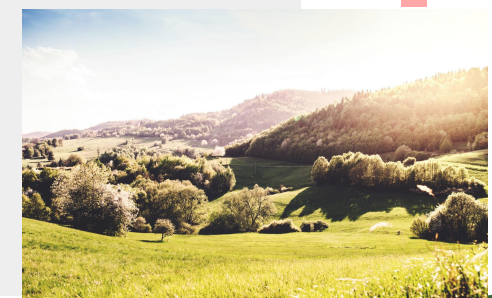
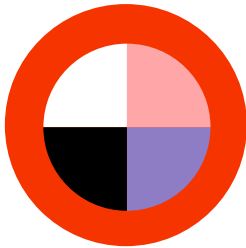
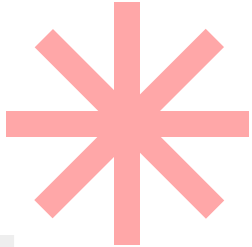
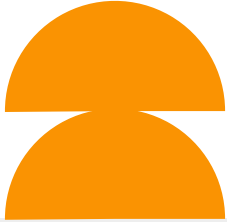
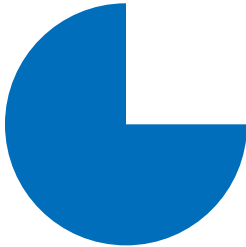
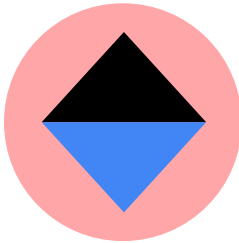


St. Paul's, Brunswick 9am Holy Eucharist Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday

Welcome

Territory Acknowledgement

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: All Things Bright and Beautiful art: pixabay.com

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

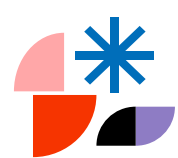
1 Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

2 The purple-headed
mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.





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*

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



First Reading, 1 Peter 3:13-22 from the NRSV

Reader (Lector): A reading from 1 Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader (Lector): The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!





Gospel Song: If You Believe and I Believe *Art: pixabay.com*

If you believe and I believe and we together pray,
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free,
And set God's people free, and set God's people free;
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free.



Gospel Reading, John 14:15-21 NRSV adapted art.freebibleimages.org

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Creator, and they will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees them nor knows them. You know them, because they abide with you, and they will be in you.

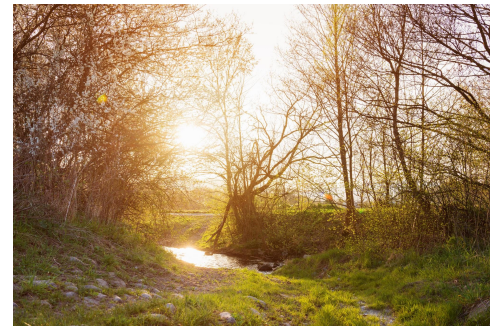
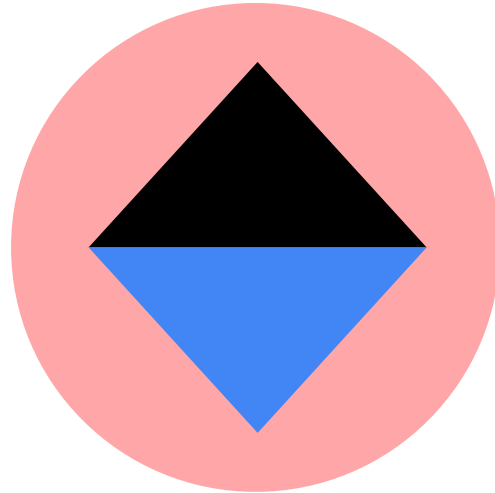
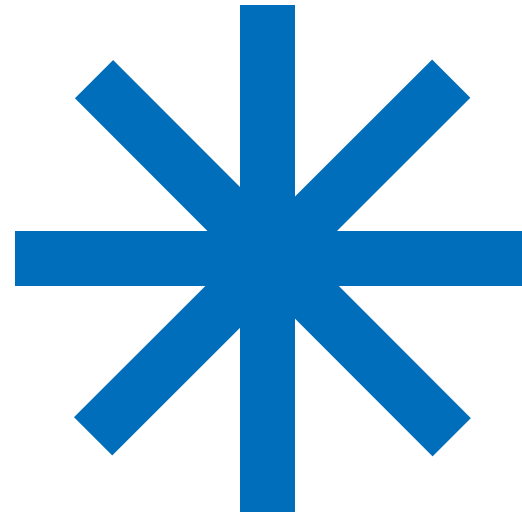
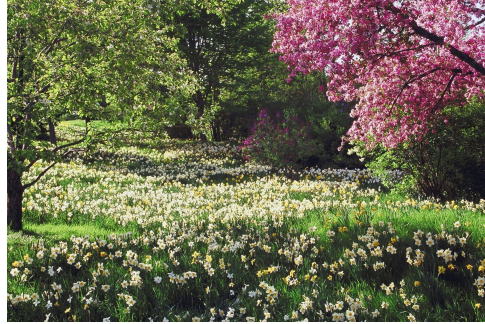
"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Creator, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Creator, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.



