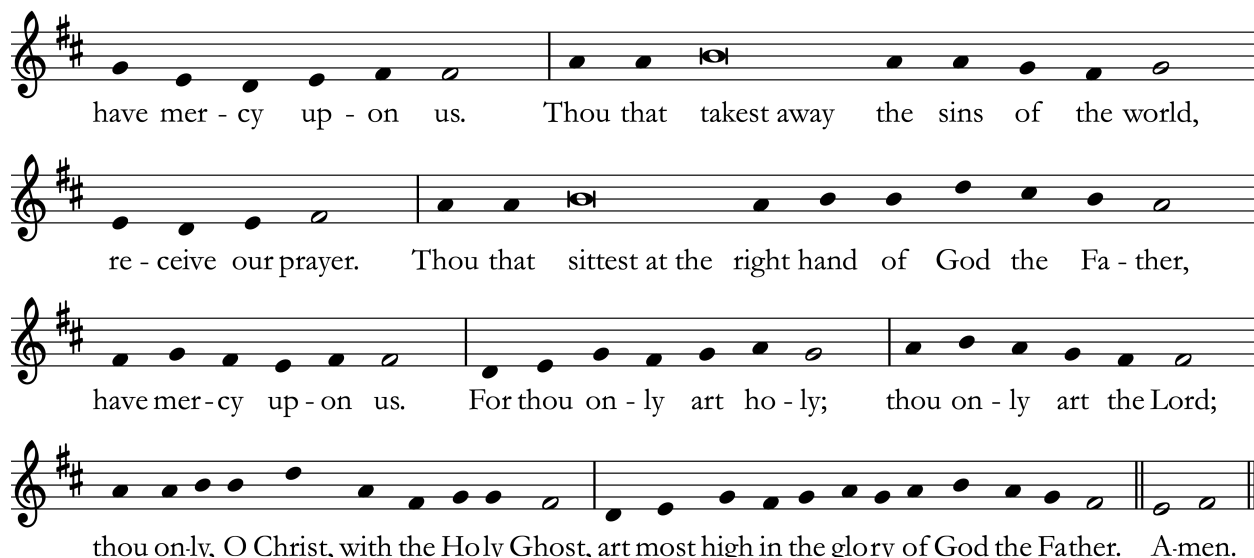
we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, hea - ven - ly King,

God the Fa - ther al - migh - ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - su Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world,

have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.”?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

William Crotch (1775–1847)

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 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. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
and the wood-lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings an Alleluia; then All sing.

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

Cantor My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them and they follow me. *Refrain*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

Have mercy on us.

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,

Have mercy on us.

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths of our lives,

Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of Indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the Indigenous peoples of this land,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures, leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many Indigenous people,

Saviour, forgive and heal us.

O God, we pray for the gift of your grace, and the gift of your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every people the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you given us to do.

Hear us, O Christ.

The Celebrant concludes

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of all peoples, in all times and places: Your creation sings your praise. Your Son teaches us the ways of love, justice and peace. Your Spirit emboldens our hearts and hands to build the world according to your will.

We confess our brokenness: We do not hear the cries of those who are suffering because it is inconvenient and costly to respond. We do not acknowledge truths that make us uncomfortable. We reject and belittle those who are different than we are. We are blind to the ways we benefit today from a legacy of hurt against Indigenous people. Too often we love imperfectly, speak harshly, and judge quickly.

Silence

Reconciling God, you call us to gentleness, to compassion and to radical acceptance of difference.

In Christ Jesus, we are learning to walk in new ways with new companions. We are learning to surrender the need to justify, to explain and to fix. We are learning to listen: when creation groans, we groan as well. When your people speak out against injustice, we honour their courage and stand with them. Spirit of God, create in us feeling hearts, clear eyes, and open minds.

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.**

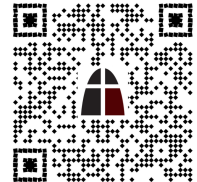
THE PEACE

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

THE OFFERTORY

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honour and power;
because you have created all things, and by your will they were created
and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.



