



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

117 Main Street
Owego, NY 13827

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Covid Regulations

The Vestry has voted to allow vaccinated persons to choose whether or not to wear a mask in the building. It is no longer mandatory for vaccinated persons to wear masks but anyone who wishes to remain masked is perfectly welcome to do so.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Holy Eucharist

Proper 7

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: Chorale Prelude by Healey Willan

Organist: Peggy Sniezek

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.*

The following is said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have

set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16

On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the LORD was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

The Psalm Psalm 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

The Epistle

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
 and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of

God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

All stand

Sequence Hymn: Sequence Hymn: #379 God is Love

The Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern,

asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

*Celebrant
People*

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon-

The Reverend Trula Hollywood

Nicene Creed

All stand.

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 - PENTECOST 4 (PROPER 7-B)

Let us offer our prayers for all creation to the God whose mighty power earth and heaven obey, saying: *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop;
Dede, our Bishop; Trula our Priest; Chris, our District Dean; Dorothy
our District Deacon; Alice, our Lay Preacher & Worship Leader, that in
all things we may have faith in the Teacher who will not let us perish.

Holy God, hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that we who are blest to have Jesus in our midst may always be filled with awe, and have love for one another. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of the nations, that their spirits and actions may be guided by wisdom, justice, and love. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those in need of liberation from poverty, persecution, and fear, that God will give us the strength to make no peace with oppression, and hasten the day when we may lift every voice and sing the glory of our God who is freedom, peace, and love. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all fathers, and those who have shown the Father's love to us, that God will make them beacons of light, sources of encouragement, and grant them joy and health. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those recovering from storms, fires and drought, that they may come one day to rejoice again in the calm of peace. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Diane Miller, Carolyn Halstead. Mikayla Sedlacek and Richard O'Donnell. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who serve in the armed forces, especially Shannon Murray Tessmer, Gregory Cello, Jr., Adam Jacquet, Nick Tessmer, Daniel Murray, Emmily Botts, Jenna Keathly and Tim Garland. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all teachers, students, and parents, and especially for our college students, Mary Standinger, Larissa Hankey, Kayla Hankey, Laura Robertson, Mikayla Sedlacek, MacKenzi Warner, Thad Robertson and Andrew Clark. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially, Bill O'Brien, David Glerum, Brian Murphy, Bob Powell, Hila Whitman, Carol Shrauger, John Lobsiger, Jeannie Figgs, Pauline Stoner, Susan Beattie, Esther Thomas, Julia Zepkowski, Johanna Masters, Diane Conneman, Eli Ames, Jean Radice, Joan Gibbs, Jane Cornett, Joseph Murphy, Dorette Burnham, Melanie, Noelle, Greg Cello Sr., Louise Woodburn, Gail Yost Moyka, Joan Meddaugh, Johnny Wall, Doug Worthing, Matthew Smithkors, John Wall, Florence Sawyer, Violet Geller, Father Lee Love, Marge Jackson, Joan Babcock, Wylie Duerson, Darlene Allen, Joan Pascuzzo, Laura Ingram, and those we now name(pause). . . . that they may be strengthened by God's amazing grace. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially Anthony Fusco, that having crossed to the other side with Christ, they may become a new creation for all eternity, let us pray to the Lord. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, John the Baptist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O God, we give glory and praise.***

Celebrant God of our salvation, hear the prayers we offer you this day for all who are tossed in the storms of life, and open wide our hearts to accept your peace and grace, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant says

Confession of Sin

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

All kneel, as you are able.

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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.*

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
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 Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People say together

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.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth 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

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion: Communion Medley by Joseph W. Clokey

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary by John Bennett

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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Thank you to organist Peggy Sniezek for our music today.

Flowers on the altar today are given in celebration of life to those with birthdays in June by Diane Miller.

If you have an abundance of flowers in your yard this summer, please contact Diane or Nancy Smith and let them know, then bring some down on a Saturday. We would love to have you share them with us.

COFFEE HOUR this morning will be held on the Cloisters, weather permitting. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board just outside the door.

Name Tags will be coming back! If you need one, please fill out the form on the side table.

Scholarship applications are due back to St. Paul's by July 1st. Application forms may be found at the Church Office or on the web page at <https://stpaulsowego.org/st-pauls-scholarship-application/>

Episcopal Migration Ministries offers virtual Prayer Vigil for World Refugee Day.

Offering solidarity and support for refugees worldwide, Episcopal Migration Ministries will host a virtual prayer vigil for World Refugee Day tonight, from 7–8 p.m. ET. All are welcome to join this gathering in recognition of those forced to leave their homes and seek new beginnings elsewhere.

Read more (in English and Spanish):

<http://iam.ec/pa2021EMMWRDVirtualPrayerVigil>

Monday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. on zoom, the Presbyterian Church will be hosting a 6-week series of presentations. Dr. Charles "Buz" Myers, a minister and professor at Gettysburg College, will give live talks on Paul's Letter to the Romans and be available for questions after each presentation. Romans is the most influential epistle in the New Testament that impacted countless Christians including Augustine, Martin Luther, John Wesley and Karl Barth. Dr. Myers wrote the article on the epistle for the authoritative *Anchor Bible Dictionary*. He served as secretary for the ecumenical committee that produced the New Revised Standard Version Bible. He won teaching awards by both the students and faculty along with getting top evaluations at conferences for clergy and laypeople. He also has been recognized for his teaching weekly in a state prison. Check out his bio online: https://www.gettysburg.edu/academic-programs/religious-studies/faculty/employee_detail.dot?empId=02000171120013399&pageTitle=Charles+%28Buz%29+Myers

Join us on Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. for this wonderful teacher on an important New Testament letter. Zoom: 879 9600 2563 Password: FPUC

CARE TEAM: submitted by Kathy Medovich

Prayer Tags: The prayer tags are available on the front porch for anyone with any concern. Although we are progressing with Covid vaccinations, the concerns are still there for health safety, loneliness and isolation, unemployment, and many, many other issues. Mother Trula reads them and privately prays for their concerns.

Blessing Box: A continued thank you for those donating non-perishable food items, personal and household items, and pet food. The box is filled weekly from the tote inside the Elevator Lobby.

Readers' Schedule

Today: Laura Coppens

Next Week: Patti O'Connell

RESOURCES- Book of Common Prayer On-Line-

If you do not have a Prayer Book at home, it can be downloaded free from this site: www.bcponline.org.

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