
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Third Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
June 13, 2021

Welcome: Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning. If you're new to our community, or if you have questions or other needs, please ask. There's no such thing as a stupid question. We've all been new at some point, and as the old adage goes, "we're all just walking each other home" one step at a time.

About Our Worship: This service may look and feel different than that which you have previously experienced.

As Christians in the Episcopal (episcopal=church with bishops) tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which—for centuries—has united Christians all over the world in a common language of prayer and worship. These prayers have been used for hundreds of years by people all over the world, and are still used today. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before, and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus. Our liturgy (the work of the people in worship) helps us when our words fail, ensures that we hear a thorough account of God's Word, and invites us to add our own voices and experience to God's story." The liturgy makes worship something the whole community does, not just the minister up front. Who we are and what we bring is enough because we are assured that God delights in our worship! You will find some people kneeling, bowing, and making the sign of the cross as expressions of devotion and blessing. This is neither requisite nor uniform, and we invite you to participate as you feel comfortable.

As an act of care for yourself and all those gathered, please maintain appropriate physical distance at all times. Masks must be worn by all those above the age of two. We will not be passing an offering plate, though there is an offering box available for use on the Welcome Table.

OPENING HYMN

How firm a foundation

vv. 1,2



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrant Blessed be God, Source of All Being, Eternal Word, and Spirit Sustaining.
People And blessed is God's reign here among us for all of eternity.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

v.1

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

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

THE PSALM *Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15*

¹ It is a good thing to give thanks to the GOD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

² **To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;**

³ On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.

⁴ **For you have made me glad by your acts, O God; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹¹ The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹² **Those who are planted in the house of God *
shall flourish in the heavenly courts;**

¹³ They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁴ **That they may show how upright God is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

(Please stand as able.)

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 4:26-34*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Linda Calkins

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 proven
your love for us in Jesus, your 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 overcame death.
You are our God.
We worship you.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

Caring God, we thank you for your gifts in creation:

Intercessor

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 earth's resources,
that we may use your gifts responsibly.

for those who work on the land and sea,
that all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your creation.

for the creators of beauty in art, in science, in vision,
that through their work we may see creation afresh.

for all who through their own or others' actions are deprived of life,
**for prisoners, refugees, the handicapped and all who are sick, including
Mother Maria, Sewell, Cheryl, Stephanie, Brooke, John, the Vestry, the
Regathering Team, Sally, Donna, Diane, Jack, Joyce, Rodgers, Shauna,
Margaret, Tom, George, Mary Anne, George, Hani, Steve, Leo, Michael,
David, Billy, Rebecca, Tamika, Kathy, and Doris.**

for those who have died, including Emily Forbes, Barbara Ann Gerhart, and
Fred Mower, and now rest in your eternal embrace.

Comfort the loved ones who mourn their loss.

for those in politics, medical science, and relief work,
for all who seek to bring life to others.

for the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Faith Church, Charlotte Hall and Christ
Church, Nanjemoy.

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud.

We thank you for your call to celebrate your creation
to revere life in all its forms

We thank you for revealing your love through Jesus
that we may be strengthened to live as you love.

Creator God, bring us new life.
Jesus our Redeemer, renew us.

Holy Spirit, strengthen us as we confess:

We confess that we have considered the earth to be our own, believing in our own superiority. We repent. God, through your goodness may each of us be freed from greed; we pray for strength to speak out against the forces that threaten life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As vast as the distance from one end of creation to another, God's love for us is even greater. As far as east is from west does God remove our sin from us.

Thanks be to God.

The sign of God's abiding peace is offered to all.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, God of all creation. In the beginning your Spirit hovered over the earth calling into being every creature that exists. Earth itself responded to your love and to every creature that came to be, you said: Yes, you are good. The waters brought forth life. Into clay you breathed a living soul. From that day humanity has sung your praise. There is nothing that is not drawn to you for the glory of your presence is written on all that is. You are reflected in high mountains and lowly

valleys. You are there in the deep oceans and the farthest stars and in the stirrings of our hearts.

We blend our voices with the prayer of all creation as we sing your praise with words that shall never cease:

**Holy, holy, holy,
God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky and all that lives
declare your presence and your glory.**

We thank you, our God, especially for Jesus. In the fullness of time, you sent him in your name to draw us ever closer to you. He emptied himself and became as all humanity is, humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. You raised him on high, setting him above all creation, so that every tongue should acclaim: **Jesus Christ is Lord. It was for all you did this, so that we may give you glory filled with the fullness of your love.** In the spirit and example of Jesus, we are gathered here to celebrate this meal, to become a living sign of your presence in our world. We recall that he took bread and thanked you for your constant love. He broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying: **“Take this and share it among you. This is my body given for you.”**

He also took the cup of wine. Again he gave you praise and shared it with those who were with him, saying: **“Take and drink from it, all of you. This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood, shed for people everywhere. Whenever you do this, do it in memory of me.”**

With great joy, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.** God of all creation, send your Spirit upon this bread and this wine that it may be for us the body and blood of your Christ.

