

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

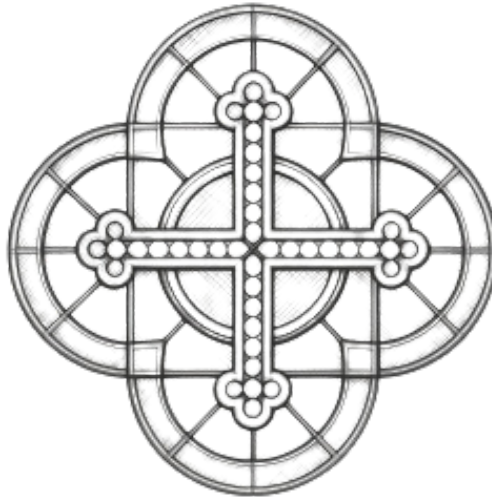
Brunswick, Maine

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 2026

9:30 a.m. Life Together Eucharist in the Nave

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



Welcome to St. Paul's!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship here today.

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.

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HOLY EUCHARIST

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.

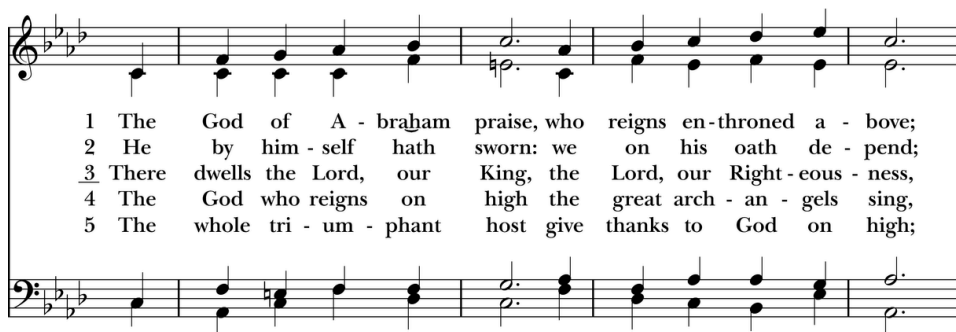
MUSIC FOR GATHERING

WELCOME

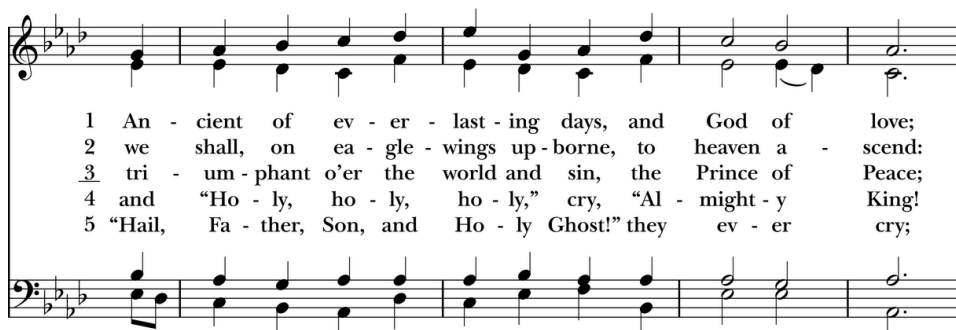
OPENING HYMN

The God of Abraham praise

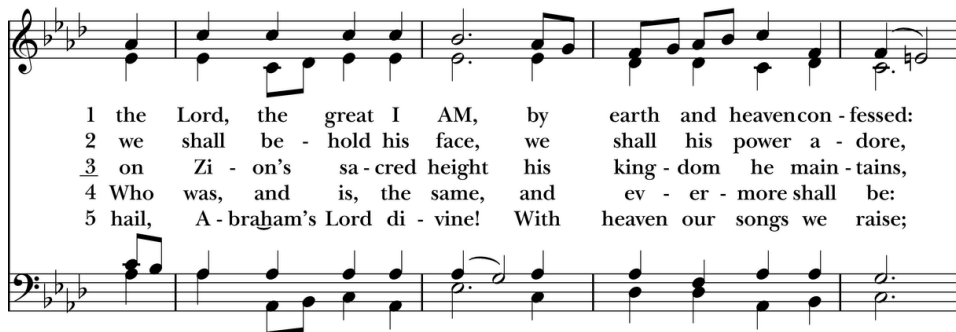
The Hymnal 1982 #401



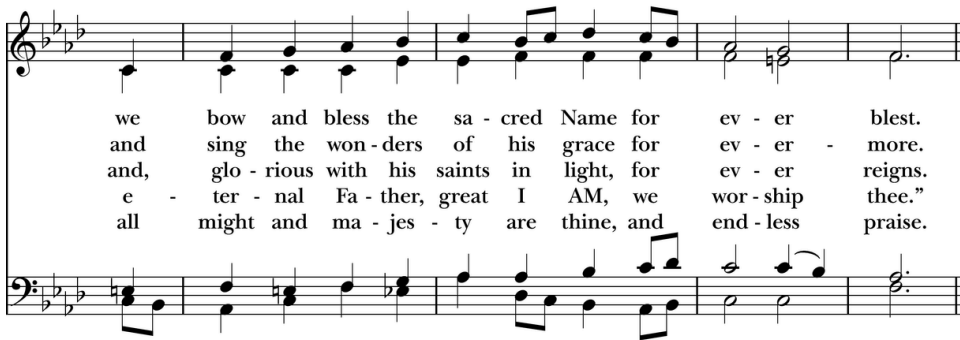
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

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 together.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

Genesis 22:1-14

Lector: A reading from Genesis

God tested Abraham. God said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." God said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the

place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 13

St. Helena Psalter

1 How long, O God?
Will you forget me for ever; *
how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind
and grief in my heart, day after day; *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O God, my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemies say they have prevailed over me, *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the Holy One, who has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of God Most High.



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom - to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

AFFIRMATION *(led by Celebrant)*

Daily Prayers for All Seasons

As children of God, we affirm:
 That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
 that God is present with all of creation, and that,
 in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
 therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
 that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,
 and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
 therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
 that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,
 and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
 therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
 discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(standing as able)*

(As we pray, please respond to "Holy Spirit," with "Fill our hearts.")

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

All: Lord have mercy.

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

All: Christ have mercy.

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

All: Lord have mercy.

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

All: Amen.

THE PEACE (*standing*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Receiving Communion

Receiving only bread or wine is considered full communion, or you can receive both elements. You may...

1. Receive the bread, placing one hand on the other, facing up
