St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite II September 26, 2021 <u>Welcome</u>: 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.

<u>About Our Worship</u>: 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.



CALL TO WORSHIP

CelebrantBlessed be the one, holy, and living God.PeopleGlory to God for ever and ever.

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.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of grace and goodness, you know that by reason of our frailty we cannot but fail; keep us always under your protection and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSONNumbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The riffraff among them had a strong craving. Even the Israelites cried again and said, "Who will give us meat to eat? We remember the fish we ate in Egypt for free, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. Now our lives are wasting away. There is nothing but manna in front of us."

Moses heard the people crying throughout their clans, each at his tent's entrance. The Lord was outraged, and Moses was upset. Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? And why haven't I found favor in your eyes, for you have placed the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give birth to them, that you would say to me, 'Carry them at the breast, as a nurse carries an unweaned child,' to the fertile land that you promised their ancestors? Where am I to get meat for all these people? They are crying before me and saying, 'Give us meat, so we can eat.' I can't bear this people on my own. They're too heavy for me. If you're going to treat me like this, please kill me. If I've found favor in your eyes, then don't let me endure this wretched situation."

The Lord said to Moses, "Gather before me seventy men from Israel's elders, whom you know as elders and officers of the people. Take them to the meeting tent, and let them stand there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the Lord's words. He assembled seventy men from the people's elders and placed them around the tent. The Lord descended in a cloud, spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and placed it on the seventy elders. When the spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but only this once. Two men had remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the second named Medad, and the spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they hadn't gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

Joshua, Nun's son and Moses' assistant since his youth, responded, "My master Moses, stop them!"

Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? If only all the Lord's people were prophets with the Lord placing his spirit on them!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 19:7-14

Your law, O GOD, is perfect and revives the soul; * your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; * your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; * your judgments are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,

more than much fine gold, *

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? * Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O GOD, my strength and my redeemer.

(Please stand as able.)

THE GOSPEL LESSONMark 9:38-50CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone throwing demons out in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn't following us."

Jesus replied, "Don't stop him. No one who does powerful acts in my name can quickly turn around and curse me. Whoever isn't against us is for us. I assure you that whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will certainly be rewarded.

"As for whoever causes these little ones who believe in me to trip and fall into sin, it would be better for them to have a huge stone hung around their necks and to be thrown into the lake. If your hand causes you to fall into sin, chop it off. It's better for you to enter into life crippled than to go away with two hands into the fire of hell, which can't be put out. If your foot causes you to fall into sin, chop it off. It's better for you to enter life lame than to be thrown into hell with two feet. If your eye causes you to fall into sin, tear it out. It's better for you to enter God's kingdom with one eye than to be thrown into hell with two. That's a place where worms don't die and the fire never goes out. Everyone will be salted with fire.

Salt is good; but if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? Maintain salt among yourselves and keep peace with each other."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Maria Kane

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

Intercessor

Speak to our hearts that yearn for you. Teach us to dwell and delight in your presence.

Have mercy, O Lord; Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

Speak to your church and our leaders. Energize us with new life and endless possibilities. Teach us to be partners with you in holiness and power. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Francis Church, Potomac and Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Adelphi. Pray for human treatment of all of God's creatures, especially companion, rescue, and service animals.

Have mercy, O Lord. Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

We pray for our president, our Congress, and our courts. May harmony in diversity begin with us. Speak peace to the leaders of the nations, that conflicts may cease and mutual respect across boundaries and languages may prevail. Have mercy, O Lord. **Fill us with the fullness of your grace.**

Bring the peoples of the world together so that all will be fed and warm, and none will be threatened, that the language of hope is spoken freely in all corners of the globe.

Have mercy, O Lord. Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

We pray for all who cry out in pain and those who suffer in silence for those who await healing and for those who have lost hope. For those who have asked for our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them, bring your healing power to those who need it most: **Mother Maria, the Vestry, Tony, John, Mary, Dorothy, Bob, Laurie, Regathering Team, Sally, Donna, Diane, Jack, Joyce, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Margaret, Tom Rosemary, Kimberly, Phil, Dennis, Bob, Kevin, John, Joe, Turk, Kathleen, Jack, Sarah, Larry, Jessica, Brice, Dylan, Michelle, Alan** Have mercy, O Lord. **Fill us with the fullness of your grace.**

We pray for those who have ended their earthly journey, including Beverly Kellett, and now are surrounded by angels and archangels and their unending songs of praise.

Bring us also to that heavenly shore and the fullness of your eternal grace.