Send your Spirit upon us, so that we who eat this bread and share this cup may become one people nourished by your love. We pray that by the same Spirit we may know that all people are our brothers and our sisters so that wherever we are peace and justice will be the signs of your presence among us. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, gracious God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As Christ teaches us we pray:

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As an act of adoration, a moment of reverent silence is kept as the bread is broken. This symbolizes the breaking of Jesus' own body.

The bread we break is the sharing of the body of Christ.

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

The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ. Bread and wine, the gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

Upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,
Behold you are: **may we become what we receive.**

THE COMMUNION

All those who are baptized, as well as those who yearn to be fed with Christ's grace, are welcome at this table. You need not be an Episcopalian to feast here. The Celebrant will bring the bread to your seat. Please stand to receive the consecrated bread.

COMMUNION HYMN

As We Gather At Your Table

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er

lis - ten to your word, help us know, O God, your
 sac - ra - ment of life; send us forth to love and
 guests to share that feast where tri - um - phant Love will

pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
 serve you, bring - ing peace where there is
 wel - come those who had been last and

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
 strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -
 least. There no more will en - vy bind us nor will

1

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
 give as you for-gave; may we still be - hold your
 pride our peace de-stroy, as we join with saints and

4

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 im - age in the world you died to save.
 an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & MILESTONE 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.

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un-seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com-pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon May Christ's holy, healing and enabling Spirit be with you every step of the way, and be your guide as your life changes and turns. And the blessing of our God, the Source of all Being, the Eternal Word and the Holy Spirit be with you always.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

Wyton

THIS WEEK

Questions for Reflection

The passage from 2 Corinthians urges us to be reconciled, to engage in the ministry of reconciliation, and to be ambassadors for Christ. How can you join in a ministry of reconciliation as an ambassador of Christ?

Household Prayer: Morning

New every morning are your mercies, Lord. And new also is this day, full of promise and possibility. Give me eyes to see your new creation that is already coming into being, even as I come and go among familiar places. I pray that you will help me to see others not from a human point of view, but to see them through your eyes of love, grace, and second chances. I will try to walk by faith and not by sight alone. And I will look for ways that I can be a part of Christ's ministry of reconciliation. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, with the psalmist I say: It is good to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night. For all the ways you loved me through the day that is past, I give you thanks. For your faithful watching over me tonight, I also give thanks. Like a bird asleep in its nest, secure on a sturdy branch, I—and all the world—rest in your wide embrace. Despite all evidence to the contrary, headlined in the news of this day, I trust that your kingdom is growing; that all of us are becoming a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given by Paula & Sewell Truitte
in memory of Frank & Pauline Saffelle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you so much for your altar flower dedications. Only two dates are left – October 31 and November 14. Payment is due with the order form. Please contact the office at office@stpaulswaldorf.org or 301-645-5000 to confirm availability. Thank you.

SUNDAY WORSHIP REGISTRATION

Registration is required for Sunday worship at either 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Please complete your registration by the Thursday prior to the Sunday you wish to attend. You may register through your Realm account. You will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation, please check your event registration to be sure it went through. You may also register through the office at office@stpaulswaldorf.org or 301-645-5000.

BULLETIN & MIDWEEK CONTENT

The Midweek will be sent out bi-weekly during the summer months. Please be sure to send your articles or announcements for the bulletin or Midweek in advance to the office at office@stpaulswaldorf.org, so that the input will be placed with plenty of notice. Thank you.

LOST EARRING

An earring has been found in the building. Please contact the office if you believe it may be yours. Thank you.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 13, The Third Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, June 20, The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP		
June 13	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Claire Hamilton	Terrance Frierson
Lector	Emily Lopez	Peggy Goldsmith
Psalm	Page Hamilton	Femi Frierson
Altar Guild	Ruth Gaumond Darlene Guy	
June 20	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Grant Pettersen
Lector	Mike Fritz	Susan Parody
Psalm	Ann Lancaster	Troy Pettersen
Counters	Kathy Fornadley Peggy Goldsmith Phil Hamilton	
Altar Guild	Judy Hamilton Mary Fenton	

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