
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
August 21, 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 Comm 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

Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

THE WORD OF GOD

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

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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.

THE FIRST LESSON*Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18*

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

Long ago your ancestors--Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor--lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM*Psalm 34: 15-22*

¹⁵ The eyes of GOD are upon the righteous, *
and the ears of GOD are open to their cry.

¹⁶ **The face of GOD is against those who do evil, ***
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and GOD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ **GOD is near to the brokenhearted ***
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹ Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but GOD will deliver him out of them all.

²⁰ **GOD will keep safe all their bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹ Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²² **O GOD, you will ransom the life of your servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in you.**

(Please stand as able.)

THE GOSPEL LESSON *John 6:56-69*

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

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

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." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter

answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

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COMMUNION HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till pil-grim days are done.

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

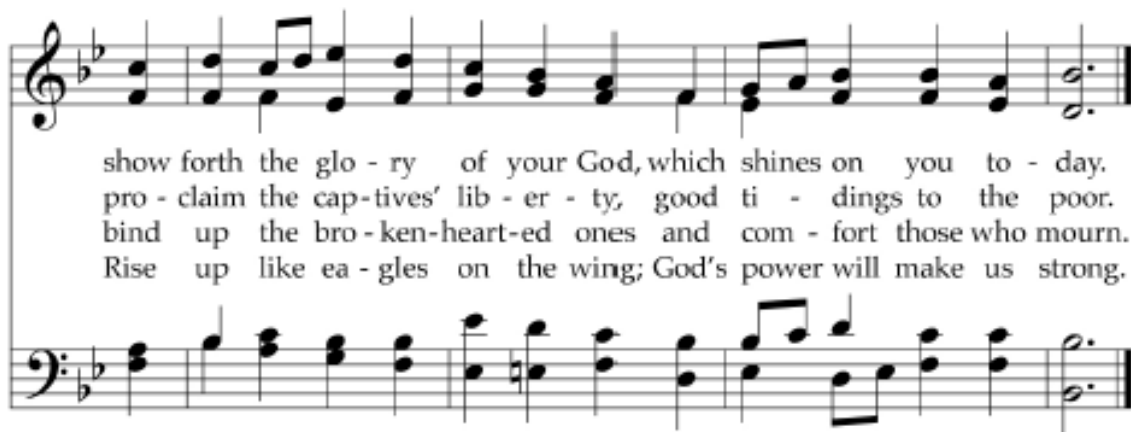
O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, 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

Arise, Your Light is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

The Festive Trumpet

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Mother Maria, Sewell Truitte, Cheryl Williams, the Vestry, Tony Hackley, Michele Caram, Stephanie Mohney, John Mathews, Mary Fugate, Frank Fruh, George Thompson, Dorothy Moore, Bob Ferguson, 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., Ritchey S., Sarah, Burton B., Mark C., Lizzie B., Charlie P., Terri

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

Dearly Departed: Krishna Broker, daughter of Mother Maria's sister's partner

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Bartholomew's Parish, Laytonsville

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, and the people of Afghanistan and Haiti.

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

In the Gospel of John, Peter declares to Jesus, "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68–69). Are "believing" and "knowing" the same action? How does knowing something intensify our believing something?

Household Prayer: Morning

Living God, give me strength for this day. Let your truth surround me, your righteousness defend me, your gospel guide me, your trustworthiness shield me, and your salvation protect me, that in every trial I may stand by the power of your Spirit and live by your holy Word. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, as the day ends and the night begins be near the brokenhearted, save the crushed in spirit, and redeem the life of your servants. You are our shield by day. Be our refuge by night so that we may rest in the confidence of your grace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given by Paul & Mary Fenton in memory of Jane Williams and Jacqueline Fenton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGATHERING UPDATE

Due to the rise in the Covid-19 positivity rate, we can no longer safely stay in Phase 4. In fact, we must go back to Phase 2. As we have continued to state, the health and safety of our church family is our priority and we will continue to make decisions to this end even when they are difficult. We will continue to monitor the Covid-19 numbers each day and make changes when they are warranted while continuing to follow our Re-gathering plan that has been in place these past 17 months. **We will make the following changes starting on August 21 & 22:** Saturday, August 21, outdoor services will be held at 6:00 p.m. Please bring chairs and wear masks. On Sunday, August 22, at 9:30 a.m. Zoom service will take place. Our outdoor services will continue on Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. and our Zoom service will continue at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays until further notice. We ask for your patience and we also ask for your prayers for each other, our dear Piney, and our community as we go through this very difficult time. If you have questions or concerns, you are encouraged to contact our wardens at wardens@stpaulswaldorf.org.

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

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

Saturday, August 29, The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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MINISTERS IN WORSHIP		
August 21/22	August 21, 6 p.m.	August 22, 9:30 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Emily Lopez	Sub Requested
Lector	Karen Hunter	Mike Fritz
Psalm	Jerry Corbett	Femi Frierson
Tech Verger		Tom Gryn
Altar Guild	Cathy Lavender Ann Lancaster	
August 28/29	August 28, 6 p.m.	August 29, 9:30 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Grant Pettersen	Paula Truitte
Lector	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Sub Requested
Tech Verger		Barry Hamilton
Psalm	Troy Pettersen	Ife Frierson
Altar Guild	Jane Fruh Ruth Gaumond	
Counters	Greg Ferguson Joe Guy Phil Hamilton	

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