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

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

- All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.
- **CHORAL ANTHEM** Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant	God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up to God.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for in love and mercy you have rescued us from all that would harm us or lead us to destruction.

The earth and sky were created by your hand, and the land brings forth its harvest when you say. You committed yourself in love to your people, and saved them from the teeth of their enemies.

When we wandered into the pathways of death, you heard our plea for life and came to save us in your son, Jesus Christ. Confronting demonic forces and offering your healing and forgiveness to all, he honored as allies all who took the side of life.

He was killed by those who block the paths of the humble, but you raised him back to life and sent your Spirit to fill us with love, mercy and an uncompromising passion for righteousness.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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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.
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Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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!

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 Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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.

THE BLESSING



THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.People Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Mother Maria, the Vestry, Tony Hackley, John Mathews, Mary Fugate, Dorothy Moore, Bob Ferguson, Laurie Jaffe, Regathering Team, Sally Barley, Donna Boswell, Diane Coon, Jack & Joyce Ferguson, Barbara Huiras, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Margaret Leman, Tom May, Rosemary V., Kimberly D., Phil H., Jr., Dennis W., Bob C., Kevin B., John M., Joe R., Turk J., Kathleen B., Jack O., Sarah, Larry, Jessica, Brice, Dylan, Michelle, Alan D.

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: Beverly Kellett, sister of Barbara Myers

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Francis Church, Potomac; Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Adelphi. Pray for human treatment of all of God's creatures, especially companion, rescue, and service animals.

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 sumbit a prayer request: send an email to Joyce Scofield: <u>rjscofield@comcast.net</u> or Mother Maria: <u>mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org</u>

THIS WEEK

Questions for Reflection

Numbers 11:24–29 and Mark 9:38–41 are both concerned with expressions of divine power that occur outside the bounds of formal leadership and authority. Where have you experienced God's mighty or gracious action in the church and in the world? What does it mean for the church to pray or act in the name of Jesus Christ? How do you account for gifts of the Spirit that seem to spill out beyond the church's control?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of heavenly glory, brighter than the midday sun, as each day tells your wonder, may the words of my mouth be acceptable to you, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of heavenly glory, deeper than the midnight dark, as each night sings your mystery, may the dreams of my heart be acceptable to you, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKEND BACKPACKS

We are gearing up to start our weekend backpacks of food for our neighbors at Eva Turner Elementary. For the month of September, we are collecting packages of **microwavable noodles (e.g., Ramen noodles), peanut butter, and jelly**. We will begin packing backpacks in October. If you are interested in serving on the rotation of volunteers who help pack the backpacks each week, please email Joyce Scofield at rjscofield@comcast.net.

SACRED GROUND

Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. Meetings will be held on Zoom. There will be an informational meeting for the next Sacred Ground Circle on **Thursday, October 7**. We will meet bi-weekly for 10 sessions beginning in October. For more information, you can read about the program on the Episcopal Church website at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/about/. If you want to sign up or have questions, please contact: Mike Fritz - michaelf1119@gmail.com or Sewell Truitte – struitte@gmail.com.

PRAYER BUDDIES

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in learning how they can support our children and youth. Your presence is needed! The Prayer Buddy ministry is designed is to build intergenerational relationships through prayer and friendship. Interested adult parishioners will be paired with a child or teen for the school year and covenant to pray for their buddy and their family each day. Several times a year, we will host activities for prayer buddies to come together for food, fellowship, and fun. If you are interested in serving as a Prayer Buddy, please email Mother Maria. *Prayer Buddies must complete Child Abuse Presentation training, which can now be conducted entirely online.*

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 29

8:00 p.m. AA

Thursday, September 30

8:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Zoom)

Saturday, October 2

8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, October 3, The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (indoors)

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (outdoors)

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP			
	September 26, 9 a.m. Zoom	September 26, 10:15 a.m.	
Prayers of the People	Terrance Frierson	Sewell Truitte	
Lector	Peggy Golrdsmith	Paula Truitte	
Psalm	Femi Frierson	Troy Pettersen	
Tech Verger	Sewell Truitte		
Altar Guild	Mary Fenton		
	Judy Hamilton		
Counters	Greg Fei	rguson	
	Joe Guy		
	Phil Hamilton		
	October 3, 8 a.m.	October 3, 10:15 a.m.	
Prayers of the People		Grant Pettersen	
Lector	Jeannie Paz Hicho	Meg Monroe	
Psalm		Troy Pettersen	
Altar Guild	Jane Fruh		
	Joyce Scofield		

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