
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
August 29, 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

Judge, eternal, throned in splendor

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
 brings re - lease; and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
 with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
 cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
 with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
 and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
 of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

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 *Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9*

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children--

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *Psalm 25*

To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O God,
And teach me your paths;

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O God, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgression;

**Remember me according to your love
And for the sake of goodness, O God.**

Gracious and upright are you;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.

**You guide the humble in doing right
and teach your way to the lowly.**

All your paths are love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

**For your Name's sake, O God,
forgive my sin, for it is great.**

Who are they who fear you?
You will teach them the way that they should choose.

**They shall dwell in prosperity,
and their offspring shall inherit the land.**

You are a friend to those who fear you
and will show them your covenant.

**My eyes are ever looking to you,
for you shall pluck my feet out of the net.**

Turn to me and have pity on me,
for I am left alone and in misery.

**The sorrows of my heart have increased;
bring me out of my troubles.**

Look upon my adversity and misery,
and forgive me all my sin.

**Look upon my enemies, for they are many,
and they bear a violent hatred against me.**

Protect my life and deliver me;
let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted you.

**Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for my hope has been in you.**

Deliver the people of Israel, O God,
out of all their troubles!

(Please stand as able.)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Steve Seely

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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.

1 O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa-tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

6 paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

11 help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs o - ver wrong,
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Mother Maria, Sewell Truitte, Cheryl Williams, the Vestry, Tony Hackley, 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., Sarah, Burton B., Mark C., Lizzie B., Terry C., Charlie P., Terri, Kimberly D., Phil H, Jr., Dennis W.

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: Rochelle Niles, sister of a friend of Sewell Truitte; Brooksie Worsham, sister-in-law of Jerry Worsham

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Albans School for Boys; The National Cathedral School for Girls; Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School; Washington Episcopal School; The Bishop John T. Walker School

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

How can we know the difference between human tradition and the commandments of God? How can we know that we serve God from the heart?

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, help me walk blamelessly and do what is right, to speak the truth in love, to avoid gossip and slander, and do good to all I meet, that I may abide in your presence and dwell in fellowship with the Holy Trinity. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, you have been my light this day. As evening comes, be my light in the darkness. With meekness I welcome the word you have implanted in my heart, and with confidence I claim the power of salvation in Jesus Christ. And let me rest from my labors, confident that in you there is no shadow of fear. Amen.

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. Outdoor services will be held on Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. Please bring chairs and wear masks. On Sundays at 9:30 a.m., Zoom service will take place. This schedule will take place 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.

YARD SALE UPDATE

Due to the uncertainty with the rising Covid numbers, the Yard Sale that was scheduled for October 9th has been canceled.

CALENDAR

Saturday, August 28, The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

6:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship

Sunday, August 29, The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

Wednesday, September 1

8:00 p.m. Compline

Saturday, September 4, The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

6:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship

Sunday, September 5, The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP		
	August 28, 6 p.m.	August 29, 9:30 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Grant Pettersen	Paula Truitte
Lector	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Fern Brown
Psalm	Troy Pettersen	Ife Frierson
Tech Verger		Tom Gryn
Altar Guild	Jane Fruh Ruth Gaumond	
Counters	Greg Ferguson Joe Guy Phil Hamilton	
	September 4, 6 p.m.	September 5, 9:30 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Debbie Brown	Paula Truitte
Lector	Frank Pilato	Wendy VanHoozier
Tech Verger		Sewell Truitte
Psalm	Jerry Corbett	Charlie Gaumond
Altar Guild	Becky Hackley Joyce Scofield	





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