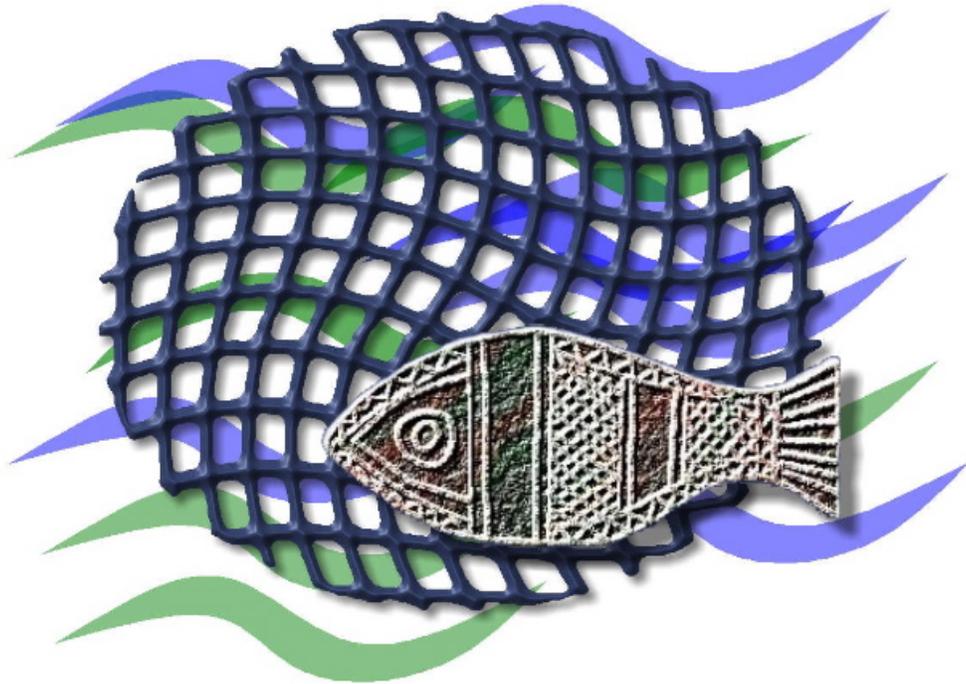


# St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico  
Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

Tocatta & Fugue in D minor

J. S. Bach

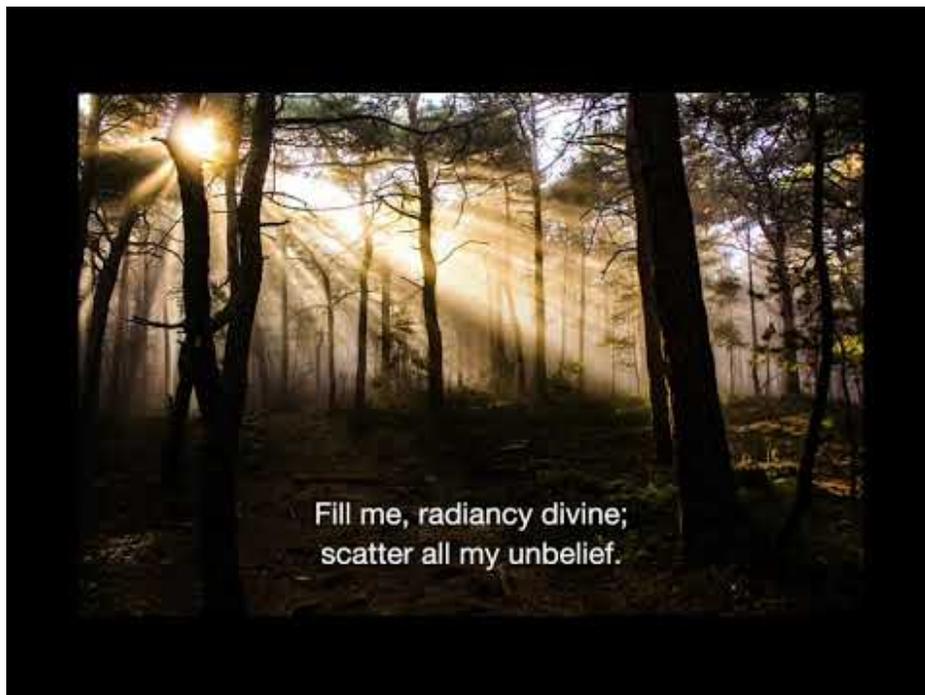
Pieter Pilon - organ, Martinikerk, Groningen, The Netherlands

