

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

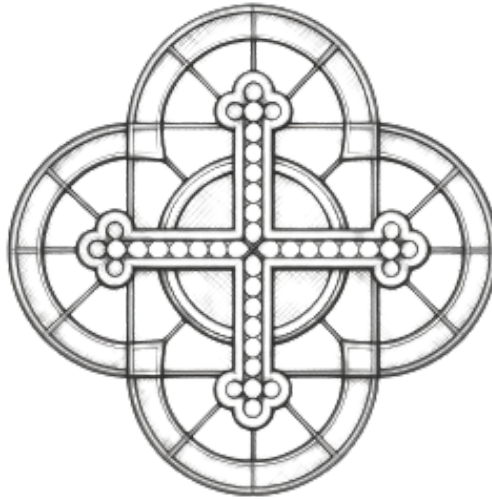
Brunswick, Maine

## The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 2026

9:30 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 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

*At the name of Jesus*

VF 135, vs. 1-2, 6-7

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,

The first system of the musical score is in 3/8 time. It features a vocal melody in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The lyrics are: '1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow, 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,'.

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now:  
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,

The second system of the musical score continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now: all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,'.

'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,

The third system of the musical score concludes the hymn. The lyrics are: ''tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord, thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,'.



6 In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
crown him as your Captain  
in temptation's hour;  
let his will enfold you  
in its light and power.

7 Surely, this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

### 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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Lector:* A reading from Genesis

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

1 We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; \*  
we make known your deeds among the peoples.

2 We sing to you; we sing your praise \*  
and speak of all your marvelous works.

3 We glory in your holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.

4 We search for you and your strength; \*  
we continue to seek your face.

5 We remember the marvels you have done, \*  
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth,

6 We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, \*  
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.

16 Then you called for a famine in the land \*  
and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 You sent a man before them, \*  
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; \*  
his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, \*  
your word, O Most High, tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; \*  
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household, \*  
as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will \*  
and to teach his elders wisdom.

45 Alleluia!

GOSPEL HYMN

*In Christ there is no east or west*

The Hymnal 1982 #529

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are



## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON

Cliff Ruprecht

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

### OFFETORY 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:

*All:* 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.*

## COMMUNION HYMN 1

### *Precious Lord, take my hand*

LEVAS 106

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me  
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws —

1. stand, — I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; —  
2. near, — When my life is — al - most — gone; —  
3. near, — And the day is — past and — gone; —

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I  
3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —  
2. fall, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —  
3. hand, — Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, — Lead me on. —

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

THE CLOSING HYMN

*Praise the Spirit*

The Hymnal 1982 #506



1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's  
2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most  
3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets



1 or - i - gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wa - ters,  
2 thoughts and ways; who, in show - ing us God's won - ders,  
3 with the word; his the truth be - hind the wis - doms



1 quick - ening worlds to life with - in, source of breath to  
2 is him - self the power to gaze; and God's will, to  
3 which as yet know not our Lord; by whose love and



1 all things breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.  
2 those who lis - ten by a still small voice con - veys.  
3 power, in Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.

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. Katie Holicky                                                      |
| Preacher              | Cliff Ruprecht                                                                                                   | Cliff Ruprecht                                                              |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Bill Edman                                                                                                       | Meghan Williams and Grace Trapp                                             |
| Lectors               | Joel Wegner 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson<br>Joel Wegner Ps.<br>Rebecca Wegner 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson<br>Bill Edman Pr. | Intergenerational Reader 1st Lesson<br>Carol Lord Ps.<br>Michael McCabe Pr. |
| Music                 |                                                                                                                  | Amy Webb-Prosser                                                            |
| Greeter               |                                                                                                                  | Ellen Ranen                                                                 |
| Ushers                | Rebecca and Joel Wegner                                                                                          | Michael McCabe and Jeremy Kriss                                             |
| Acolyte               | Bill Edman                                                                                                       | Cliff Ruprecht                                                              |
| Altar Guild           | Lee Caesar and Karen Rienert                                                                                     |                                                                             |
| Fellowship Host       | Susan Brown, Kimberly Chicca & Jeremy Kriss                                                                      |                                                                             |

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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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Melissa Carbajal<br>Lead Administrator         | Patsy Oehl<br>Senior Warden | Andrea Lauerman<br>Sacred Ground Coordinator |
| Sunshine Spaulding<br>Administrative Assistant | Nancy King<br>Junior Warden | Amy Webb-Prosser<br>Organist/Accompanist     |

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