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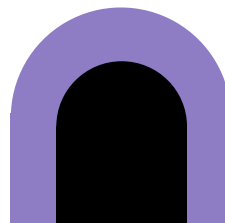
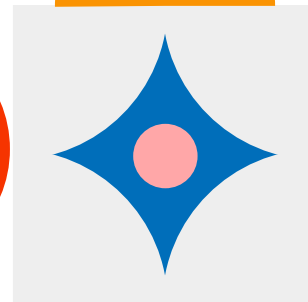
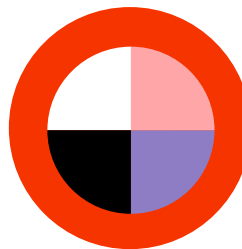
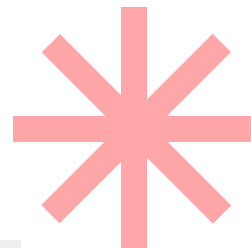
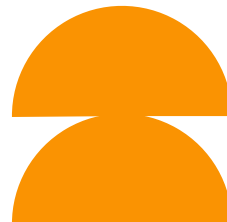
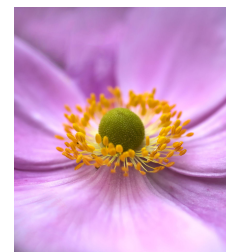
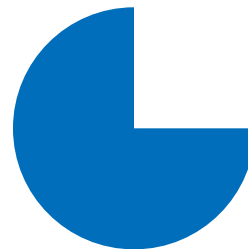
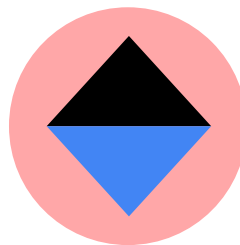


He is

Risen!

Alleluia!

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.

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.



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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)





The 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: Taize #7

7. EAT THIS BREAD

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

May be sung as an ostinato by omitting verses.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two verses, and the second system contains the next two verses. Dynamics include piano (p), forte (f), and mezzo-forte (mf). The score is an ostinato, meaning the melody and accompaniment are repeated throughout.

p *f*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev - er be hun - gry.
Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

p *f*

mf

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.
Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

mf





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 the Bounds

Following this prayer please join us as you desire and are able to sing and pray our way around the garden for the Blessing the Bounds.

Celebrant: Let us Pray Together

O God, You know we need boundaries, definite times and places in which to seek You and be found by You, to get better acquainted, to dream dreams, and to make future plans. O God, thank you for the gift of this land. Today we beat its bounds to banish fear and hatred, cowardice and complacency. Today we sow seeds of passion for justice, solidarity with the displaced, and love for the earth. Make us forceful and fruitful. Give us a good harvest. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Episcopal Church Foundation, Vital Practices





Closing Song: Go Now in Peace

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

Blessing

May the blessing of the God the Creator who instructed us to care for the world, Christ the Redeemer who showed us how to care for the world, and the Spirit the Sustainer who moves us to care for the world be with you and remain with you always. Amen.



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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!