

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

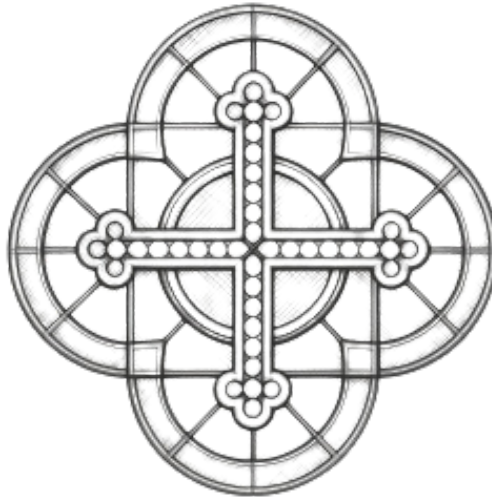
Brunswick, Maine

## The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2026

9:30 a.m. Life Together Eucharist in the Great Hall

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



### Welcome to St. Paul's!

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

#### St. Paul's 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.

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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

*Morning has broken*

The Hymnal 1982 #8

*Unison or harmony*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 25:19-34

*Lector:* A reading from Genesis

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;

the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119: 105-112

St. Helena Psalter

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O God, according to your word.

108 Accept, O God, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.**

## OFFETORY SENTENCE

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

## 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.

*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.

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

*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.*

## MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

*Berceuse by Faure*

Duet by Gabriel Tan and Susan Broun

## 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. This lit - tle light of mine, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it  
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it  
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it

Oh \_\_\_\_\_

1. shine, \_\_\_\_\_ This lit - tle light of mine,  
 2. shine, \_\_\_\_\_ Ev - 'ry - where I go,  
 3. shine, \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh \_\_\_\_\_

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; \_\_\_\_\_ This lit - tle light of  
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; \_\_\_\_\_ Ev - 'ry - where I  
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus gave it to

Oh \_\_\_\_\_

1. mine, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it shine, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it  
 2. go, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it shine, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it  
 3. me, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it shine, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it

Oh \_\_\_\_\_

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine. \_\_\_\_\_

DISMISSAL

*People respond:* Thanks be to God.

MUSIC FOR EXITING

Ministries	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Celebrant	The Rev. Katie Holicky	The Rev. Matthew Scott
Preacher	The Rev. Katie Holicky	The Rev. Katie Holicky
Eucharistic Ministers	Bill Edman	Sarah Faith Spencer and Lois Kwantz
Lectors	Kitty Garlid 1st Lesson Kitty Garlid Ps. Bill Edman 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson Peter Garlid Pr.	Intergenerational Reader 1st Lesson Larry Kalajainen Ps. Carol Kalajainen Pr.
Music		Susan Brown
Greeter		Karen Rienert
Ushers	Kitty and Peter Garlid	Michael McCabe and Guy Rossignol
Acolyte	Bill Edman	Carol Lord
Altar Guild	Karen Rienert and Bonny Labonte	
Fellowship Host	Madeleine Msall	

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

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