



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

117 Main Street
Owego, NY 13827

The Reverend Trula Hollywood, Priest-in-charge

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

Sunday, September 19, 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 20

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: Andante - John Stanley (1712-1786)

At the sound of the bell, all stand as you are able for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Opening Hymn: God is Love, let heaven adore him H-379

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 us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure;

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 the Wisdom of Solomon

1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
“Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.

Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.

He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.

He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.

We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.

Let us see if his words are true,

and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

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

A period of silence is kept.

The Psalm

Psalm 54

Deus, in nomine

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
 in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
 give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
 and the ruthless have sought my life, *
 those who have no regard for God.

- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of James

3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn: If thou but trust in God to guide thee H-635

The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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: PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ PENTECOST 17 (PROPER 20-B)

Let us pray to God our helper, the source of all wisdom, mercy and peace, 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 imitate the example of Jesus, not seeking to be first but becoming servants of all. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this Parish Family, that we may recognize our common humanity, and accompany one another along the journey of life. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who serve the children of our community in Christ's name, that they may teach us how to welcome Christ in simplicity of heart. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Laura Robertson. ***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 healing among the daughters and sons of Abraham, that God will bring reconciliation and greater cooperation among the followers of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those affected by storms, floods, and fires, for refugees and those fleeing violence, that they may find safety, new communities of welcome, and the resources needed for life. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those commended to our prayers, remembering especially, 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 find healing and strength in the Good News of the dying and rising of Jesus. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially, . . . , that they may be welcomed to share in the joy of God's presence forever. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Mary, the God-bearer, Matthew the Apostle, and Evangelist, 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 mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day, strengthen us with your wisdom from above, and bring forth in our

lives a harvest of humility, and peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Lord Jesus, you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Lord Jesus, help us by your grace, To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister; To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs; To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice; to share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us; to give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring. We praise you and give you thanks for the Hussain family who were able to escape and come into our community. We see in *all* of the human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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.

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 Hymn O Master, let me walk with thee

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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 How firm a foundation; ye saints of the Lord

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Postlude: Toccata in F major - Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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 our new organist, Hilton
Baxter and the members of St. Paul's Choir. Thank you and welcome
Hilton!

Please remember, we are also worshipping on **Thursday at noon**,
HE Rite I with healing liturgy.

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.

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

October 17th -**CROP Hunger Walk**: ending at St. Paul's Church, *See Care Team notes.*

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

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

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Weekly Prayers

In our parishes, we pray for the people of St. James' Episcopal Church in Pulaski and their priest, the Rev. Shelly Banner, and the people of

Zion Episcopal Church in Rome and their priest, the Rev. Jim Heidt. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador, we pray for the people of San Mateo in Lourdes and their priest, the Rev. Irma Alvarado. In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of New Hampshire and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of the Province of Uganda and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Stephen Kaziimba.

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Baptisms for Aubrey Ellis and Jennarose Reagan will be Sunday, **September 26th**. We will welcome two new members into the Body of Christ! Praise be to God!

St. Paul's is accepting new and gently used winter coats which will be donated to those in our community in need at the A.C.T. meal. Please bring your coats to the church so we can share our warmth with others!

St. Paul's is participating in the 2021 CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS and help families who are struggling with hunger. We're asking you to join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world. The Walk will take place on **October 17th** and ends at St. Paul's where we will be providing refreshments. Donations of money or pre-packaged snack foods and individually packaged drinks needed.

To join the team or donate, please see this site:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/st-pauls-episcopal-church-owego-ny>

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 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 today** after church in Fellowship Hall.

Episcopal Relief and Development- there is an urgent need for disaster relief in Haiti and the Gulf Coast. Please consider sending an extra donation to ER/D for this work.

Go to <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

Refugee crisis- St. Paul's is now part of a committee from community churches that have brought an Afghan 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 to determine how you may be able to assist.

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: Laura Coppens

Next Week: Patti O’Connell

NOTES:

Directory Update Form:

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Family Members

Birth Mo/Day

Email _____

Phone _____

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

Given - _____

By _____ *For Date:* _____

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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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