HYMN

YE BANKS AND BRAES (CANDLER)

A musical score for the hymn 'Ye Banks and Braes' in G major and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff with lyrics in three parts. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature of 4/4.

1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or an - swer
2 The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that
3 So some have come who need your help and some have

ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet we be - lieve your
clings from things long past, the fear of what the
come to make a - mends, as hands which shaped and

grace re - sponds where faith and doubt u - nite to care.
 fu - ture holds, are pres - ent as if meant to last.
 saved the world are pres - ent in the touch of friends.

Your hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur - vive to
 But pres - ent too is love which tends the hurt we
 Lord, let your Spir - it meet us here to mend the

hold and heal and warn, to car - ry all through
 nev - er hope to find, the pri - vate ag - o -
 bod - y, mind, and soul, to dis - en - tan - gle

death to life and cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
 nies in - side, the mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
 peace from pain and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

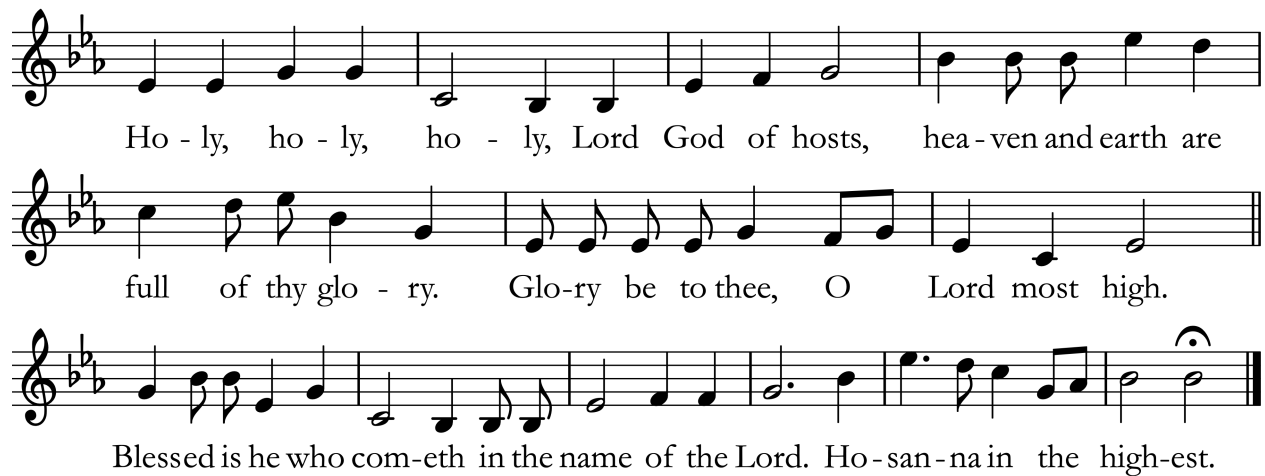
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right at all times and in all places to thank and praise you, Creator of all. We praise you here on this Coast Salish land where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land, and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens. Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

Edward Norman



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, hea - ven and earth are
full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he who com-eth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness; he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth. He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks, and gave it to his friends, saying, "This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me."

Remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community. Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar, which is both now and yet to come. All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread, gathered in the presence of ancestors and saints,
and drawn together in Christ, who reconciles all things.

**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

Edward Norman



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you. Healing Prayers are offered during communion in the Lady Chapel.

Call to remembrance, O Lord,
thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindness,
which hath been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
but according to thy mercies think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Psalm 25:6–7

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who
have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask
this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

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, forever and ever.
Amen.**

THE NOTICES

THE BLESSING

May Christ, whose Body and Blood we have received, strengthen you to
walk in his way of love and self-giving. May the Creator, who formed this
land and its peoples, bless you with wisdom, humility, and peace. May the
Spirit lead you from this table into the world, bearing the gifts of justice,
healing, and reconciliation. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

KING'S WESTON



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 *5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 *6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

THE DISMISSAL

Let go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Toccata d-Dorian BWV 538*

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

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