

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Brunswick, Maine

First Sundays Life Together  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 5, 2025

8:00 a.m. Celtic Morning Prayer in the Nave

10:30 a.m. Life Together Eucharist in the Nave

Worship in the Nave is Livestreamed on [www.stpaulsmaine.org](http://www.stpaulsmaine.org)



Welcome to St. Paul's

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today!

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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.*

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

*We Gather Together*

arr. Albert Mendoza

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The Rev. Katie Holicky

OPENING HYMN  
(Standing as able)

*This is the Day*

LEVAS #219

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the

Lord hath made, we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be

glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the

Lord hath made, we will re-joice and be glad in it;

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

OPENING SENTENCES *(all standing as able)*

*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.

CREATION COLLECT OF THE DAY

All-loving and everliving God, you are always more ready to give than we are to receive:  
Pour upon us your abundance of contentment with simple, faithful living; through Jesus  
Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and  
for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Lamentations 1:1-6 (NRSV)

*Lector:* A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah.

How lonely sits the city  
that once was full of people!  
How like a widow she has become,  
she that was great among the nations!  
She that was a princess among the provinces  
has become a vassal.  
She weeps bitterly in the night,  
with tears on her cheeks;  
among all her lovers  
she has no one to comfort her;  
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,  
they have become her enemies.  
Judah has gone into exile with suffering  
and hard servitude;  
she lives now among the nations,  
and finds no resting place;  
her pursuers have all overtaken her  
in the midst of her distress.  
The roads to Zion mourn,  
for no one comes to the festivals;

all her gates are desolate,  
her priests groan;  
her young girls grieve,  
and her lot is bitter.  
Her foes have become the masters,  
her enemies prosper,  
because the LORD has made her suffer  
for the multitude of her transgressions;  
her children have gone away,  
captives before the foe.  
From daughter Zion has departed  
all her majesty.  
Her princes have become like stags  
that find no pasture;  
they fled without strength  
before the pursuer.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 137

St. Helena Psalter

1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept \*  
when we remembered you, O Zion.  
2 As for our harps, we hung them up \*  
on the trees in the midst of that land.  
3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,  
and our oppressors called for mirth: \*  
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion."  
4 How shall we sing God's holy song \*  
upon a foreign soil?  
5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \*  
let my right hand forget its skill.  
6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you, \*  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.  
7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O God,  
against the people of Edom, \*  
who said, "Down with it! Down with it,  
even to the ground!"

8 O Offspring of Babylon, doomed to destruction, \*  
happy the one who pays you back  
for what you have done to us!

9 Happy shall be the one who takes your little ones \*  
and dashes them against the rock!

GOSPEL HYMN  
*(standing as able)*

*Be Thou My Vision*

The Hymnal 1982 #488



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10 (NRSV)

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew R. Scott

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH (from South India, Season of Creation)

We believe in God, who creates all things,  
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,  
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.  
We believe in God as the source of all life,  
who baptizes this planet with living water.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,  
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,  
who loves and cares for this world  
and who suffers with it.  
And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,  
who came to reconcile and renew this world  
and everything in it.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,  
who moves with God  
and who moves among and with us today.  
We believe in everlasting life in God.  
And we believe in the hope that one day  
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*standing as able*)

*(After each petition "To you we pray", please respond with "Shower the Earth  
with your blessing, O God.")*

## CONCLUDING COLLECT PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *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.

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER** *(Those celebrating a birthday or anniversary are invited to come forward. It has been our custom for generations to bring forth, if possible, offerings of coins in the amount of your age.)*

*The people stand and say together.*

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.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 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 wafer into the chalice.***

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN                      *O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth*                      Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*Tune: Gesangbuch der Herzoglich Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784*

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O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,  
And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.  
So playful dolphins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze.  
Your songbirds share a morning hymn To offer you their praise.

You made the pets we welcome in — They're wondrous blessings, too.  
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, They offer praise to you.  
O Lord, you call us to embrace These creatures in our care.  
May we show kindness, love and grace To all pets everywhere.

You made the creatures on each farm; You know the things they need.  
May they grow healthy, safe from harm, And safe from human greed.  
Just as a shepherd loves the sheep, You know their joy, their pain.  
Lord, bless the animals we keep; May all farms be humane.

Your creatures live in every land; They fill the sky and sea.  
O Lord, you give us your command To love them tenderly.  
We're called to have dominion here — To care for them always.  
By loving creatures you hold dear, We offer you our praise.

*(Stand as able as gifts are presented.)*

PRESENTATION HYMN                      *For the beauty of the earth*                      The Hymnal 1982 #416 vs. 1  
*(sung together standing as able)*

- 1    For the beauty of the earth,  
         for the beauty of the skies,  
         for the love which from our birth  
         over and around us lies,

*Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*



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

THE HOLY EUCHARIST      Eucharistic Prayer Creation II

*Celebrant:*      The Creator be with you.

*People:*      And also with you.

*Celebrant:*      Lift up your hearts.

*People:*      We lift them to the Creator.

*Celebrant:*      Let us give thanks to our loving God.

*People:*      It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the waters of the Mere Brook Watershed and Androscoggin River flow, where town, wilderness, farm, and sea are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, lupine and alewife, cedar and moose, pine and eagle, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

*The people join together in the Sanctus.*

*Celebrant and People:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with St. Paul and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever.

*Celebrant and People:* AMEN!

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Celebrant and People:*

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.