2. Receive gluten-free bread, hands facing down
3. Drink from the chalice (cup) when it's offered to you
4. Decline to drink by crossing your arms; the Eucharistic minister will extend it toward you with the words "The Blood of Christ."
5. Decline both bread and wine, and with arms crossed, receive a blessing.

Please do not dip the wafer into the chalice.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

PRESENTATION HYMN

The Hymnal 1982 #380 v3 adapted

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Life Together Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: 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:

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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

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

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 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
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.

COMMUNION HYMN 1

This is the hour

The Hymnal 1982 #316



1 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;
3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,



here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the
the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou
giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the



brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
still art here with us— our Shield and Sun.
Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num,
Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord.

om - nes gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!
Peo - ples! Na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

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

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo-rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

DISMISSAL

People respond: Thanks be to God.

MUSIC FOR EXITING

Ministries	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Celebrant	The Rev. Matthew Scott	The Rev. Katie Holicky
Preacher	The Rev. Matthew Scott	The Rev. Matthew Scott
Deacon	The Rev. Mary Lee Wile	The Rev. Mary Lee Wile
Eucharistic Ministers	Peter McCracken	Tom Nugent and Carol Thomas
Lectors	Rebecca Wegner 1st Lesson Rebecca Wegner Ps. Joel Wegner 2 nd Lesson Peter McCracken Pr.	Intergenerational Reader 1st Lesson Michael McCabe Ps. Carol Thomas Pr.
Music		Amy-Webb Prosser
Greeter		Donna and Ralph Thivierge
Ushers	Rebecca and Joel Wegner	Michael McCabe and Jan Dirckx
Acolyte	Bill Edman	George Walter
Altar Guild	Michael Anne Banks and Lee Caesar	
Fellowship Host		

The Diocese of Maine, The Rt. Rev. Thomas James Brown, Bishop

St. Paul's Staff and Vestry
The Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Scott, Rector
The Rev. Katie Holicky, Associate Rector

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Andrea Lauerman
Sacred Ground Coordinator

Sunshine Spaulding
Administrative Assistant

Nancy King
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Amy Webb-Prosser
Organist/Accompanist

Vestry
Term ending 2027 — Michael Anne Banks, Jonathan Bolton
Term ending 2028 — Roger Barras, Michael Turner, John Bilodeau
Term ending 2029 — Dieuwke Zolas, Leslie Walter, and Elizabeth Davis