



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Invitation

*The People speak the words in **bold**.*

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Play your best with joyful shouts!

God loves righteousness and justice.

The Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth. (Psalm 33:3, 5)

Hymn

Hearing God's Word

First Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection

Second Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

Musical Response

Prayers of the Congregation

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Sharing God's Table

Is God with us?

God is.

Is Christ among us?

Christ is here.

Is the Spirit here?

The Spirit is.

We are God's people.

We are redeemed.

God of creation you bless us with abundance.

It is right to give our God thanks and praise for the fullness of human life.

So with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we sing.

Sanctus (the People echo the Cantor)

Mark Whitmire

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

It is right to praise you, God of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,

but came to meet us as your son, Jesus Christ.

Despite our sin, you embraced us as your children.

You welcomed us to come and sit with you and to share meals together.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him

and he in each of us.

He opened his arms of love upon the hard wood of cross

and made for all the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends.

He took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them saying:

Take eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Eternal God, we do this in remembrance of him,

his body is the bread of life, broken to renew our life and to draw us closer to you and one another.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said:

Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Eternal God, we do this in remembrance of him,

his blood is shed for all and poured out to wash away the pain and suffering of your world.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your son, Jesus Christ.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts together as a resurrection community,
make us one in our risen Lord.**

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

**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.

Christ is alive forever

We are because he is.

We are one body,

We share one bread.

Draw near with faith

Christ is the host and we are his guest.

This is the table, not of the Church but of God.

It is made ready for those who love Christ and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

you who have been here often and you who have not been here long.

You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come because it is Christ who invites you.

Behold what you are.

Become what you receive.

May the Broken Body and Blood of Christ renew your soul and help you to call others to be part of this community formed, shaped, and empowered by God's Holy Spirit.

Alleluia. We break this bread.

To share in the Body of Christ. Alleluia.

At this time, the People may eat and drink the bread and wine.

Prayer after Communion

Lord, you have opened to us the Scriptures, and you have made yourself known

in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray,

that we may live as the Body of Christ today and always. Amen.

Hymn

Blessing

Musical Benediction

Hymn Texts

Sweet, Sweet Spirit (9/20, 10/25)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Precious Lord (9/20, 10/25, 11/29)

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, lead me near, when my light is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone;
At the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

Love Divine (9/27, 11/1, 12/6)

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Round the Lord in glory seated (9/27, 11/1, 12/6)

Round the Lord in glory seated, cherubim and seraphim,
filled his temple, and repeated each to each the alternate hymn:
"Lord, Thy glory fills the heaven, earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy, Lord."

Heav'n is still with glory ringing; earth takes up the angels' cry,
"Holy, holy, holy," singing, "Lord of Hosts, the Lord Most High!"
With his seraph train before him, with his holy church below
Bid we thus our anthem flow.

"Lord, your glory fills the heaven, earth is with its fullness stored;
unto you be glory given, holy, holy, holy, Lord."
Thus your glorious name confessing, with your angel hosts we cry,
"Holy, holy, holy," blessing you, the Lord of Hosts Most High.

In Christ there is no east or west (10/4, 11/8, 12/13)

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, companions in the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north,
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Wade in the water (10/4, 11/8, 12/13)

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children;
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white (God's gonna trouble the water)
The leader looks like the Israelite (God's gonna trouble the water).

See that band all dress in red (God's gonna trouble the water)
looks like the band that Moses led (God's gonna trouble the water).

If you don't believe I've been redeemed (God's gonna trouble the water)
Just follow me down to Jordan's steam (God's gonna trouble the water).

God is love (10/11, 11/5, 12/20)

God is love, let heav'n adore him; God is love let earth rejoice.
Let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation; God is love, eternal love.

God is love and love enfolds us; All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod
Then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

God is love and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving kindness guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain.
God is love, so love forever o'er the universe shall reign.

Give to us peace (10/11, 11/5, 12/20)

God the Omnipotent! King who ordainest
thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword;
show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God, the All-righteous One! Man hath defied thee;
yet to eternity standeth thy word,
falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the All-provident! earth by thy chastening
yet shall to freedom and truth be restored;
through the thick darkness thy kingdom is hastening:
thou wilt give peace in our time, O Lord.

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace (10/18, 11/22)

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's myst'ries known or yet untold;
let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims one fam'ly with a billion names;
let ev'ry life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

Seek ye first (10/18, 11/22)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and it shall be opened unto you. Alleluia.

Come, thou long expected Jesus (11/29)

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

God rest ye, merry gentlemen (12/27)

God rest ye, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember, Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray;
Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.

From God our Heavenly Father a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy.

Fear not, then said the angel, let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood, each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy.

Go, tell it on the mountain (12/27)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when high above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Our Cantor



Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs

Our Guest Musicians



Jason Jenkins Trio - 9/20, 10/25, 11/29

I have been blessed over my musical journey to play with many wonderful musicians in many wonderful settings. For me, a Jazz Mass is very unique because I get to express myself in the music which I love, play with musician friends who I love, all in the house of the Lord who makes ALL thing possible. - Jason



Daniel Clarke Trio - 9/27, 11/1, 12/6

Music is played in many different settings. Sometimes it's work, sometimes it's play, but when it can be created in a meaningful place the music expands and becomes bigger than those making it. St. James has provided that meaningful place for a long time. I'm honored to be a part of the Jazz Mass series again this year. Improvising with musicians that I admire and love is the most spiritual offering I have to give and I'm excited to share it with the St. James family.



Alan Parker Trio - 10/4, 11/8, 12/13

The best music comes from a higher plane and when I've experienced it when watching or hearing someone who is channeling that higher power I am struck with uncontrollable laughter. Those are the times when I feel the Spirit move within me. As a musician, I think I constantly strive to move myself out of the way so I can allow the spirit that works through all the masters to work through me in some small way.



Anthony Dowd Trio - 10/11, 11/15, 12/20

There is a natural calm that comes over me as soon as the first tune starts on any gig. I've been fortunate in that I've been associated with church music, for most of my life. Singing in the school choir in the '60s, playing guitar for folk mass in the '70s, to playing at my parent's church. There is also a calm that comes from spiritual music, so getting to put all these moments in one space gives me a centeredness that is unique.



Weldon Hill Trio - 10/18, 11/22, 12/27

For all of my life, I have been actively involved at the church in which most of my family grew up. The music was always inspirational to me in terms of technical underpinnings and spiritual edification. Most prominently, though, I came to understand that spirituality transcends musical genres and is an undefinable, ubiquitous energy--the very soul of the organized sounds and silences that comprise the universal language of music.

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