



THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE SEASON OF CREATION
September 27, 2026
10:00 AM

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

THE GATHERING RITE

HYMN (*standing*)

O Worship The King

H #388



The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with five staves. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating the parts. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth system.

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **God's love is new every morning.**

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

People **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.**

SONG OF PRAISE
(standing)

How Great Thou Art

ELW #856 vs 1-2



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

COLLECT OF THE DAY (standing)

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Creator God, you call us into being. Inspire us with your extravagant generosity, and sustain us with hope in resurrection life. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES (*seated*)

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, *
and the wonderful works you have done.

You worked marvels in the sight of their forebears, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

You split open the sea and let them pass through; *
you made the waters stand up like walls.

You led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

You split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

You brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

THE EPISTLE *(seated)*

Philippians 2:1-13

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN
(standing)

All Things Bright and Beautiful

H405 vs 4

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Repeat Refrain

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

People **Glory to you, Lord 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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Brian Gregory

THE NICENE CREED *said by all, standing*

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 human.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The intercessor offers the petitions and all respond, Hear our Prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Silence may be kept

All **Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as
you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our
Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

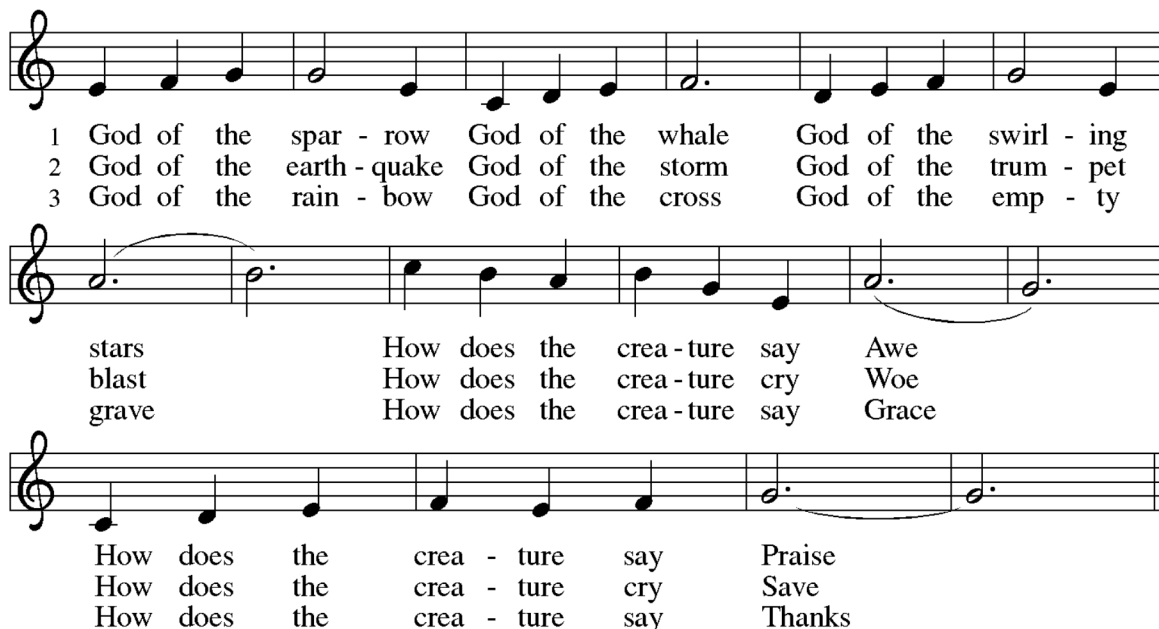
Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People offer a greeting of peace to one another.

KIDS' WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND SPECIAL PRAYERS



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty

stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 grave How does the crea - ture say Grace

How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks

DOXOLOGY HYMN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (*standing*)

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to God.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

The prayer continues until...

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly ho - ly Ho - ly One

God of hope and love. All the Earth and stars a - bove

sing of your great love: Ho - san - na

In the high - est, Ho - ly One.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is the One dwell - ing here with us. With

all the fam - i - ly of God, we sing of your great love:

Ho - san - na In the high - est,

Ho - ly One.

The prayer continues until...

Presider Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues until...

Presider Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

PRAYER FOR THOSE WORSHIPING AT HOME

O Christ, 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.

THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to the meal where Christ is present in bread and wine. The ushers will guide you to form a line up the center aisle. You may choose to receive a sealed packet containing both consecrated wine and wafer, or you may take a piece of bread and receive the common cup. Gluten free options are available.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(standing)*

