

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Brunswick, Maine

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, September 13, 2020

PRELUDE	<i>Improvisation on 'Joyful, Joyful'</i>	R. Day
OPENING HYMN	<i>All creatures of our God and King</i> (Vv. 1 & 5 only)	Hymnal 400
OPENING SENTENCE	<i>Officiant:</i> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. <i>Philippians 1:2</i>	
CONFESSION OF SIN		BCP p. 79
	<i>Officiant:</i> Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.	
THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER		BCP p. 80
VENITE	<i>Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord</i> (Supported by the St. Paul's Virtual Choir)	Hymnal S-35
PSALM 103 (1-13)		BCP p. 733
	<i>All:</i> Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Ho-ly / Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for- / ev-er, A- / men.	
THE FIRST READING		Exodus 14:19-31
CANTICLE 13	A SONG OF PRAISE	BCP p. 90
THE SECOND READING		Romans 14:1-12
HYMN	<i>O bless the Lord, my soul</i>	Hymnal 411
THE THIRD READING		Matthew 18:21-35
SERMON	The Rev. Katie Holicky	
THE APOSTLES' CREED		BCP p. 96
HYMN	<i>Lord, make us servants of your peace</i> (Vv. 1&3)	Hymnal 593
THE PRAYERS		BCP p. 97
THE LORD'S PRAYER		BCP p. 97
SUFFRAGES B		BCP p. 98

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: 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.*

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

God, our teacher, we lift up with great thanksgiving those who have been called to teach. As we step into an uncertain and new school year, bless us, especially our teachers, with wisdom and peace. Ease the shared anxiety of teachers, students, and parents. Bless teachers who are preparing to lead in a new way, students in their need for a healthy rhythm of learning, and parents who seek the best way forward for their families. Be with us, God of love, as we head together into this new way of learning and growing. May community steeped in your love and care for one another be the foundation on which we stand. *Amen.*

BLESSING OF THE DEVICES AND BACKPACKS

God, you have asked us to follow you, and we do so now in ways we had not previously imagined. As we step into a new season of life and learning together we ask that you continue to be what binds us in community. We ask that you bless our digitally-integrated lives and devices that keep us connected in worship, learning and with those we love. We ask also, God that you bless the devices and backpacks of the students and teachers in our midst. That they may be tools that serve them in a healthy rhythm of learning and growth. God, our teacher and guide, we thank you and pray always in your name. *Amen.*

Please add your thanksgivings, intercessions and petitions in the silence, either silently or aloud.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

BCP p. 830

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.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Bless the Lord My Soul
St. Paul's Virtual Choir

Jacques Bethier

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP p. 102

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on 'All Creatures of Our God and King'* R. Day

Please select a group of names to pray for.

Christy, Ryan & family, Ethel, Ray, John, David, Judi, Carolyn B., Nick, Bob, Linda, Kathy, Skip, the Blackburn family, Willow, Tierra, Ann, Jim, Lollie, Steve and James	Jennifer, John, Reeve, Victor, Travis & family, Ben, Diane, Nate, Elijah, Priscilla, Garrett, Elliot, Marcia, Lynn, Peter, Patricia, Patrick, Bill, Bob, Paul, Sue and Julie	Matthew, Herb, Marijka and baby Savannah, Gair, baby Thomas, Jason, Annie, Carole, Arline, Franklin, Terry, Mark, Ron-da, Donelda, Sudie, and Pat
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- ◇ Pray for the congregation of St. Columba's in Boothbay Harbor, and for the people and clergy of our Companion Diocese of Haiti
- ◇ Pray for Anderson, Andrew, Cedric, Jason, Michael, Richard, and all in the military.
- ◇ Pray for those who died, remembering especially Alan, in-law and friend of Tobey Lee, and Mary Bangs, who died this week.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Check out our website for more details! www.stpaulsmaine.org
 Also on our website are the instructions for electronic giving. Please consider enrolling for a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to the church.

Sunday, September 13

- 9:00 Youth join for prayer & stay for Family Worship
- 9:30 Family Worship on Zoom
- 10:30 Morning Prayer on St. Paul's Facebook live
- 11:30 Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom
- 1:00 Middle and High Schoolers gather in the Garden

Daily Morning Prayer and Compline — Join us every morning and evening on St. Paul's Facebook Live for Morning Prayer and Compline, **7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

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Ministries	10:30 a.m.
Preacher	The Rev. Katie Holicky
Officiant	The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund
Intercessor	The Rev. Mary Lee Wile
Lectors	First Reading - Rick Wile Second Reading - Cliff Ruprecht Third Reading - Julia Walkling
Holy Tech Volunteer	Carol Lord

THE DIOCESE OF MAINE, THE RT. REV. THOMAS JAMES BROWN *Bishop*

ST. PAUL'S STAFF AND VESTRY
 The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund *Rector*
 The Rev. Katie Holicky *Assistant Rector*
 The Rev. Mary Lee Wile *Deacon*

Randy Day
Music Ministry Director

Susan Tyler
Parish Administrator

Carolyn Farr
Administrative Assistant

Cliff Ruprecht
Senior Warden

Johanna Wigg
Junior Warden

Jane Redlon
Nursery Caregiver

Lynn Johnson
Assistant Nursery Caregiver

Aubrey Farmer
Sexton