

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Brunswick, Maine
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
July 8, 2018



Welcome to St. Paul's!

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship here today. All are invited to the Lord's table and to fellowship in the parish hall following the service. Please fill out the newcomer information card found in the pews and put it in the offering plate or give to an usher. Nursery care is available from 9:15 through the end of the 9:30 service in the room directly across from the side entrance to the church.

We seek to nurture the evolving spiritual lives of parish members, visitors, and newcomers. All are welcome to participate in worship that is inclusive, celebratory, and rooted in scripture and the Book of Common Prayer. We seek to share through outreach to one another and to the greater community, our diverse gifts of the Holy Spirit, grounded in God's gift in Christ.

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 9:30 A.M.

BCP refers to the red Book of Common Prayer. "S" music is in the front section of the blue hymnal.

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, thou almighty King

Hymnal 365

OPENING SENTENCES *all standing*

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

WLP 899

Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord, we praise your Holy name.

Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.

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.

Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord, we praise your Holy name.

Glory, Glory hallelujah, Lord, we praise your Holy name.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSON

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.

He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.

The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

God bless our native land

Hymnal 716

God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Thro’ storm and night:
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save
By thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise
To God, above the skies;

On him we wait;
Thou who are ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!

And not to us alone,
But be thy mercies known
From shore to shore.
Lord, make the nations see:
Brothers and sisters, we
Should form one family
The wide world o'er.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Paul Tunkle

THE NICENE CREED *(said together standing)*

BCP 358

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*kneeling or standing*)

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Deacon and People:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. *Amen.*

The Celebrant says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS *Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are invited to come forward. Though not a requirement, our custom is to bring forward an offering in coins in the amount of the birthday years.*

The people stand and say together.

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, giver of life and love, bless this couple. Grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. And so knit their wills together in your will and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may live together in love and peace all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PEACE *(standing)*

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*“Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations
of our life and labor to God”*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Greatest of These Is Love* by Roberta Bitgood
Soloist: The Rev. Dr. Larry Kalajainen

PRESENTATION HYMN *Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation!*
sung together standing

Hymnal 390 v. 4

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Enriching our Worship Eucharistic Prayer I

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 our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our

Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Celebrant and People:

THE LORD'S PRAYER *said together*

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

Facing the people, the celebrant says the following invitation

Holy food for Holy people

COMMUNION HYMN

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

Hymnal 671

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

After Communion all stand and the Celebrant says,

All: Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So... be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever.
Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Open your ears, O faithful people

Hymnal 536

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go now in peace to love and serve Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MINISTRIES	9:30 a.m.
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Paul Tunkle
PREACHER	The Rev. Paul Tunkle
DEACONS	The Rev. Mary Lee Wile, The Rev. Chick Carroll
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Tom Nugent Hugh Savage
LECTORS	Hugh Savage OT Tom Nugent Ps Linda Ashe-Ford Ep Ada Moore Pr
ACOLYTES	Ralph Thivierge Tom Nugent
USHERS	Phil Studwell Patsy Oehl
ALTAR GUILD	Bonny Labonte, Michael Anne Banks
COFFEE HOUR	Nancy Whitehouse
FLOWERS	Lynne Holland, Nancy Whitehouse

THE DIOCESE OF MAINE, THE RT. REV. STEPHEN T. LANE *Bishop*

ST. PAUL'S STAFF AND VESTRY
The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund *Rector*

The Rev. Mary Lee Wile
Deacon

The Rev. Chick Carroll
Deacon

Randy Day
Music Ministry Director

Paul Womer
Senior Warden

Kimmy Edwards
Nursery Caregiver

Susan Tyler
Parish Administrator

Johanna Wigg
Junior Warden

Jane Redlon
Nursery Caregiver

Melanie Chicoria
Administrative Assistant

Aubrey Farmer
Sexton

Vestry

Term ending 2019 — Kevin Miller, Cliff Ruprecht, Katy Rivera

Term ending 2020 — Dana Baer, Betsey Bailey, Caroline Russell

Term ending 2021— Abigail Manny Patterson, Susan Martens, William Edman