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THE HYMN #7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Boulder, Colorado



## THE OPENING SENTENCES

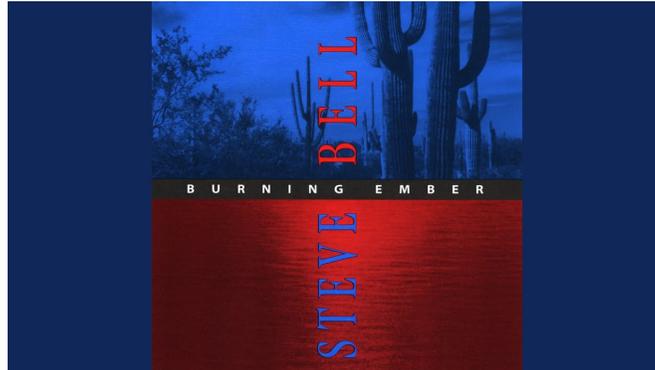
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 HYMN OF PRAISE #385

Many and great, O God, are thy works

Burning Ember, Steve Bell - director



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, mak - er of  
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with thee, thou star - a -

earth and sky; thy hands have set the hea - vens with stars;  
bid - ing one; come un - to us and dwell with us;

thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy  
with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.  
life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

Words: American folk hymn, rev. Philip Frazier (1892-1964), alt. Music: Dakota Indian Chant [Lacquiaparle], Native American melody

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray.....Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The Word of the Lord.

## THE PSALM

Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side,  
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side,  
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive  
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us  
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters  
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord!  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

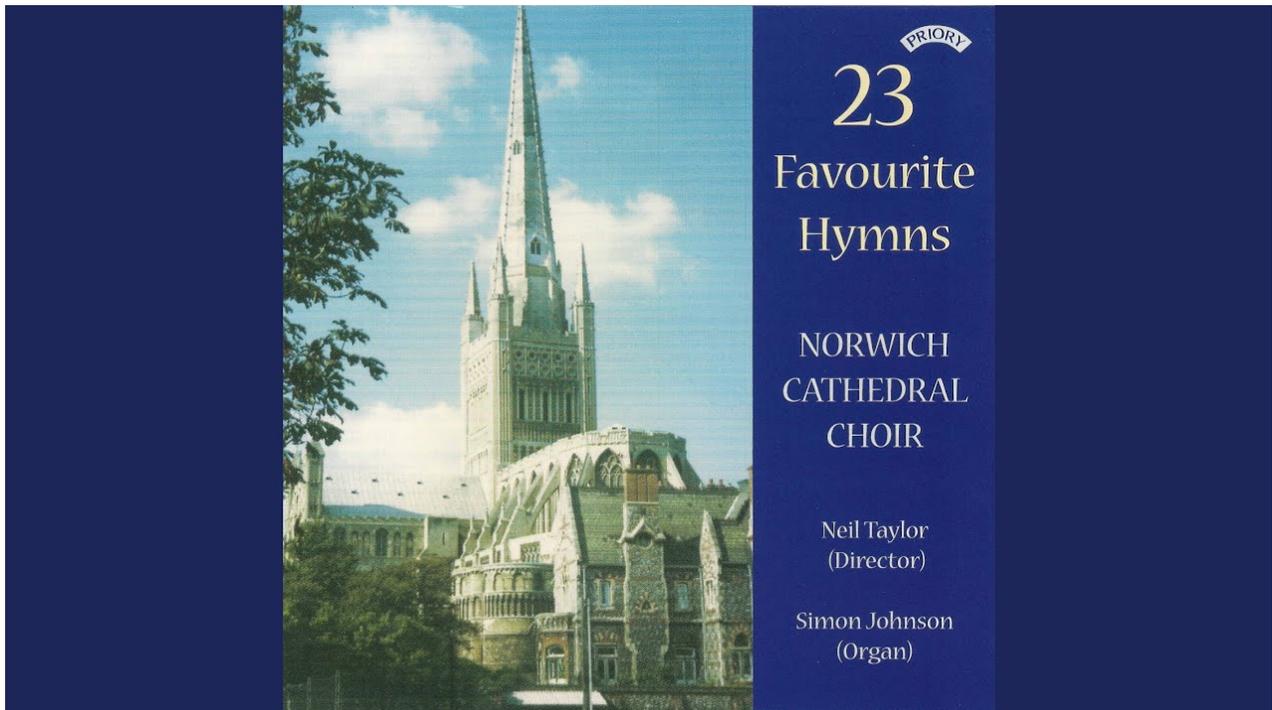
The Word of the Lord.

