



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

117 Main Street

Owego, NY 13827

The Reverend Trula Hollywood, Priest-in-charge

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Sunday, August 22, 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.

# Holy Eucharist

## Proper 16

### Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: Liebster Jesu, Wir sind hier *J.S. Bach 1865-1750*

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

**Opening Hymn:** Blessed Jesus H-440

*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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Old Testament**

### **A reading from the Book of Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                      Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 34:15-22**

### ***Benedicam Dominum***

- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \*  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

## **The Epistle**

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church at Ephesus  
6:10-20**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten

the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Sequence Hymn:**      How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place  
   *Brother James' Air*

## **The Gospel**

**John 6:56-69**

*Celebrant*                  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
   according to John.  
*People*                        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread

will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

*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: PROPER 16-B (PENTECOST 13)

As we stand before God and proclaim the gospel of faith, let us pray in the Spirit for the needs and concerns of all God's people, 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 our minds and hearts may receive Spirit and Life through the words of Christ. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that we, who have come to know and believe in Christ, may be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his power. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For the leaders of nations, that they may seek to walk with God, and proclaim the message of peace. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For the people of Afghanistan, that God will preserve them from bloodshed, open passageways for those who have cooperated with western nations and fill their hearts with hope in their darkest moments. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For the people of Haiti, that God will protect them from further harm, give them strength, and open the hearts of many to assist them. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who are celebrating birthdays, especially Carolyn Yost and Sarah Standing. ***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, Julianna Hessberger, Thaddeus Robertson, MacKenzi Warner, Larissa and Kayla Hankey, Mary Standinger, Laura Robertson, Andrew Clark, and Mikayla Sedlacek. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who are needy, lonely, desolate, and forgotten, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially Nancy Smith, Joan Hickey, Hila Whitman, Martha Kovach, Phil Berghorn, Elaine Tiffany, Dennis Nichols, Doris Kemmerlin, Patsy Phillips, 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 and renewal in their lives. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially Jim Balshuweit, that having been faithful to Christ in this life, they may see God face to face. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Bartholomew the Apostle, 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 of Israel, whose words are spirit and life. Hear the prayers we offer this day and feed us with the bread that came down from heaven, that we may believe and know that Christ is the Holy One of God. In your Holy Name we pray. ***Amen.***

***believe and know that Christ is the Holy One of God. In your Holy Name we pray. AMEN.***

## **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**    Come, Risen Lord

H-306

*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**      Help us, O Lord, to learn      H-628

## **Announcements**

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

**Postlude:** Stand up, Stand up for Jesus    *Morning Light*

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*

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

People

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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Music for today's service was provided by the ladies of St. Paul's Choir- Alice Botts, Laura Coppens, Janice Koncak and Patti O'Connell, with Patti O'Connell, organist. Thank you!

Please remember, we are also worshipping on Thursday at noon, HE Rite I.

**Some upcoming events:**

**Today- Confirmation & Reception Classes** begin. The classes will be in person at St. Paul's and on Zoom , if preferred. Note the corrected date.

**3PM today- Flute recital** by Aimée Backus, accompanied by Margaret Reitz, piano. In 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.

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

September 12th- Mass in the Grass (in the new church yard on Liberty St.) Plans for a coffee hour or "brunch" after the service are still to be determined.

September 12<sup>th</sup>- Acolyte meeting after the service. Any one interested in becoming an acolyte should attend.

September 19<sup>th</sup> -Sunday School may return. With the increase in infections, we will see what the schools do.

October 3- **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!

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 7<sup>th</sup> -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. Stephen's Episcopal Church in New Hartford and their priest, the Rev. Kathlyn Schofield, and the people of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Norwich and their priest, the Rev. Steve White. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador, we pray for the people of Misión San Romero de América and their priest the Rev. Mario Benítez. In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Montana and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of South America and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Gregory Venables.

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**Name tag and directory update forms** are available on the side and back tables. A copy of the most recent directory will be there to check your information. A new directory will be coming out in September, so get those update in!

**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) 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. 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. We are now over halfway to our goal of having all windows adopted! Check with me or one of the Wardens for an updated list of those still available.

Bill O'Connell

### **Readers' Schedule**

Today: Andrew Robinson

Next Week: Wendy Wall

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### **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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