
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
August 15, 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.

(Music at 10:30 only)

PRELUDE

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Krug

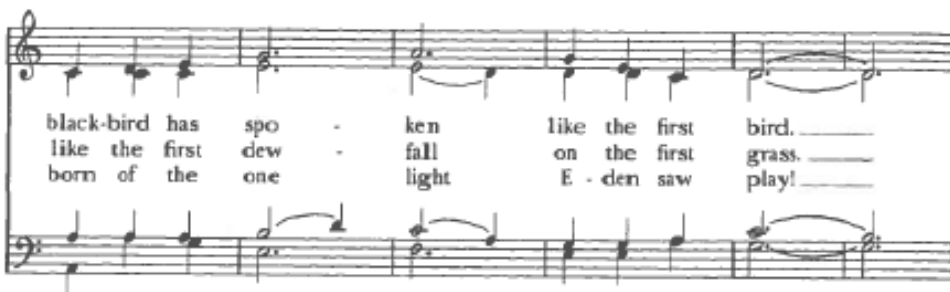
OPENING HYMN

Morning has broken

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrant: Blessed be the One, Holy, Living God

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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 Let us pray.

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON *Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her animals,

she has mixed her wine,

she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant girls,

she calls from the highest places in the town,

"You that are simple, turn in here!"

To those without sense she says,

"Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Lay aside immaturity, and live,

and walk in the way of insight."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *Psalm 34:9-14*

⁹ Fear the MOST HIGH, you are GOD'S saints, *
for those who fear GOD lack nothing.

¹⁰ **The young lions lack and suffer hunger, ***
but those who seek GOD lack nothing that is good.

¹¹ Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of GOD.

¹² **Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³ Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴ **Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.**

(Please stand as able.)

THE GOSPEL LESSON *John 6:51-58*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Linda Calkins

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed, the Church's central statement of faith, emerged out of the first four councils of the Church in the 4th century in response to controversies about Jesus' divinity. The Latin root of the phrase "we believe" (credo) means to "give one's heart." The creed is our way of affirming who is deserving of our heart amidst fear and doubt. The term apostolic refers to the historic succession of the apostles (original leaders of the early church) through our bishops. The term "catholic" refers to the universal church throughout the world.

Celebrant

Let us affirm our faith in the One, holy, and living God:

All

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI

Celebrant

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann, our Bishop and Chilton, our Assisting Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Mary's Church, DC;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for: **Mother Maria, Sewell, Cheryl, the Vestry, Tony, Gracie, Jenna, Michele, Stephanie, John, Frank, George, Regathering Team, Sally, Donna, Diane, Jack, Joyce, Rodgers, Shauna, Margaret, Tom, Rosemary, Boon, Alan, Jodi, Ritchey, Sarah, Burton, Krishna, Mark, Lizzie and Terry C.**

Silence

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

Please add your thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

My Life Flows On

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Spirit of life is upon us.

who gives breath to all creatures.

The Spirit is moving on the face of the earth

and we feel the Spirit in our hearts.

The Spirit is renewing us

and all creatures on the earth.

Holy God, your Spirit fashioned us from the beginning created us from the dust of the ground and breathed upon us; and all creation too was enlivened by your Spirit free and abroad in all creation making life by your work of love.

Nothing living is untouched by your Spirit or without your gift of grace; the earth is full of your treasures great and small are the works of your hands;

You set us in the midst of life to care and serve; to walk humbly with you and trust in Your Spirit;

but we have betrayed that trust and have served ourselves worshipping our own image and frustrating your Spirit within us.

Only your Son filled with the Spirit has set us free and liberated us to walk again in newness of life;

Yet the Spirit of your Son still cries in our hearts so that all creation may be free again with your love.

God of justice this is the sacrament of our liberation given for us and all creation as a sign of your coming kingdom.

At the last supper before his final act of sacrifice your Son, Jesus, took the bread and said, “This is my body.” He took the cup and said, “This is my blood.”

Through the same creative Spirit we pray that these creatures of bread and wine may be to us the very life of your Son in flesh and blood; signs of life renewed for the whole creation.

As we eat and drink these holy things we pray for grace that we may become imaginative symbols of your faithfulness for which all creatures long.

Amen.

We now pray in these words:

The Lord’s Prayer (9:00 a.m.)

