

**St. Paul's, Brunswick
Non-Traditional Eucharist
Sunday October 26, 2025**

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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.



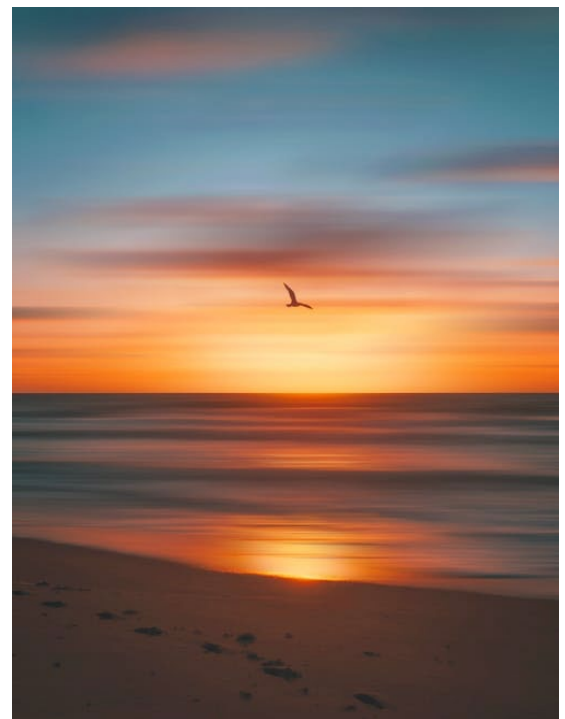
Opening Song: Opening Song: I'll Fly Away Art:pexels.com

Some glad morning when this life is over
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

I'll fly away, o Glory
I'll fly away (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye
I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life are gone
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

I'll fly away, o Glory
I'll fly away (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye
I'll fly away



Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end
I'll fly away

I'll fly away, o Glory
I'll fly away (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye
I'll fly away

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 *Art:pixabay.com*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



First Reading, 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 adapted from the NRSV art: pixabay.com

Reader (Lector): A reading from Paul's letter to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for The Lord's appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for The Lord's heavenly kingdom. To The Lord be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader (Lector): The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Song: Where I go in the world Art: pixabay.com

Where I go in the world, what I do in the world,
What I say in the world, in the name of Christ.

Where I go in the world, what I do in the world,
What I say in the world in the name of Love.

Where I go in the world, what I do in the world,
What I say in the world in the name of God.



Gospel Reading, Luke 18:9-14 from the NRSV Bible *art:freebibleimages.org*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."



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...

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.

Confession and Absolution

Is there anything you did that you are sorry for? Silently think about it in your mind.

Deacon: Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have been unkind, Lord have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have forgotten you, Christ have mercy.

ALL: Christ have mercy.

Deacon: Lord God, we ask you to forgive us, Lord have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Prayer For Forgiveness

Celebrant: Holy God, have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, and bring you to eternal life.

ALL: 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 / Stewardship Speaker

Offertory Music *(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 you from your 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: Come, Come Whoever You Are Art: pixabay.com

Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.



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

May the blessing of God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit the Sustainer be with you and remain with you always. Amen!

Song: Go Now In Peace (sung in round) *art:pixabay.com*

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!

People: Thanks be to God!