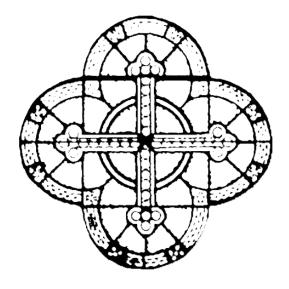
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Brunswick, Maine

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 26, 2025

10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist in the Nave

Worship in the Nave is Livestreamed on www.stpaulsmaine.org



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HOLY EUCHARIST 10:30 A.M.

If you find yourself in physical discomfort when standing, especially for extended periods, please feel free to be seated at any time. If kneeling is difficult for you, either stand or sit instead.

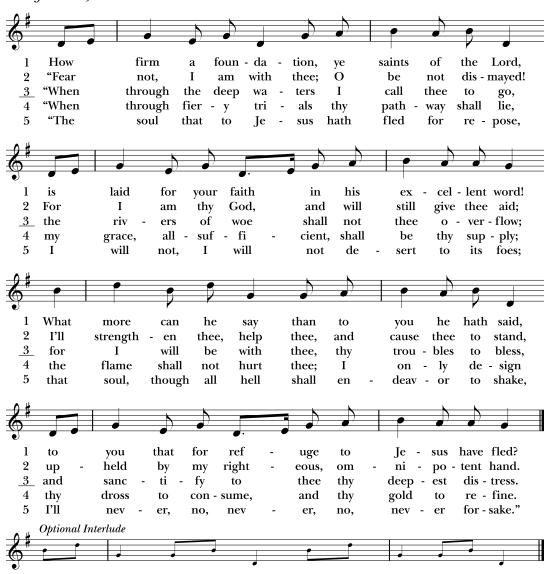
PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing John Wyeth, arr. Kristen Allred

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The Rev. Matthew R. Soctt

OPENING HYMN How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord The Hymnal 1982 #636 (All standing as able)



Celebrant: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.



THE GLORIA (Continued)



THE COLLECT

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray together.

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.

THE FIRST LESSON (seated)

Joel 2:23-32 (NRSV)

Lector: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65 (spoken)

BCP p. 672

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; * to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, * because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation. *

O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; * they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; * you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.

- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 (NRSV)

Lector: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul 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 his 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 his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN
(All standing as able)

The Hymnal 1982 #546



Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751). Music: Siroë, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. Melodia Sacra, 1815.

THE GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14 (NRSV)

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.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Matthew R. Scott

THE NICENE CREED (led by the Deacon) (All standing as able)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Al

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.

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 and Concluding Collect (standing as able) (After each petition "Lord, in your mercy" please respond with "Hear our prayer.")

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 (It has been our custom for generations to bring forth, if possible, offerings of coins in the amount of your age. You may do this online at stpaulsmaine.org)

The people 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

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER Lili Ott

THE HOLY COMMUNION

RECEIVING COMMUNION

You may,

- 1. Receive communion in "one kind" consecrated bread only or consecrated wine only. In the Episcopal Church, receiving in one kind is considered full communion. If you would like gluten-free consecrated bread, please place your hands facing down.
- 2. Drink from the common cup.
- 3. Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, "the blood of Christ" but will not distribute the wine.

Please help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. **Please do not dip the wa**fer into the chalice.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC

(Stand as able as gifts are presented.)

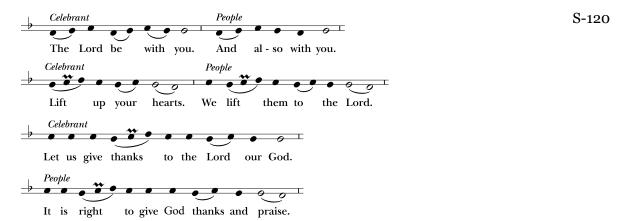
Presentation Hymn (sung together standing as able)

The Hymnal 1982 #380 adapted

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

The Celebrant receives the offerings and lifts them up to God.

GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B (expansive language)

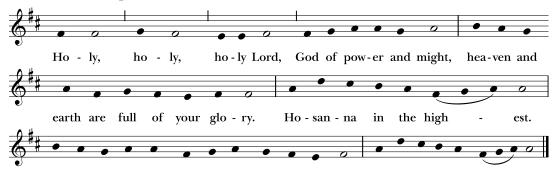


Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Then the Celebrant says the proper preface.