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.

New Zealand Prayer Book (10:30 a.m.)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain Bearer Life-Giver; Source of all that is and all that shall be; Father and Mother of us all. Loving God in whom is heaven. The hallowing of your name echo through the universe. The way of your justice be followed by the peoples on the earth. Your gracious will be done by all created people. Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In time of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the power that is love now and forever. 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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: 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.

Upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,

Celebrant: Behold who you are.

People: **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

Let all mortal flesh keep silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **In thanksgiving we pray the words of Mother Julian of Norwich: “All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.” The whole creations awaits your eternal Sabbath O God, when all creatures shall be free and your justice shall fill the earth. Liberating God, Creator of all that is Giver of all life Wisdom ever moving over the face of the earth we praise you forever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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.

CLOSING HYMN

I want to walk as a child of the light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon May the God of unlimited holiness, source of all that is good and true, raise you up to see the world through the eyes of the dog, the cat, the sparrow, the lizard and the lion so that we all may treasure each creature alive with Spirit and touched by the hand of the Creator. May the blessing of our wonderful God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, Holy Spirit be upon us now and forever. Amen.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Dixon

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Mother Maria, Sewell Truitte, Cheryl Williams, the Vestry, Tony Hackley, Gracie Lyon, Jenna Monroe, Michele Caram, Stephanie Mohney, John Mathews, Frank Fruh, George Thompson, Regathering Team, Sally Barley, Donna Boswell, Diane Coon, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Rodgers Johnson, Shauna Lavender, Margaret Leman, Tom May, Rosemary V., Boon P., Alan D., Jodi S., Ritchey S., Sarah, Burton B., Krishna B., Mark C., Lizzie B., Terry C.

Armed Forces: Cameron Chase, Zach Kettner, Megan Laurine, Casey Mills, Nate Ochsner, Garrett Roberson, Jr., Connor Runser

First Responders: Matt Backman, Liz Caswell, Chris Cox, Jimmy Cox, James Laurine, Kenny Levy, Jason Lyon, Pat Lyon, Luke Smith

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary's Church, DC

Community and World: For our country, especially the healthcare professionals, the unemployed, grocery store and transportation employees, firefighters, EMTs, police, teachers, and those suffering from the Covid-19 virus.

In order to keep the list current and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, names remain on the prayer list for one month (but can be renewed at any time). To submit a prayer request: 1) complete a Connect Card, which can be found on the back of the pew; OR, 2) send an email to Joyce Scofield: rjscofield@comcast.net or Mother Maria: mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org

THIS WEEK

Questions for Reflection

What does Jesus mean when he says his body is “true food” and his blood is “true drink” (John 6:55)?

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, help me make the most of the time you give this day, to be wise in my decisions and careful in my actions. Let my life be a continual act of thanksgiving for your loving-kindness, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, if I have not lived wisely this day, show me my foolish ways. Fill me with the Spirit that I may know your will and live by your truth, for I long to be your faithful child and to abide eternally with Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGATHERING UPDATE

Due to the rise in Covid-19 cases in Charles County, the Regathering Committee has decided to return to Phase 2. Services will again be held outdoor and on Zoom starting Saturday, August 21, 6 p.m.

BRING YOUR PRAYER BOOK ON AUGUST 21

On Saturday, August 21, 6 p.m., please bring your 1979 prayer book.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Due to the uncertainty with the rising Covid numbers, we have canceled the All-Church Retreat for September 2021 and have tentatively rescheduled it for September 16-18, 2022.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 15, The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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

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

Tuesday, August 17

7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Saturday, August 21, The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

6:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship

Sunday, August 22, The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP		
August 15	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Acolyte	Sub Requested	Paula Truitte
Prayers of the People	Colin Finley	Jerry Corbett
Lector	Fern Brown	Frank Pilato
Psalm	Fern Brown	Sub Requested
Altar Guild	Donna Dillon Kathy Fornadley	
Counters	Mike Fritz Ann Lancaster Colleen Meadows	
August 21/22	6 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Emily Lopez	Sewell Truitte
Lector	Karen Hunter	Peggy Goldsmith
Psalm	Jenna Monroe	Femi Frierson
Altar Guild	Cathy Lavender Susan Parody	

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