## THE SEQUENCE #445

Praise to the Holiest in the height

Norwich Cathedral Choir

*please note that verses 5 & 6 are omitted from our hymnal*



1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the  
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was  
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in  
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and  
 5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most  
 2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am  
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -  
 4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his  
 5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!  
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came,  
 3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;  
 4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine,  
 5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1896), alt. Music: Gossens, John Bacinus Dykes (1823-1876)

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## THE HOMILY

The Very Reverend Mac Brown



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All who are one in faith are invited to pray the Spiritual Communion  
with the congregation of St. James.

THE OFFERTORY

Gloria (Mass in G Minor)  
Kammerchor, Stuttgart

J. S. Bach



 Carus

Johann  
Sebastian  
Bach

**Ein feste Burg**

Cantata BWV 80  
Missa in g BWV 235

Wegener · Allsopp  
Hobbs · Harvey  
Kammerchor Stuttgart  
Barockorchester Stuttgart  
**Frieder Bernius**



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*The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (BCP, p. 457).*

*When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.*

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.

*In your own words, pray for your own needs, for those on your heart,  
for the peace of the world, and for the Church.  
After offering these intercessions, continue with*

### The Act of Contrition

O God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and for all the wrongs I have done and the good I have not done. Especially I confess....Forgive me for Jesus' sake, and grant me strength and wisdom to amend my life. Amen.

### The Act of Reception

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given me.... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

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.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep my heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ my Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with me now and always. Amen.

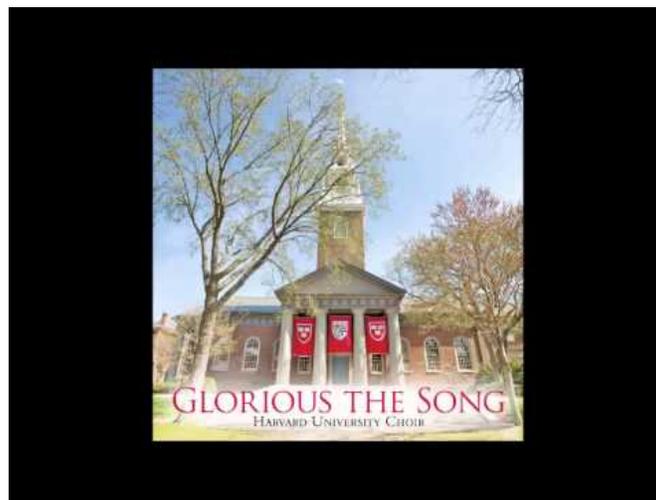
THE PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE HYMN #571

All who love and serve your city

The Harvard University Choir



Musical notation for the hymn, consisting of three staves with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, with some lines having multiple columns of text.

1 All who love and serve your ci - ty, all who  
 2 in your day of loss and sor - row, in your  
 3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed  
 4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the  
 5 Ris - en Lord! shall yet the ci - ty be the

1 bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for  
 2 day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace and  
 3 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the  
 4 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a  
 5 ci - ty of de - spair? Come to - day, our

1 peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,  
 2 love re - treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life,  
 3 word of Je - sus, "I must work while it is day."  
 4 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.  
 5 Judge, our Glo - ry; be its name, "The Lord is there!"

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## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

## THE POSTLUDE

Tocatta in F Major

J. S. Bach

Markus Wargh - organ



Those persons who need our prayers, love, and support

Iris, Genie, Sandy, John, Rosemary, Marieke, Doug, Bill, Michael,  
Cynthia Anne, Lorry, Martha, Kelly, Kurt, Sue, Jean, Ben, Alexandria, Elaine.  
Susie, Charlie, Kristi, Bob, Claire, Bette, Wendy, Curt.  
Joy, Andrew, Mark, Geilan, Chuck, Santiago, Cynthia, Trevor, Alex, Crystal.  
Caryle, Sheila, Roy, Susanne.

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week especially:  
Cynthia Anne Ruth, Lorry Waugh, Dylan Beheler-Romero,  
Jim & Gwen Glenn, Roy & Barbara Blackbird, Betty & Don Simanton.

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