

ST. STEPHEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fort Worth, Texas
Service for The LORD'S Day

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 1, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Bold text: All | Regular text: Leader | †: *Please stand in body or spirit.*

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE: *The Swan* from *The Carnival of the Animals* (1922)

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 15

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

† HYMN: 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true faith; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of faithfulness for the sake of the world; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*kneeling or bowing down*)

God of mercy, you have called us to follow you. Yet too often, we have ignored you, turned away from you, or let other noise drown out your voice. Forgive us. Open our hearts and lives that we may hear you call our name and respond in faith and with joy, since you, alone, can lead us into new life, through your Word and Spirit. Amen.

(*Silent confession*)

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

† SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

† GLORIA PATRI 580

SCOTTISH

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sharon LeMond

LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 34

Pew Bible OT p. 508

This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE: 1 TIMOTHY 6: 11-16

Pew Bible NT p. 210

This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

All children in 5th grade and younger are invited into the center of the sanctuary to surround the Gospeler during the Gospel Processional Hymn.

† GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*, stanzas 1-2 | 3-4

SCHUMANN

† LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL: John 18:33-19:22

Pew Bible NT p. 112

This is the Gospel of the LORD.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "No King But Caesar!"

The Rev. Dr. Warner Bailey, *Guest Pastor*

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

† HYMN: 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Children's Choir

Marcie Duplantis

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *Jesus Loves Me* (2018)

Jason D. Payne (b. 1980)

† DOXOLOGY 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The LORD'S Supper is open to all who seek to know God through Jesus Christ, regardless of religious background. It is served by intinction, coming forward to the servers and dipping the bread into the chalice of wine, held by the inside servers, or the chalice of grape juice, held by the outside servers. Gluten-free bread is available by speaking to the minister. If you wish to be served in your seat, let the usher know when your row is released to come forward. The server will say "The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation for you" or the like, to which you may respond, "Thanks be to God" or "Amen."

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

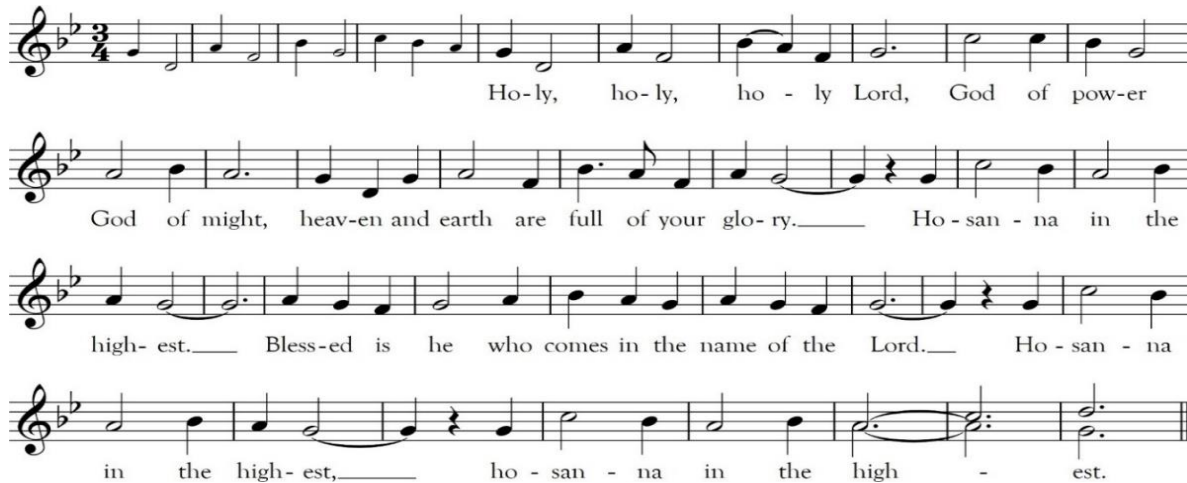
We lift them to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

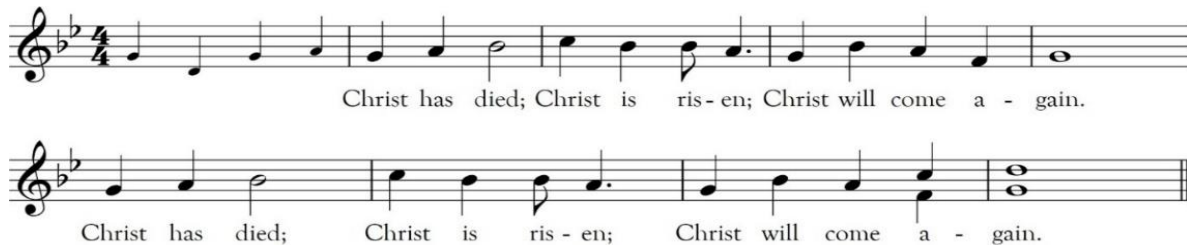
(Prayer continues...)

SANCTUS



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er
God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high- est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high- est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died; Christ is ris- en; Christ will come a - gain.
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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD *(kneeling or bowing down)*

Response: Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(kneeling or bowing down)*

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, through the eating of the bread and the drinking of the wine, we are made one with Jesus Christ. We thank you for his life and death, his words and works, and especially for making possible the new life with you and one another. Consecrate us, through your Holy Spirit, as we offer our lives to you and to the world, so all may come to feast on Christ and experience your limitless bounty. Amen.

SENDING INTO THE WORLD BY GOD

† HYMN: 295 *Go to the World!*

SINE NOMINE

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

POSTLUDE: *Toccata Brillante* (1982)

Fred Bock (1939–1998)



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