

St. Paul's, Brunswick
Non-Traditional Eucharist
Sunday May 18, 2025
Eastertide

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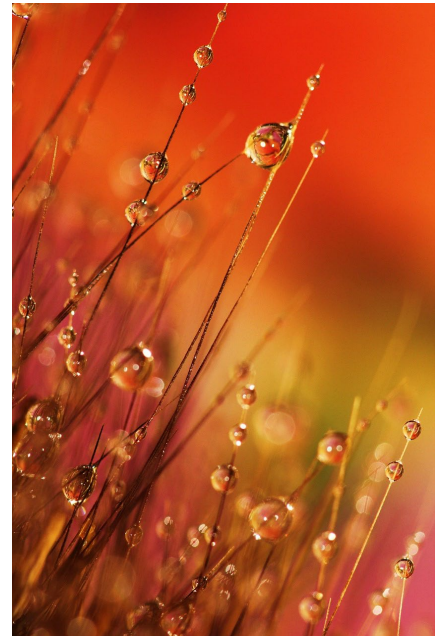
We acknowledge that we stand on territory that was taken from the Abenaki people of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland.

May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all companions in life. May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native neighbors as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.



Opening Song: This is the Day (Sung 2x) Art:pixabay.com

This is the Day, this is the Day
 That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice
 And be glad in it, and be glad in it
 This is the day that the Lord has made
 We will rejoice and be glad in it
 This is the day, this is the day
 That the Lord has made!



Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Response: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant: God is here!

Response: God is here!

Celebrant: Let us bless God!

Response: Let us bless God!

Celebrant: Glory to you, God, for ever!

Response: Glory to you, God, for ever!

Celebrant: God be with you.

Response: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Collect assigned for the day adapted Art: pixabay.com

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



First Reading, Psalm 148 adapted from the St. Helena Psalter Art: freebibleimages.com

Reader (Lector): Let us read Psalm 148 responsively by half verse.

1 Alleluia! Praise God from the heavens; * **sing praise in the heights.**

2 Praise God, all you angels; * **sing praise, all the heavenly host.**

3 Praise God, sun and moon; * **sing praise, all you shining stars.**

4 Praise God, heaven of heavens * **and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the Name of God, * **by whose command they were created.**

6 God made them stand fast for ever and ever, * **and gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise God from the earth, * **you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * **tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

9 Mountains and all hills, * **fruit trees and all cedars;**

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * **creeping things and winged birds;**

11 Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, * **leaders and all rulers of the world;**

12 Young men and maidens, * **old and young together.**

13 Let them praise your Name, O God, * **for your Name only is exalted; your splendor is over earth and heaven.**

14 You have raised up strength for your people and praise for all your loyal servants, * **the children of Israel, a people who are near you. Alleluia!**

Song: Sibling, sibling, let me serve you Art:pixabay.com

1 Sibling, sibling, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.



3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

Gospel Reading, John 13:31-35 from the NRSV *art:freebibleimages.org*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily / Sharing Time

Affirmation From Daily Prayers for All Seasons

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.



Prayers Let us pray for the life of the world...

We begin our prayers acknowledging all
who have cared for and nurtured us,
especially mothers, and those who have
been like mothers to us.

For the things we are thankful for...

For our loved ones ...

For those who teach us...

For those who lead us...

For the sick and for those who do not have enough...

For ourselves...



We gather our prayers and lift them up to God who knows and loves us.

Amen.

Special Blessings/ Prayers *(do you have a birthday/ anniversary/ something special you'd like us to pray for?)*

Watch over your children, God, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Bring them comfort when they are sad or sick, help them up if they fall, and bring your peace into their hearts.

Amen.

Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Announcements

Offertory Anthem *(the parade to bring up the elements while collection plate is passed)*

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God, in your goodness you are the Creator of all. You have brought into being the beauty of creation and our own humanity where we see your divine diversity and presence in every living thing. We give thanks for all of creation and know that you have always loved us and desired what is good for us. And so, you sent Jesus your Son to be one of us. He died to redeem us and all Creation. Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life and make the world new. That's why we shout out our praise! We shout with the throngs of angels, archangels and with all the heavenly host. We shout our praise 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.**

We bring you bread and wine as our offering. Bless them with your Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus.

On the night of his last supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it apart, shared it with his friends, and said, "Take, eat. This bread is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they finished supper, he took the cup of wine. Jesus gave thanks to God and said to his friends, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is poured out for you. It is poured out for all to save us from our sins. Drink this to remember me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Gather us up by this bread and wine and make us the Body of Christ in faithful community. Make us new people in Christ's Spirit. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

The Lord's Prayer

Our God 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.

Fraction (*break bread*)

Be known to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

We share one bread together.

Invitation Holy Food for Holy People.

Administration of Sacrament The body of Christ, the bread of life!
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Communion Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together

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Let us break bread together on our knees.

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When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.



Let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

Post Communion Prayer – Loving God, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing *Celtic Blessing from Enriching Our Worship*

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen.*

Song: Go Now In Peace (sung in round)

Go now in peace
Go now in peace
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, Everywhere
You may go!

Dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth in the love and
peace of Jesus to serve our neighbors!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

