
St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
September 5, 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.

PRELUDE

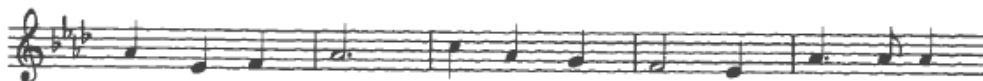
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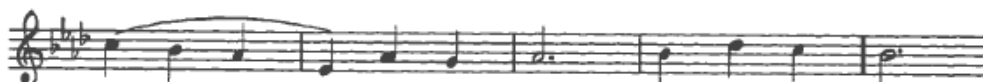
OPENING HYMN

Earth and All Stars

vv. 1,5-6



1	Earth and all	stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and	rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and	pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and	steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class-rooms and	labs	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know-ledge and	truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
3	loud hum - ring	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!



THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day
People **To the rising of this life itself.**
Celebrant Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose.
People **The hand of God between us and each hand,**
Celebrant The pain of Christ between us and each pain,
People **The love of Christ between us and each love.**
Celebrant O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day
People **Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.**

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

v.1

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

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are: "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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON*Isaiah 35:4-7a*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM*Psalms 146*

1 Alleluia! Praise GOD, O my soul! *

I will praise GOD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my GOD while I have my being.

2 **Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, ***
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 **Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! ***
whose hope is in their GOD;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who promise abides for ever;

6 **Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, ***
and food to those who hunger.

7 GOD sets the prisoners free;
and opens the eyes of the blind; *
GOD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**8 GOD loves the righteous;
and cares for the stranger; *
GOD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 GOD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia!

(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.**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Linda Calkins

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God:

...who has created and is creating,

...has come in Jesus,

...the Word made flesh,

...to reconcile and make new,

...who works in us and others

...by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

...to celebrate God's presence,

...to live with respect in Creation,

...to love and serve others,

...to seek justice and resist evil,

...to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

...our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

...God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

Lord, open a path for your Word
to declare the mystery of Christ.

Turn now, O God of hosts;
behold and tend the vine you have planted.

May your people rejoice and sing,
and your ministers be clothed with salvation.

May they stand and feed your flock
in the strength of your name.

Keep from trouble all those who trust in you; we pray for **Mother Maria, Sewell, Cheryl, the Vestry, Tony, John, Mary, Frank, George, Dorothy, Bob, Laurie, Regathering Team, Sally, Donna, Diane, Jack, Joyce, Ed, Rodgers, Shauna, Margaret, Tom, Rosemary, Sarah, Mark, Terry, Charlie, Terri, Kimberly, Phil, Dennis, Bob, Kevin, John and Joe.**
and forget not the poor for ever.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon us,
as we have put our hope in you.

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud. The Officiant will add a concluding prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RESTORATION

Celebrant We gather in God's name. We claim Christ's promised presence. My brothers and sisters, not out of dread and fear but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

All **Eternal God, maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth, Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth and sky, you are there. O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks. But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.**

Celebrant Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: your sins are forgiven. Go in peace; come and follow me.

All **Lead us now, O God, to acknowledge your costly generosity by living as forgiven people. Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a halfhearted peace, but the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ. Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, we sing to you.

With the angels of light who envelop us, with all the saints before and beside us, with brothers and sisters, east and west, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread. On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, This is my body, given to you. In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it.

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and make us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,:

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.

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

LITURGY OF FAREWELL TO REV. LINDA

Remarks by the Wardens

Deacon Our church family is constantly changing.
People come and go.
Babies are born.
Children grow up.
People commit themselves to one another.
Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives.
Individuals move into our community and church life.
Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and new opportunities.
It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings.

Today we share a time of farewell with our friend, Rev. Linda, who has come to be with us for the summer.

Because You Are Our Friend

Together we laughed and together we cried,
Our true selves with each other, we cannot hide.
We may have disagreed, or mis-understood,
You know, like folks sometimes would. But,
We love you and thank you because you are our friend.

When we were with you, we had some fun,
We walked together and would sometimes run.
We didn't worry what others thought of us,
We are so busy loving, we don't have the energy for a fuss.
We love you and thank you because you are our friend.

We turned to you when our spirit needed a lift.
We treasure the friendship; it is a gift.
You lifted us up with your words of grace,
While you were with us in this sacred space.
We love you and thank you because you are friend.

