



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

117 Main Street
Owego, NY 13827

The Reverend Trula Hollywood, Priest-in-charge

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

Sunday, September 5, 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 18

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: Thou, whose almighty word

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

Opening Hymn: On this day, the first of days H-47

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, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

The Psalm

Psalm 146

Lauda, anima mea

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

A Reading from the Letter of James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

People

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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 - PENTECOST 15 (PROPER 18-B)

Let us pray for all God's children everywhere, especially for the powerless and voiceless, and for all those in need of God's love and compassion, 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 all our words and deeds may mirror God's own love for the least and the lost. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that all who come among us may find welcome and healing. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For a greater awareness of those who are powerless and voiceless, that we may recognize their struggles, hear their stories, and give voice to their needs. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For a greater recognition of our call to be stewards of God's creation, that we may honor the world God has commended to our care, and work to provide wise use of its resources. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those across the world who live in places of danger, distress, and fear, that God will strengthen them, keep them safe, and raise them up in hope. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all students, teachers, and parents as they struggle to achieve a balance between the need to teach and learn, and the concern for health and safety in this time of pandemic. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all who labor, whether at home or in the workplace, that God will guide them as they provide the resources, food, safety, and healing that sustain the daily lives of us all. ***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 those celebrating birthdays, especially Jean Radice. ***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 the blind, the deaf, the lame, and the speechless, for all the sick and suffering, and 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)...., those commended to our prayers, that they may know the healing power of God. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, , that they may inherit the kingdom promised to those who love God. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints who have borne witness to Christ, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant God of mercy and enduring love, hear our prayers, open our ears to hear your word, and release our tongues to sing your praise, 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.

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 Kneels at the feet of his friends H-602

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.
Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Sending Hymn Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths H-628

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Postlude: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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 Voices of St. Paul's Choir and Patti O'Connell, flutist. 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.

Next Sunday- Mass in the Grass (in the new church yard on Liberty St.) Coffee hour after the service.

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

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.**

Weekly Prayers

In our parishes, we pray for the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Owego and their priest, the Rev. Trula Hollywood and the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oxford and their priest, the Rev. David Hanselman. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador, we pray for the people of San Pedro y San Pablo in Cuilapa, Ahuachapán and their priest, the Rev. Juan Pablo Alvarado. In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Nebraska and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Ezekiel Kondo.

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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 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 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: Ladd Yost

Next Week: Bill O'Connell

The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan Probe
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Thursday 12 noon

Sunday service available on our Facebook Page

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