



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
117 Main Street  
Owego, NY 13827

The Reverend Trula Hollywood, Priest-in-charge

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
***Mass in the Grass***

Sunday, September 12, 2021

**Our mission** at St. Paul's Church is to declare the goodness of God's grace to all people.

We welcome all to join in worship and fellowship, united as the family of God.

We pledge to share our time and resources  
to serve the needs of individuals and the community.

## **Covid Regulations**

Due to the increase in the spread of the Delta variant and its ability to infect vaccinated individuals, the Vestry decided that we will implement the CDC recommendation that **all individuals must 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 19**

### **Liturgy of the Word**

Prelude: When Peace Like a River

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

**Opening Hymn:** The spacious firmament on high

*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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through 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 Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 116:1-8**

### ***Dilexi, quoniam***

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my  
supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon  
him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living.

## **The Epistle**

### **A Reading from the Letter of James**

**3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

*All stand.*

**Sequence Hymn:** Take up your cross

## **The Gospel**

**Mark 8:27-38**

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

*People*                    Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Celebrant*                      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                              Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **SERMON-**

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*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 16 (PROPER 19-B)**

As we remember those whose lives were lost, or forever changed, by the events of 9/11, let us pray for God's mercy, peace, and healing in the name of Christ crucified, saying, *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: remembering especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Dede, our Bishop; Trula our Priest; Dorothy our District Deacon; Alice, our Lay Preacher & Worship Leader, that we who confess Jesus as Messiah may witness to God's saving power. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that, strong in our faith, we may show compassion, confront evil, and be signs of God's love. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For world leaders, that they will listen to “the cry of the earth and people who are poor” and pledge themselves to meaningful sacrifice for the sake of the earth which God has given us. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who spend their lives serving others; for emergency personnel, for aid workers, and all who care for the sick, that God will guide them each day, and protect them from harm. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For peace in all places of conflict, that, by the victory of the cross, people and nations may turn from violence and bloodshed and walk in new awareness that we are all children of God. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those celebrating birthdays, especially Camden Kotski, Mary Standinger and Derrick Thomas. ***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 carry the cross daily, remembering especially those with health problems and those who care for them, Betty Hogan, 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 know God's presence with them. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, (remembering especially, . . . . .,) that they may walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. ***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* God of infinite mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day, and give us strength to take up the cross, and wisdom to follow where Christ leads, losing our lives for the sake of the gospel and for your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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** Strengthen for service, Lord

*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** Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Postlude: Day by Day

**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 St. Paul's Choir and Patti O'Connell, Flute. 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, immediately after service.

**Today-** Acolyte meeting after the service. Anyone interested in becoming an acolyte should attend. If anyone in the confirmation class is interested, we will plan another meeting

**Friday September 17 and 24** Rummage sale-Outside on the Cloister, 9-1. Free will donations.

**September 28th** Next ECW meeting- 6pm Dish to share.

Bible study- Rachel.

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, *See Care Team notes.*

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 Zion Episcopal Church in Pierrepont Manor and the people of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Port Leyden. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador, we pray for the people of El Salvador as they celebrate Independence Day. In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Nevada and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. James Waggoner. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Province of the Anglican Church of Tanzania and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Maimbo Mndolwa.

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**CARE TEAM:** submitted by Kathy Medovich

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

**Blessing Box project-** non- perishable foods, household and personal care items, and pet foods and pet 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. 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 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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 that has brought an Afghani family to Owego. They are temporarily living in an apartment in the Presbyterian Manse on Temple Street. They will continue to need our support so please contact Pastor Carolyn Gillette at [pastorcarolyngillette@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarolyngillette@gmail.com) to determine how you may be able to assist.

St. Paul's is accepting new and gently used **winter coats** which will be donated to those in our community in need. Please bring your coats to the church so we can share our warmth with others!

**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: Bill O'Connell  
Next Week: Laura Coppens

### **NOTES:**



## Directory Update Form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members

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Aniversary \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one) Snippets? Y / N      Envelope needed next year? Y / N (if change)

Name tags needed? Y / N      If more, use back

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## *Flower Memorial Form*

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*By* \_\_\_\_\_ *For Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

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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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