



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

117 Main Street
Owego, NY 13827

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 18, 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 11

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: The Lord's My Shepherd arr. Wilbur Held

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

Opening Hymn: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation H-518

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our

weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament A reading from the Book of Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

The Psalm

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Epistle

Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens

from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

All stand

Sequence Hymn: Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless H-343

The Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Mark.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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 - PENTECOST 8 (PROPER 11-B)

As the disciples gathered together with Jesus, let us raise our prayers for all God's people who are the Lord's sheep, saying: *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dede, our bishop; Trula our Priest; Dorothy our District Deacon; Alice, our Lay Preacher & Worship Leader, that together we may be instruments of compassion and care to all who find life's journey burdensome. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that in these summer days we may find times of rest, renewal, and refreshment. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For peace in places where there is violence and unrest, especially in Cuba and Haiti, that God will shepherd them to a new place of security, safety, justice, and dignity. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who live a life of service, especially those who wait on customers, or serve the poor and needy, and care for the sick, that they may offer their services joyfully, and be renewed by God's love. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who suffer from the power of fire and flood, heat and drought, that God will show them a shepherd's care at the hand of others in their communities. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Connor Kotski. ***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 in need of our prayers, remembering especially, Phil Berghorn, Elaine Tiffany, Dennis Nichols, 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 find healing in body, mind, and spirit. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all the departed, remembering especially,, that they may be welcomed into the household of God. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

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

Celebrant Wise and merciful God, hear the prayers we offer this day and kindle within us the compassion that stirred in the heart of Jesus, so that we may be living instruments of his love and peace. 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-

St. Columbia, The King of Love my Shepherd is arr. Callahan

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.*

Sending Hymn: O For a thousand Tongues to Sing H-493

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Postlude: Processional: Hal Hopson

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, Linda Stanley, 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 All Saints' Episcopal Church in Johnson City, their deacon, the Rev. Dorothy Pierce, and the Rev. Christine J. Day, their recently retired priest. We also pray for the people of Christ Episcopal Church in Jordan. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador we pray for the people of Santa María

Magdalena, Cara Sucia, Ahuachapán. In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Micronesia and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Rwanda and their prime bishop, the Most. Rev. Laurent Mbanda.

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ECW meeting- July 27 @ 6pm-We will plan to meet at the back of the church, outside-please bring your own chair-snack will be provided. Time to begin again, meet and greet. Alice will lead us in a study of Rebekah. All women are welcome!!

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](https://www.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.

St. Paul's Stained-Glass Windows Renovation Project Update

St. Paul's is excited to announce that Phase 1 of the Stained-Glass Window Renovation Project is complete. Willet Hauser/ Associated Crafts, has removed all the windows deemed in need of restoration, boxed them up and prepared them for shipment to their workshops in Minnesota. In their place are transparencies adhered to 1/4 inch thick acrylic plastic that will remain in place until the windows are returned. These transparencies are accurate duplicates of the windows themselves. They give us a preview of what the church will look like when all the outside coverings are replaced with acrylic and the cleaned and restored windows are in place behind the coverings. A good comparison may be seen in the Lady Chapel, where the window on the left has been removed but the one on the right still has the yellowed and hazy plexiglass on the outside.

A reminder, several windows are still in need of adoption. Check with one of the Wardens for an updated list of those available.

Bill O'Connell

Readers' Schedule

Today: David Allen

Next Week: Patti O'Connell

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