
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Piney Parish



TOGETHER
FOR JOY

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Officiant From the small to the great,
and from the great to the small,
sing to God, for God has done marvelous things.

All Let the electrons circle their nuclei,
Let the earth spin on its axis,

Officiant Let the moons orbit the planets,
All **Let the planets orbit the Sun,**

Officiant Let the Sun spiral in its galaxy,
All **Let the galaxies revolve around their Creator,
Together for joy!**

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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

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

vv. 1,3

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of Love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother;
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Mysterious God, whose imagination and desire embrace all: We seek to discern you in the interplay of forces, in the order and the chaos of the universe, and in the complexities of every living system. Give us grace to honor your goodness in what we know and in what we do not know, in the world's harmonies and turbulence, and in its promise and change. For you are in, through, and beyond all that is: one God, made known to us in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, our inspiration and guide. **Amen.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES MOMENT

Jacob & Esau

Oh, my mind is disturbed by this
and is more troubled than usual.
Listen closely to the rumble of his voice,
the roar issuing from his mouth.
He looses it under the whole sky,
his lightning on earth's edges.
After it, a voice roars;
he thunders with a mighty voice,
and no one can stop it
when his voice is heard.
God roars with his wondrous voice;
he does great things we can't know.
He says to the snow, "Fall to earth,"
and to the downpour of rain, "Be a mighty shower."
He stamps the hand of every person
so all can know his work.

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

THE PSALM *Psalm 98:1,4-6*

(in unison)

- ¹ Sing a new song to God,*
who has done marvelous things.
- ⁴ You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- ⁵ Shout with joy to God, all you lands;*
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- ⁶ Sing to God with the harp,*
with the harp and the voice of song.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Revelation 21:3-5a

I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

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THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Maria Kane

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Officiant Let us affirm our faith in the Triune God: The One who was, and is, and is to come.
All **You, O God, are supreme and holy.**
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jeannie Paz Hicho

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:
for our world,
the heavens tell of your glory;
for our land, its beauty and its resources,
for the rich heritage we enjoy.

We pray:
for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,
that we may use your gifts responsibly;
for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation;
for artists, scientists and visionaries,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

Silence

We thank you for giving us life;
for all who enrich our experience.

We pray:
for all who are deprived of fulness of life,
for prisoners, refugees, and those who are sick;
for those in politics, medical science, social and relief work, and for your Church,
for all who seek to bring life to others.

Silence

We thank you that you have called us to celebrate your creation.
Give us reverence for life in your world.
We thank you for your redeeming love;
may your word strengthen us to love as you love us.

Silence

God, Creator, bring us new life.

Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

(Please add your intercessions and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.)

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 and sustaining God, we have sinned against you.
We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.
We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life.
We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control.
We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for
its protection. Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the
Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. 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 STEWARDSHIP

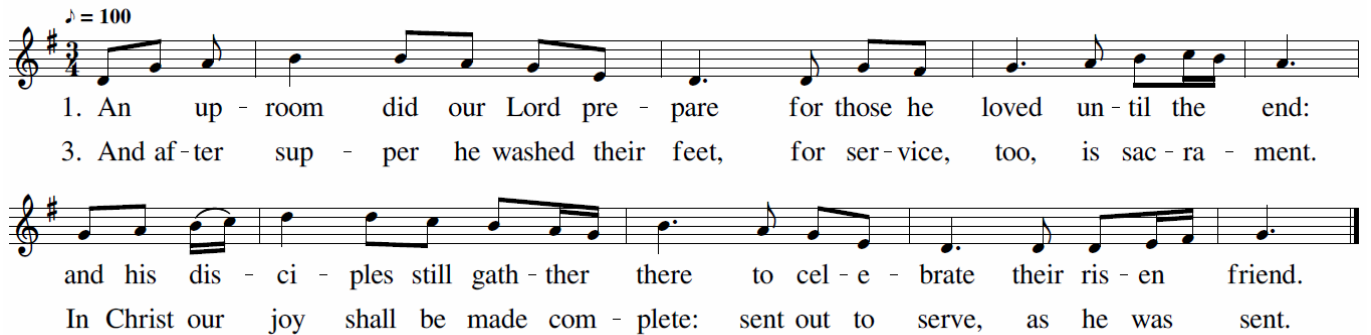
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Creator God, life is your gift to us. Through Baptism you invite each of us to share the gift of life in service to others. Hear our prayers as we strive to be good stewards. Open the minds and hearts of the people of our parish so that we may accept your challenge to use all our gifts in service to You and in communion with one another to build your Kingdom on earth. Make us keenly aware of all the blessings of our rich lives. Help us to be good stewards of our time by putting prayer first in our lives. Help us to be good stewards of our talent by putting ourselves at the service of each other. Help us to be good stewards of our treasure by sharing our financial means to build up our Church and aid those in need. Make your love the foundation of our lives. May our love for you express itself through our eagerness to use our time, our talent and our treasure to serve You, your Church and one another. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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1. An up - room did our Lord pre - pare for those he loved un - til the end:
3. And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice, too, is sac - ra - ment.

and his dis - ci - ples still gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
In Christ our joy shall be made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord God, giver of light and darkness, from the rising of the sun to its setting you have called me by name; there is no God besides you. Go before me and guide me this day; bless and keep me forever. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord God, giver of darkness and light, from the setting of the sun to its rising you have called me by name; there is no God besides you. Stay with me and guard me this night; bless and keep me forever. Amen.

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