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

#### THE FRACTION

*The Celebrant says*

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

*All:* We share one bread together.

#### THE INVITATION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:*

Holy Food for Holy People.

COMMUNION HYMN 1  
All are invited to sing.

*Let us break bread together*

The Hymnal 1982 #325



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_



3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_



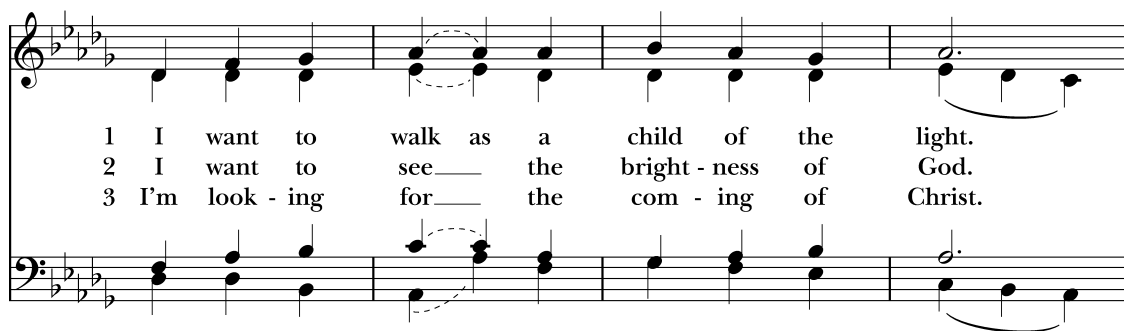
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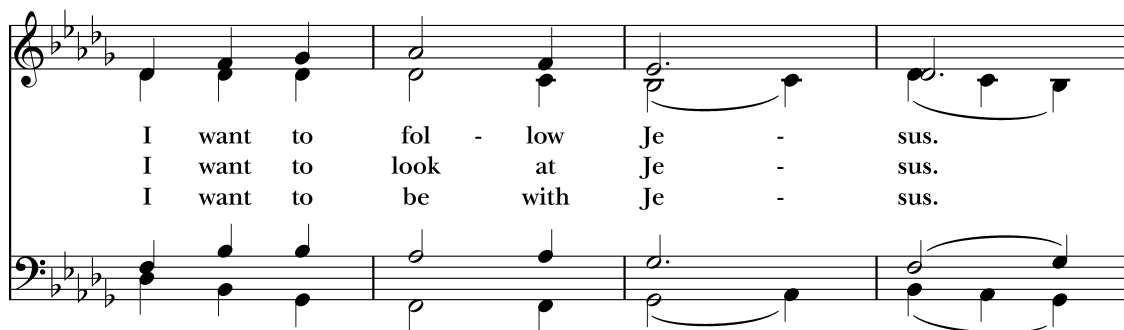
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O Lord, have mer-cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_



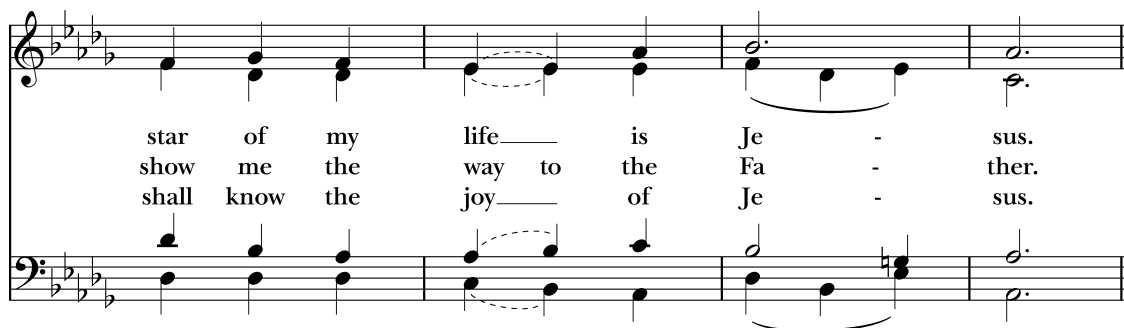
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we



star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

The first line of the refrain is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "In him there is no dark - ness at all. The".

night and the day are both a - like. The

The second line of the refrain continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "night and the day are both a - like. The".

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

The third line of the refrain concludes with a fermata on the final note, marked with a *rit.* (ritardando). The lyrics are: "Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God."

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The final line of the refrain is marked *a tempo* and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus."

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

*A Prayer for Spiritual Communion*

*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.*

THANKSGIVING (POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER, said together)

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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.

THE BLESSING

*from New Creation Liturgies*

May God who established the dance of creation,  
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,  
Who transforms chaos to order,  
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church  
To listen to the voice of all creatures  
That reflect God's glory in creation  
And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son,  
and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you  
that you might be a blessing to others  
today and always. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

*We are Marching in the Light of God*

We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, o-oh,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching, o-oh.  
We are marching in the light of God.

In Zulu

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.  
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,  
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

DISMISSAL (*sung*)

*Go Now in Peace*

by Natalie Sleeth

(*sung in unison, then in a round*)

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

MUSIC FOR EXITING

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. Katie Holicky
PREACHER	Celtic Morning Prayer Leader: The Rev. Rebecca Wegner	The Rev. Matthew R. Scott
DEACON		The Rev. Myrna Koonce
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ALTAR GUILD	Karen Rienert and Julia Walkling	
FLOWERS	Abigail Manny and Susan Martens	
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Sharing the Gifts Outreach Fair	

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