



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

117 Main Street

Owego, NY 13827

The Reverend Trula Hollywood, Priest-in-charge

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

Sunday, August 15, 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 15

## Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: All My Hope on God is Founded, arr. Callahan

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

**Opening Hymn:** When In Our music God is Glorified H-420

*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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Proverbs      9:1-6**

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,  
“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

## The Psalm

Psalm 34:9-14

### *Benedicam Dominum*

- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

## The Epistle

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church at Ephesus**  
**5:15-20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,

giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                      Thanks be to God.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Gospel**

**John 6:51-58**

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

*People*                      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “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.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 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.”

*Celebrant  
People*

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

**Sequence Hymn:**

Be Thou My Vision

H- 488

**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 15-B (PENTECOST 12)**

Let us call on our God of majesty and splendor whose Son gives us the food and drink of eternal life 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 all who are needy, lonely, desolate, and forgotten, and all those in need of our prayers, 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 Ingram, 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 the leaders of the nations, and all in authority, that they will use their power and influence to address the needs of the voiceless, and the powerless. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For healthcare workers, and all those who must make difficult decisions about opening up and coming together again, that they may make wise choices, and heed God's call to care for one another. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who whose lives are threatened by heat, fire, and floods, that God will provide healing and renewal in their lives. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, . . . . ., that having tasted the Bread of Life on earth, they may be raised up on the last day to live forever. ***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.***

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. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* God of abundance, hear our prayers this day and feed us with the living bread, that we may grow in wisdom and walk in your ways all our days, 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.*

*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.*

<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-** Soul, Adore Yourself With Gladness,  
Cruger arr. Busarow

*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**    God of Grace and God of Glory    H- 594

## **Announcements**

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

**Postlude:**    God of Grace and God of Glory,    Arr. Held

## **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!

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

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 17th -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. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Moravia and their priest, the Rev. Perry Mouncey and the people of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Berlin and their priest, the Rev. Steve White.

In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador we pray for the people of San Jorge in Acajutla.

In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Missouri and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Thabo Makgoba.

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

**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 1/4 inch thick acrylic plastic that will remain in place until the windows are returned. 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. We are now half way to our goal! Check with me or one of the Wardens for an updated list of those still available.

Bill O'Connell

### **Readers' Schedule**

Today: Patti O'Connell

Next Week: Wendy Wall

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Choir Director  
Parish Sexton  
Parish Treasurer  
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	

All Members of St. Paul's are Ministers of the Church

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