



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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

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

Sunday, October 10, 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 22

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: Intermezzo - Gerald Bales (1919-2002)

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

Opening Hymn: H- 475 God Himself is with us

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The following is said, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant- The Lord be with you.

People- And also with you.
Celebrant- Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 Amos

5:6-7,10-15

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

The Psalm

Psalm 90:12-17

Domine, refugium

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Epistle

A Reading from the Book of Hebrews

4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

A period of silence is kept.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn H-684 O for a closer walk with God

The Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not

receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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 20 (PROPER 23-B)

On our journey as disciples, let us call on God from whom all good things come, and whose gracious care prospers the work of our hands, saying: *Hear us and help us, O Holy One.*

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 who follow Jesus as our good

teacher may draw others to the gospel's treasure of eternal life. ***Hear us and help us, O Holy One.***

For this Parish Family, that we may grow in discipleship and leave behind whatever hinders our following of Christ. ***Hear us and help us, O Holy One.***

For the leaders of our nation, and especially the Congress, that in a spirit of constructive dialogue and discernment, they may honor one another, and work for the common good of all. ***Hear us and help us, O Holy One.***

For all those who endure persecution for the sake of the Gospel, that they may find strength and courage in Christ's promise of the hundredfold reward. ***Hear us and help us, O Holy One.***

For the rich and the powerful, that God will inspire them to generosity and justice. ***Hear us and help us, O Holy One.***

or all those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Miretta Campbell, Betty Berghorn and Autumn Hankey. ***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, Brian Ellis 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, Mikayla Sedlacek, and Andrew Clark. ***Holy God, hear our prayer.***

For all those recovering from storms and natural disasters, those who are overwhelmed and confused in life, and the sick and the suffering, remembering especially, Bill O'Brien, David, Braxtonn, Betty Hogan, Joan Hickey, Hila Whitman, Martha Kovach, Dennis Nichols, Elaine Tiffany, Doris Kemmerlin, 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, Joan Pascuzzo, Laura Engram, Scott Armstrong and for those we now name(pause)...., that they may find strength and hope. ***Hear us and help us, O Holy One.***

For those who have died, remembering especially,, that they may receive eternal life in the age to come. **Hear us and help us, O Holy One.**

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: O God whose loving hand has given us all that we possess, hear the prayers we offer this day, and grant that we may persevere in generosity and continually be given to good works, through Jesus Christ who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, our One Triune God, for ever and ever. **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.

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 as 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 H- 707 Take my life and let it be

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 H- 443 From God's Deity came forth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Postlude: Finale - Gerald Bales

Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Congratulations to all our confirmands and those received into the Episcopal Church this last Wednesday night at St. John's in Ithaca-Lauren Sedlacek, Maekayla Overacker, Connor Kotski, Aubrey Ellis, Alice Botts and Doug Cornwell.

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

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

October 24th after church -**Worship committee meeting.**

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

November 13 & 14th - **Diocesan Convention (Virtual).**

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Weekly Prayers

In our parishes, we pray for the people of St. John's Episcopal Church in Speedsville and their priest, the Rev. Pat Kinney and the people of the Church of St. Mark the Evangelist in Syracuse and their priest, the Rev. Nelson Gaetz. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador, we pray for the Mes de la Mujer Anglicana (Month of Anglican Women). In The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Newark and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Church of the Province of West Africa and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. B. Hart.

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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>

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.

A message from Deacon Dorothy- Please support and donate to the NYS Council of Churches. As a member of the Executive Board, I can attest to the multitude of ways the Council does wonderful work for all of us across denominations and faith traditions, doing God's mission work that includes social justice, advocacy, legislation, institutional pastoral care (including correctional facilities), and ecumenical cooperation and caring in education, worship, and faith communities. There is a website and also a FB page, both containing important information about the Council's goals and ways to become involved. Thank you so much!

CARE TEAM: submitted by Kathy Medovich 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.

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!

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/>

Window project- Most of our windows now have been adopted! Thank you!

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:	Ladd Yost

Acolytes' Schedule

Today: Lauren & Bill
Next week: Beckett & Bill

Notes

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