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:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

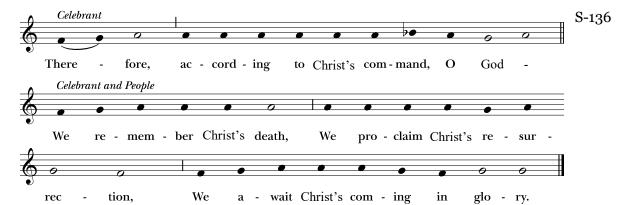
The people stand or kneel as able. Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, o God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Music: Ambrosian anaphora chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

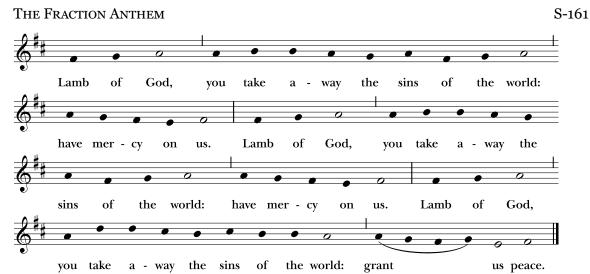
Give us today our daily bread.

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.



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THE INVITATION

Facing the people, the celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ushers will guide the people, pew by pew, to the altar rail. You may kneel or stand to receive the Sacrament. (Gluten Free is available.) Clergy will distribute the consecrated host to each person. Eucharistic Ministers will hold the cup in front of each person saying, 'The Blood of Christ; the Cup of Salvation.' If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms indicating you'd like a blessing instead.

Then is said, The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Welcome to our digital congregation. We invite you to connect with Christ's communion by saying the following prayer.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.





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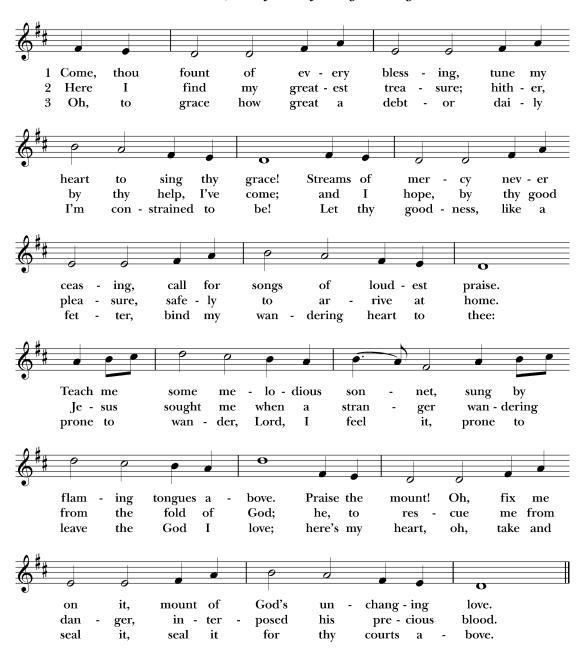
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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Creator, 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.

THE 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.



DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fantasia on Come, Thou Fount

John Wyeth arr. John Purifoy

St. Paul's Territory Acknowledgement

(In accordance with Diocese resolution and approved by Vestry in winter/spring '23)

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.

Ministries	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Matthew R. Scott	The Rev. Matthew R. Scott
PREACHER	The Rev. Matthew R. Scott	The Rev. Matthew R. Scott
DEACON	The Rev. Myrna Koonce	The Rev. Myrna Koonce
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Dana Baer	Dick Brautigam Cliff Ruprecht
LECTORS	Kitty Garlid 1st Lesson Karen Rienert Ps Peter Garlid 2nd Lesson Dana Baer Pr	Carol Lord 1st Lesson Cliff Ruprecht Ps, Pr Dick Brautigam 2nd Lesson
Music		Christine Spurling
ACOLYTES	Meghan Williams	Cliff Ruprecht
Greeter		Moriah Freeman
USHERS	Kitty and Peter Garlid	Nancy and Rob King
Altar Guild	Nancy Johnson and Michael Anne Banks	
FLOWERS	Lili Ott and Nancy Keating	
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Lee Caesar and Caroline Chinlund	

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