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# St. Paul's Episcopal Church Piney Parish

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*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 6, 2020

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## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Officiant*     O Lord, open our lips  
*All*             **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
*Officiant*     Give us the joy of your saving help  
*All*             **and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

### PRAYER FOR PURITY

*Officiant*     Let us pray.  
*All*             **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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

vv. 1-2

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beam  
pale silver moon that gently gleams  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
You clouds that ride the heavens aloft,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Fair, rising morn, with praise rejoice,  
stars nightly shining, find a voice,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.  
*All*             **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*     Let us pray.  
Creator God, you have made us not in one mold, but in many: so deepen our unity in  
Christ that we may rejoice in our diversity. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
**Amen.**

### YOUNG DISCIPLES MOMENT

*What is the Bible?*

### THE PSALM             *Psalm 119:33-40*

*The psalmist asks for the Lord's guidance and promises to keep God's commandments always.*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
**and I shall keep it to the end.**  
Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
**I shall keep it with all my heart.**  
Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
**for that is my desire.**  
Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
**and not to unjust gain.**  
Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
**give me life in your ways.**

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Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
**which you make to those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
**because your judgments are good.**

Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
**in your righteousness preserve my life.**

## THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Cami Caudill

*In this reading, Paul summarizes the heart of the law and urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation. All the commandments and all human responsibility for others are fulfilled by "loving your neighbor as yourself."*

Don't be in debt to anyone, except for the obligation to love each other. Whoever loves another person has fulfilled the Law. The commandments, *Don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't desire what others have*, and any other commandments, are all summed up in one word: *You must love your neighbor as yourself.* Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law.

As you do all this, you know what time it is. The hour has already come for you to wake up from your sleep. Now our salvation is nearer than when we first had faith. The night is almost over, and the day is near. So let's get rid of the actions that belong to the darkness and put on the weapons of light. Let's behave appropriately as people who live in the day, not in partying and getting drunk, not in sleeping around and obscene behavior, not in fighting and obsession. Instead, dress yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and don't plan to indulge your selfish desires.

Lector            The Word of the Lord.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Maria Kane

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 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 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.

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Laurie Jaffe

*Officiant*

As the Church, the Body of Christ in this time and place, let us offer our prayers, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*

That we may love the Lord with our whole heart, and soul, and mind, and our neighbor as our selves, claiming the great commandment as our pathway and destination. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for National Association of Episcopal Schools; all students and teachers; and, Labor Day. Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage.; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our love may be revealed through our actions, as we commit ourselves to ministering to those who are in prison, or confined to their homes, or living in nursing facilities, that in seeing their face we will see the face of Jesus; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That peace may flourish wherever there is strife or enmity between peoples, bringing opportunities for improved nutrition, health, and education, revealing God's mantle of light; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the power of the Holy Spirit in guiding us in our discovery of our vocation, our manner of expressing God's indwelling love, so that we may be passionate about our work and ministry; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the grace to turn away from anything that places a barrier between God's love and our actions, so that in turning back to Jesus we may receive mercy for the past and strength for the future; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For blessings upon those who have died, that their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God may rest in peace; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*(Please add your intercessions/thanksgivings for those who have died and those who grieve.)*

*The Officiant will add a concluding collect.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* As Christ teaches us, we pray:

*All* **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 CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**

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**We are truly sorry.**

**We repent and turn to you.**

**Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### **THE PEACE**

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

#### **PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants *she/he/they* begin another year. Grant that *she/he/they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his/her/their* trust in your goodness all the days of *his/her/their* life(ves); through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **PRAYER FOR ANNIVERSARY**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*Officiant* During this time in which we cannot gather to celebrate the great sacrament of Holy Communion, let us offer our selves, souls, and bodies to God in this prayer for spiritual communion.

*All* **In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you.**

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from me.**

**May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life, and in the life to come. Amen.**



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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### Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, the new day begins with such promise. Help me to enter into this day with joy and confidence in your power and goodness. Whatever challenge I may face, help me to trust in your presence, remembering that you are stronger than any difficulty or threat. If you will surround me in the embrace and affection of steadfast love and faithfulness, of righteousness and peace, then I will be lifted up and strengthened to follow you. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, favor me with the sheer silence of your presence at the end of this day. Quiet any voices of fear and doubt that would trouble me, toss and turn me. Grant me, and anyone who enters the night hours with anxiety or pain, your perfect peace. Favor your children with calm and rest, with healing and renewal, as we sleep and dream in your arms of mercy. In your Son's dear name, I pray. Amen.

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