And today comes the time to part our ways,
Thank you, Rev. Linda, for these last 15 Sundays.
We say goodbye with love; perhaps one day for you to return,
But now it is time for a vacation... one well earned.
We love you and thank you because you are our friend.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, who unites us in one body. We give you thanks for the work of Rev. Linda among us. Surround her with your Spirit and love. We thank you for sending her to us. We are grateful for her words, her thoughts shared with us and her love and care of us. Grant her peace and may she rest in the comfort and love of the gratitude of the people of St. Paul's. This we pray in the name of Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit; one God for ever and ever. 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.

1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;—
 2. It tells me of a Sa - vior's love, Who died to set me free;—
 3. It tells me what my Fa - ther has In store for ev' - ry day;—
 4. It tells of One whose lo - ving heart Can feel my deep - est woe;—

It sounds as mu - sic in my ear, The sweet - est name on earth.
 It tells me of His pre - cious blood, The sin - ner's per - fect plea.
 And though I tread a dark - some path, Yields sun - shine all the way.
 Who in each sor - row bears a part, That none can bear be - low.

Oh, how I love Je - sus, Oh, how I love Je - sus, —

Oh, how I love Je - sus, Be - cause He first loved me.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "New England"

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, Laurie Jaffe, Regathering Team, Sally Barley, Donna Boswell, Diane Coon, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Shauna Lavender, Margaret Leman, Tom May, Rosemary V., Sarah, Mark C., Terry C., Charlie P., Terri, Kimberly D., Phil H., Jr., Dennis W., Bob C., Kevin B., John M., Joe R.

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

Thanksgiving For: the birth of Peter Wade Smith-Brown to Trevor and Lizzie Brown, grandparents, Doug and Melinda Brown

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Campus Ministries of Howard University, University of Maryland, George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University, and St. Mary's College; National Association of Episcopal Schools; Pray for all students and teachers; Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage.

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

Try to recall the first time in your life when you did not retreat in the face of opposition. How is your experience like that of the Syrophenician woman putting her case to Jesus? Where in your life today is that same courage calling you to speak out? What could you do this week to take steps in that direction?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, I thank you for another day, whether it brings the sort of happiness for which I always hope or the challenges I sometimes fear. Each day in your presence is a time to notice the marvels of creation that surround me. Help me to see them today and to move gracefully from one hour to the next, in the name of your holy and miraculous ways. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Giver of all good things, you have been at my side, beneath, above, and within me all day long, and I thank you for your presence. I thank you now, as well, that as I grow weary, you have given me a place to lay my head. Watch over all who sleep this night, especially those who have no shelter. Guard them and keep all your people in safety, in Jesus' name. Amen.

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given by our Piney Family in thanksgiving for Rev. Linda and welcome back of Mother Maria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME BACK, MOTHER MARIA

Save the date! Mother Maria's first service back from sabbatical is Saturday September 11th. Unfortunately, Covid has necessitated us postponing many of the festivities, but let's not let that stop us from giving her a big Welcome Back. Please plan on being here this Saturday for the outdoor service to welcome her home if you can make it. **Make sure to wear your orange.**

CALENDAR

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

Monday, September 6

3:00 p.m. Dinner at Our Place

Friday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Saturday, September 11, The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

6:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship

Sunday, September 12, The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP		
	September 4, 6 p.m.	September 5, 9:30 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Debbie Brown	Paula Truitte
Lector	Frank Pilato	Wendy VanHoozier
Psalm	Jerry Corbett	Charlie Gaumont
Tech Verger		Tom Gryn
Altar Guild	Becky Hackley Joyce Scofield	
	September 11, 6 p.m.	September 12, 9:30 a.m.
Prayers of the People	Emily Lopez	Sewell Truitte
Lector	Colin Finley	Fern Brown
Psalm	Sub Requested	Meg Monro
Tech Verger		Mike Fritz
Altar Guild	Donna Dillon Kathy Fornadley	
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The Rev. Dr. Maria A. Kane, Rector (Sabbatical)
The Rev. Linda, Calkins, Priest-in-Residence
The Rev. Steve Seely, Deacon
Dr. Holly Oberle, Minister of Music
Diane Hess, Parish Administrator
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