



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

117 Main Street  
Owego, NY 13827

**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning Prayer, Rite II**

Sunday, August 8, 2021

## Covid Regulations

Due to the increase in the spread of the Delta variant and its ability to infect vaccinated individuals, the CDC has recommended, and the Vestry decided that we will implement, the recommendation that all individuals will wear masks again indoors, regardless of their vaccination status, effective immediately.

We also must ask that family groups and individuals again maintain a safe social distance of 4 to 6 feet from others in all directions. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

## Morning Prayer, Rite 2

### Proper 14

Prelude:            *Pastorale*            Gordon Young

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

**Opening Hymn:**        O day of radiant gladness            H-48

*The Officiant says*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.    *Philippians 1:2*

*The Officiant then says*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and

mercy.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People, all kneeling*

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 Officiant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

*Officiant-*

*People-*

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*Together say*

**Jubilate**    *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*The people are seated*

*The Reader then leads the Psalm*

## **Psalm 34:1-8**

### ***Benedicam Dominum***

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

*All say together*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

# The Lessons

## A reading from the First Book of Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Together say*

## **9 The First Song of Isaiah** *Ecce, Deus* *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

## **The Gospel Reading**

### **John 6:35, 41-51**

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that

one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

*Celebrant*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*The people are seated*

**Homily**

Deacon Dorothy Pierce

**Apostles' Creed**

*All stand.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*The people kneel.*

*Officiant*                    The Lord be with you.

*People*                        And also with you.

*Officiant*                    Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
    hallowed be your Name,  
    your kingdom come,  
    your will be done,  
        on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
    as we forgive those  
        who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
    and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
    and the glory are yours,  
    now and for ever. Amen.

*The Officiant and People say responsively*

# Sufferages

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- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

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.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Office Hymn**

Taste and See

H-764

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ PENTECOST 11 (PROPER 14-B)

Let us call on God whose Son has spoken the word of life and provides food for the journey, saying: *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dede, our bishop; Trula our Priest; Dorothy our District Deacon; Alice, our Lay Preacher & Worship Leader, that we may be open to God's generous love and be filled with gratitude for all the ways God has provided for us. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish family, that we who are nourished by the bread of life so we may put on the mind and heart of Christ. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For peace in all places of war, unrest, and conflict, that God will open new pathways for justice and safety for those whose lives are threatened by violence. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who grow and harvest food, for travelers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who are needy, lonely, desolate, and forgotten, and all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially, Joan Hickey, Hila Whitman, Phil Berghorn, Elaine Tiffany, Dennis Nichols, Grecil Morilla, Laura Coppens, David Glerum, Brian Murphy, Carol Shrauger, John Lobsiger, Susan Beattie, Esther Thomas, Julia Zepkowski, Johanna Masters, Diane Conneman, Jean Radice, Joan Gibbs, Jane Cornett, 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 God will provide healing in their hearts, and renewal in their lives. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially all those who have died in this pandemic, and those we now name ...., that having tasted the Bread of Heaven, they may live forever in Christ. ***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 One, hear our prayer.***

For all teachers, students, and parents, and especially for our college students, Julianna Hessberger, Thaddeus Robertson, and MacKenzi Warner, Larissa and Kayla Hankey, Mary Standinger, and Mikayla Sedlacek Mary Standinger, Larissa Hankey, Kayla Hankey, Laura Robertson, Andrew Clark, and Mikayla Sedlacek. ***Holy One, 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* Gracious God, giver of the bread of life, hear the prayers we offer this day for all those in danger and need, and grant that we may come at last to that heavenly banquet promised to us through Jesus Christ our Savior who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. ***Amen.***

### ***The General Thanksgiving***

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*The Celebrant then prays*

### ***A Prayer of St. Chrysostom***

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Sending Hymn**      Lord, make us servants      H-593

### **Announcements**

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*

**Postlude:**                      *Taste and See*                      James E. Moore, Jr.

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Music for today's service was provided by Alice Botts and Patti O'Connell. Patti O'Connell organist. Thank you!

### **Some upcoming events:**

August 22<sup>nd</sup>- Confirmation & Reception Classes begin. The classes will be in person at St. Paul's and on Zoom , if preferred. Note the corrected date.

August 22<sup>nd</sup>- Flute recital by Aimée Backus, accompanied by Peg Reitz, piano. 3pm at St. Paul's, hosted by the Choir. Reception to follow the recital. Free will offering to benefit St. Paul's music programs. Aimée studied with Jean Radice and sang with our choir for Compline.

Tuesday August 24 6pm- ECW meeting. Bring a dish to share.  
Women in the Bible study-Leah

September 12<sup>th</sup>- Mass in the Grass (in the new church yard on Liberty St.)

September 19<sup>th</sup> -Sunday School returns.

October 3- Blessing of the Animals service.

October 6<sup>th</sup>- Regional Confirmation & Reception service is planned at St. John's, Ithaca.

October 17<sup>th</sup> -CROP Hunger Walk: ending at St. Paul's Church, with light refreshments...we will need a team of Refreshment Folks! If interested please contact either Kathy Medovich or Mother Trula.

November 7th -All Saints Sunday.

November 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> - Diocesan Convention.

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## **Weekly Prayers**

In our parishes, we pray for the people of St. John's Episcopal Church in Marcellus and their priest, the Rev. Dr. Steven Moore, and the people of Grace Episcopal Church in Mexico and their priest, the Rev. Holly Eden.

In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador we pray for the people of Santa María Virgin, San Bartolo, Ilopango and their priest, the Rev. Guillermo Hueso.

In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Mississippi and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Brian Seage.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for the people of the Church of South India (United) and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. A. Dharmaraj Rasalam.

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**Mass in the Grass-** St. Paul's will hold the Mass in the Grass service this year on September 12th. The service will be held in the lawn behind the parking lot of the church. Plans for a coffee hour or "brunch" after the service are still to be determined.

**Blessing of the Animals-** This year we are planning the Blessing of the Animals service on October 3rd. If the weather cooperates, we may

hold the service outside. Plan to attend with wonderful service with your pets!

**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. A copy of the most recent revision will be there to check your information.

**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** 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://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

ACT MEAL: thank you for your generous donations.

Blessing Box project- non- perishable foods and pet foods and items needed. There is a bin just inside the lobby door for your donations.

Thank you!

CARE Team: Who wants to join us? We are a committed and caring team...currently including parish nurses, retired teachers, EMT...if you care for people, think about joining us. Throughout the pandemic we

provided health and healing in a variety of ways, including the ongoing Blessing Box project, the Prayer Tags, Soap for Hope, CPR/AED training, ACT Meal volunteering and Crop Hunger Walk...let's plan to meet September 19th after church in Fellowship.

## **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 ¼ 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: Deacon Dorothy and Wendy Wall

Next Week: Patti O'Connell

**NOTES:**

The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan Probe  
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### **Church Staff**

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Amy Dunham	Parish Treasurer
William O'Connell	Verger

### **The Vestry**

#### **Wardens**

Debra Standinger	Senior Warden
James Hankey	Junior Warden

Class of 2021	Janice Koncak	Mary Green	Kathy Medovich
Class of 2022	Scott Calkins	Andrew Robertson	
Class of 2023	Laura Coppens	Jennifer Kotski	

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