



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

117 Main Street
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The Reverend Trula Hollywood, Priest-in-charge

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

Sunday, August 29, 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 17

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

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

Opening Hymn: Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart H-556

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us

the fruit of good works; 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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

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

A period of silence is kept.

The Psalm

Psalm 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of James

1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee H-660

The Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Celebrant
People

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

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 17-B (PENTECOST 14)

Let us offer our prayer to the God of our ancestors, who is near to us whenever we call, 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 we may grow in faithfulness to God's commandments, and lead others into an experience of God's great love. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that the worship of our lips may be matched by the faithfulness of our hearts and lives. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For peace, that the Spirit will inspire human hearts to turn from violence, and work together to defeat the common enemies of disease, ignorance, and poverty. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those across the world threatened by fire, flood, earthquakes, war, and pandemic, that God will keep them safe and give them hope. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For the people of Afghanistan, and the many who are vulnerable and endangered, that ways will be found to save human lives, protect human rights, and aid all those seeking refuge, asylum and safety. ***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 those to be confirmed and received, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your servants, Lauren, Maekayla, Connor, Aubrey, Alice and Doug, ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those for whom we ought to pray, 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 they may be blessed and strengthened by God. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, (remembering especially,,) that they may find a place in the land that the Lord God has promised.

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 Creator God, in whom there is no variance or shadow, hear the prayers we offer this day and inspire us to be doers of the word that we may be instruments of your reconciliation and peace, in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Reconciliation and peace, in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	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.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	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 The Gift of Finest Wheat arr. Honore

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 Lord Dismiss Us With our Blessing H- 344

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Postlude: Joyous Day John Leavitt

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 Linda Stanley, organist.
Thank you!

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

Some upcoming events:

Today- Confirmation & Reception Class. The classes will be in person at St. Paul's and on Zoom , if preferred.

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 12th- Acolyte meeting after the service. Anyone interested in becoming an acolyte should attend.

September 19th -**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 6th- **Regional Confirmation & Reception service** is planned at St. John's, Ithaca.

October 17th -**CROP Hunger Walk**: ending at St. Paul's Church, providing light refreshments...we will need a team of Refreshment Folks and donations toward the refreshments. If interested, please contact either Kathy Medovich or Mother Trula.

November 7th -**All Saints Sunday.**

November 13 & 14th - **Diocesan Convention.**

Weekly Prayers

In our parishes, we pray for the people of St. John's Episcopal Church in Oneida and their priest, the Rev. Nick Smith, and the people of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Oswego and their priest, the Rev. Anne Wichelns. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador, we pray for the people of San Marcos in Izalco, Sonsonate and their priest, the Rev. Mario Benítez. In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Navajoland and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. David E. Bailey. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Justin Badi Arama.

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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 updates in! If you want to get the Snippets, please fill out a directory form with your email address and indicate that you want to get the Snippets.

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

CARE TEAM: submitted by Kathy Medovich

ACT MEAL: thank you for your generous donations. Next St. Paul's meal **Oct. 7th**.

Blessing Box project- non- perishable foods, household and personal care items, and pet foods and items needed. There is an empty 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.

Episcopal Relief and Development- there is an urgent need for disaster relief in Haiti. Please consider sending an extra donation to ER/D for this work. Go to <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

Crop Hunger Walk- October 17th. The walk ends at St. Paul's where we will be providing refreshments. Donations of money or pre-packaged snack foods and individually packaged drinks needed.

Refugee crisis- St. Paul's is now part of a committee from community churches exploring bringing a family to our area.

Window project- Diane has made signs showing which windows are still available. If adopting an entire window isn't in your budget, but you'd like to be involved, please feel free to give what you are able. Just put "Stained Glass" on the memo line or your check and place in the regular offering.

Readers' Schedule

Today: Wendy Wall

Next Week: Ladd Yost

The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan Probe
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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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