



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
117 Main Street
Owego, NY 13827

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 11, 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 10

Liturgy of the Word

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

Opening Hymn: Amazing Grace

H-671

All standing, 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

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

The Book of Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

The Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he

freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

All stand

Sequence Hymn: Come, now fount of every blessing H-686

The Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his

disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Celebrant
People*

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

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

As a people redeemed and forgiven, let us pray to God who freely bestows the riches of grace on all in Christ the Beloved, saying, *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Trula our Priest; Dorothy our District Deacon; Alice, our Lay Preacher & Worship Leader, that in all things we may proclaim Christ with courage and conviction. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that we may be faithful witnesses to the love of God in our lives, our work, and our relationships. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all political leaders, that God will help them to understand the greatest needs of those whom they serve, and work to promote the common good. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For farmers and a good harvest, for all those traveling and on vacation, for safety from storms and protection from violence. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those affected by the building collapse, those who live in places of violence, and those seeking employment and employees, that they may trust in God to guide them. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Brian Ellis, Aubrey Ellis, Laura Yost, Carolyn Thomas and Misty Malmstrom. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who serve in the armed forces, especially Shannon Murray Tessmer, Gregory Cello, Jr., Adam Jacquet, 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, Andrew Clark, and Mikayla Sedlacek. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those for whom we ought to prayer, remembering especially Phil Berghorn, Grecil Morilla, Laura Coppens, Bill O'Brien, David Glerum, Brian Murphy, Carol Shrauger, John Lobsiger, Susan Beattie, Esther Thomas, Julia Zepkowski, Johanna Masters, Diane Conneman, Jean Radice, Joan Gibbs, Jane Cornett, Joseph Murphy, Dorette Burnham, Melanie, Noelle, Tyler, 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, Joan Pascuzzo, Laura Engram, Scott Armstrong and for those we now name(pause)...., that they may be strengthened by God's healing love. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially Ginger Hansen and others we may now name, ..., that sealed by the Holy Spirit, they may remain Christ's own forever. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we offer this day and grant us our inheritance as your own people, that we may walk in the way of love, the way of the cross, and the way of Jesus. Glory to you 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 Music- Betty Berghorn. organist

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: *Valse Sentimentale Opus 51, No. 6,*
Piotr Ilich Tchaikovsky-
Mary Standinger, Trumpet Soloist & Betty Berghorn, Piano

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 our Organist, Betty Berghorn, and our own Mary
Standinger, Trumpet soloist, for the music today.

Some upcoming events:

August 15th- Baptism

September 12th- Mass in the Grass (in the church yard on Liberty St)

Sunday School returns- September 19th

All Saints Sunday- November 7th.

Diocesan Convention- November 13 & 14th

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Weekly Prayers

In our parishes, we pray for the people of St. John's Episcopal Church in Ithaca and their priest, the Very Rev. Megan Castellan, and the people of the Episcopal Chaplaincy at Cornell University and their priest, the Rev. Taylor Daynes.

In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador we pray for the people of La Divina Providencia, El Maizal, Acajutla, Sonsonate, and their priest the Rev. Juan Pablo Alvarado.

In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Massachusetts and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and their acting archbishop, the Rt. Rev. Nathan Ingen.

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Name Tags are back! If you need one, please fill out the form on the side or back table. Please wear yours to help any visitors or newcomers remember you.

Directory update forms are also available on the side and back tables.

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.

Coffee with the Bishop

Join Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe on Facebook Live (at facebook.com/bishopdede/live) every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for coffee, prayer, and a morning check-in.

CARE TEAM: submitted by Kathy Medovich

Prayer Tags: The prayer tags are available on the front porch for anyone with any concern. 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.

The O'Connell's are absent today. They are attending a celebration of Patti's receipt of the 2021 Helen Hosmer Excellence in Teaching Award for her outstanding contributions in the field of music education, given by the SUNY Potsdam Alumni Association. Patti graduated from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, The virtual ceremony will be available on the Alumni Association's Facebook Live page Friday at 5 pm.

Readers' Schedule

Today: Laura Coppens
Next Week: David Allen

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