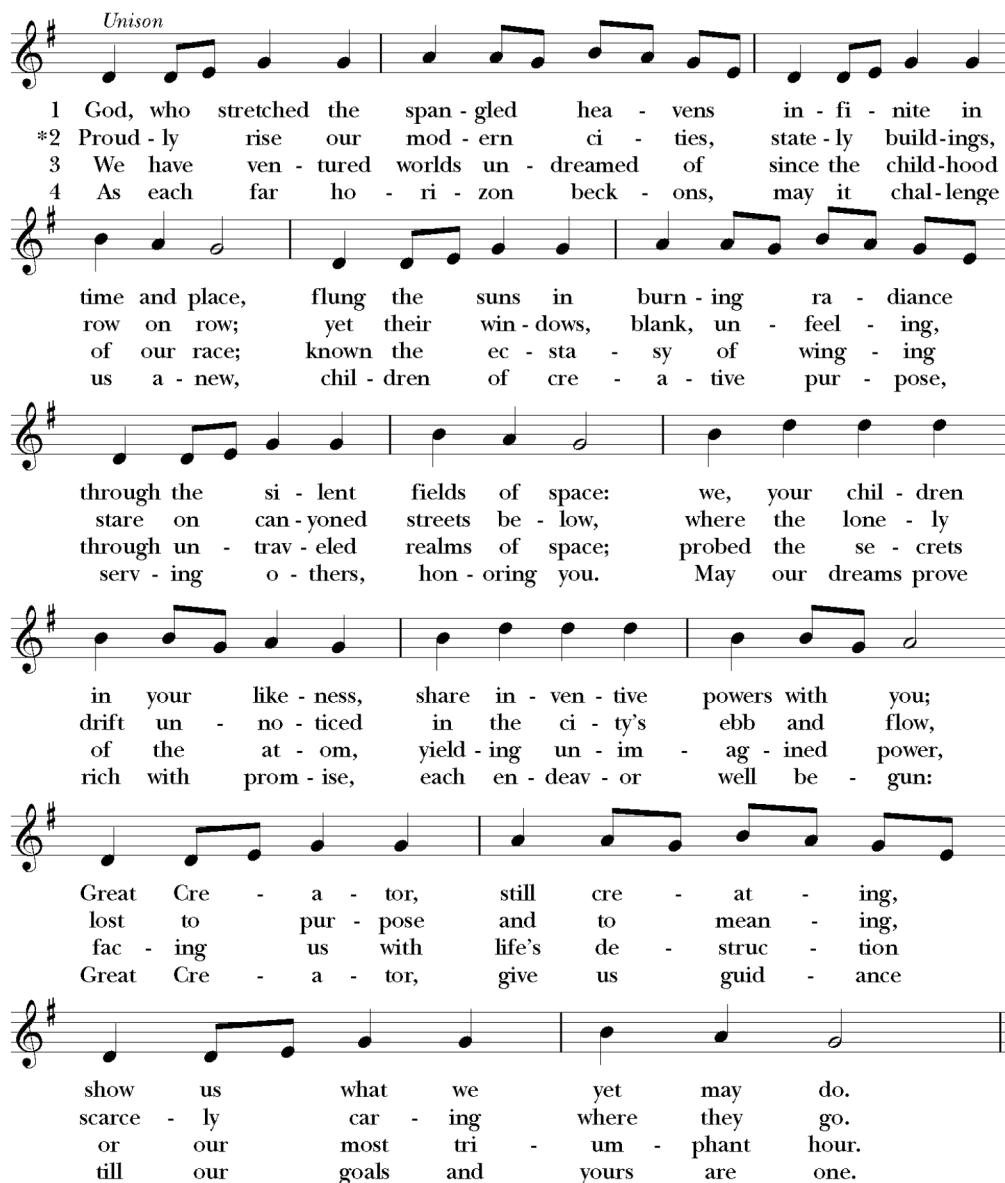
Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the people.

Unison



1 God, who stretched the span - gled hea - vens in - fi - nite in
 *2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern ci - ties, state - ly build - ings,
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge

time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance
 row on row; yet their win - dows, blank, un - feel - ing,
 of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing
 us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose,

through the si - lent fields of space: we, your chil - dren
 stare on can - yoned streets be - low, where the lone - ly
 through un - trav - eled realms of space; probed the se - crets
 serv - ing o - thers, hon - oring you. May our dreams prove

in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you;
 drift un - no - ticed in the ci - ty's ebb and flow,
 of the at - om, yield - ing un - im - ag - ined power,
 rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun:

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing,
 lost to pur - pose and to mean - ing,
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance

show us what we yet may do.
 scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 till our goals and yours are one.

DISMISSAL

The Presider dismisses the People, who respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.



BBQ With St. Luke's Apartment Neighbors

Today, 12-2 pm | St. Luke's Apartment Rooftop

St. Luke's Apartments have been open for nearly a year and all units are leased! Join our St. Luke's neighbors today to celebrate the end of summer with a potluck BBQ on the apartment rooftop.

Ballard Pet Celebration and Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4, 12-3 pm | Ballard Commons Park

As the Season of Creation concludes with a celebration of St. Francis on Sunday, October 4, St. Luke's is partnering with local pet and animal-focused nonprofits to draw attention to the needs of animals in our community. Join us in Ballard Commons Park for the second-annual Ballard Pet Celebration to visit with local organizations and for a Blessing of the Animals. The community event will run from 12-3pm. The Blessing of the Animals will take place at 12noon. Bring your furry, feathered or scaled companions (or a photo) for the blessing!

Edible Hope Kitchen Fall Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 21, 6-8 pm | Old Stove Brewery (1550 NW 49th St.)

Edible Hope Kitchen has served hot meals and strengthened community in Ballard for 40 years. Join us as we celebrate this milestone—and look ahead to the next 40 years—at our annual fall bash. There will be dinner provided by local restaurants and our own talented chefs, with drinks available from Old Stove. Look forward to a raffle, auction items, and Raise-the-Paddle! Every dollar we raise goes directly towards feeding more than 50,000 meals per year to our neighbors in need. To buy tickets and learn more about the event, scan the QR code.





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