

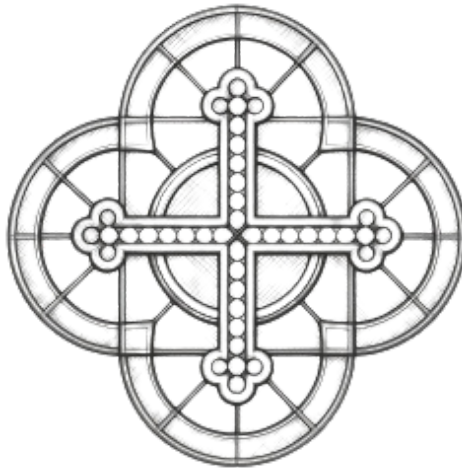
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Brunswick, Maine

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2026

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



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

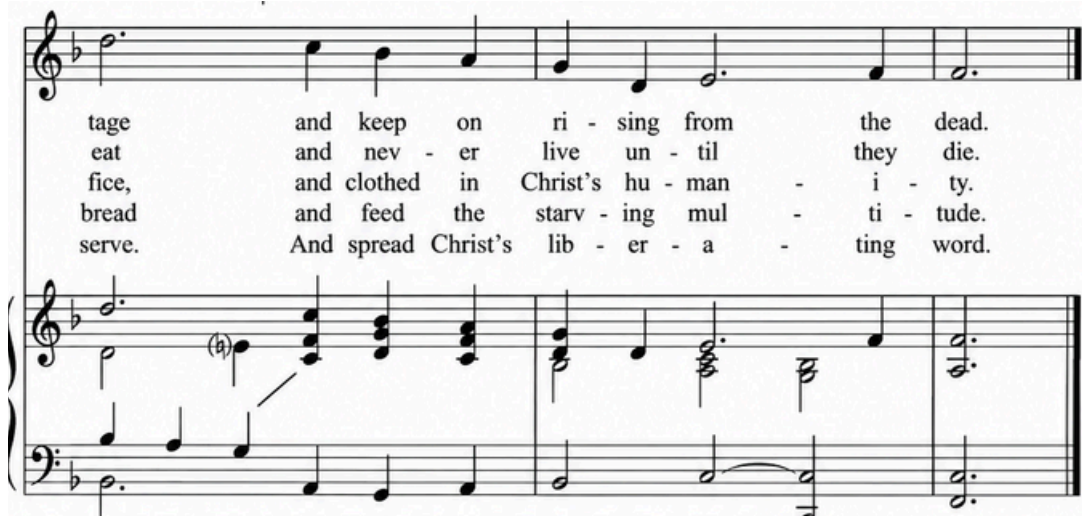
OPENING HYMN

The church of Christ in every age

WLP #779

1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing
4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -



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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Exodus 3:1-15

Lector: A reading from Exodus

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.”

He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations...”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45C

St. Helena Psalter

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.

23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

24 You made your people exceedingly fruitful; *
you made them stronger than their enemies,

25 Whose hearts you turned, so that they hated your people *
and dealt unjustly with your servants.

26 You sent Moses your servant, *
and Aaron whom you had chosen.

4 45 That they might keep your statutes *
and observe your laws. Alleluia!

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;
 2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;
 3. They jour - neyed on at his com - mand, let my peo-ple go;
 4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

1. op - pressed so hard they — could not stand, let my peo-ple go.
 2. to lead the chil - dren of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.
 3. and come at length to — Ca - naan's land, let my peo-ple go.
 4. and let us all in — Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Go down, — Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land; —

tell old Pha - raoh to let my peo-ple go.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Creator, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Katie Holicky

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.

OFFETORY SENTENCE

OFFETORY ANTHEM

Instrumental by Amy Webb-Prosser

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:
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

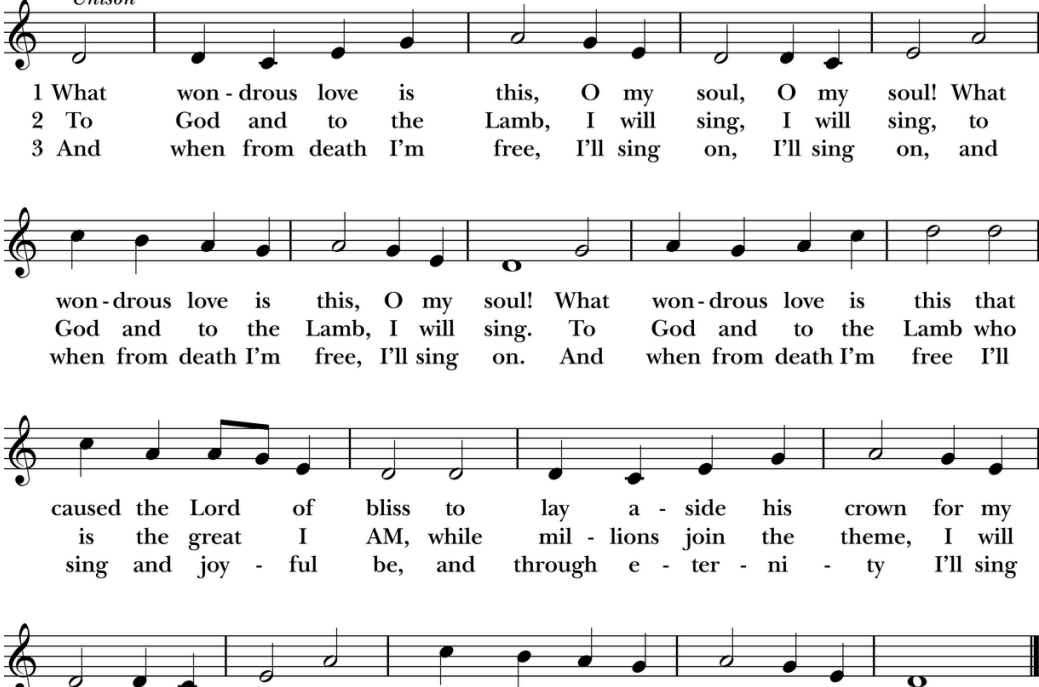
Facing the people, the celebrant says the following invitation

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.

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

COMMUNION HYMN 2

Instrumental by Amy Webb-Prosser

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.*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
 3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
 glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
 may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

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 and The Rev. Katie Holicky
Preacher	The Rev. Katie Holicky	The Rev. Katie Holicky
Eucharistic Ministers	Elizabeth Davis	Tom Nugent and Carol Martin
Lectors	Rebecca Wegner 1 st Lesson Rebecca Wegner Ps. Joel Wegner 2 nd Lesson Joel Wegner Pr.	Intergenerational Reader 1st Lesson Jonie Hale Ps. Carol Martin Pr.
Music		Amy Webb-Prosser
Greeter		Karen Riennert
Ushers	Rebecca and Joel Wegner	Jeremey Kriss and Guy Rossignol
Acolyte	Meghan Williams	Billy Boutte
Altar Guild	Bonny Labonte and Meg Williams	
Fellowship Host	The Scott Family	

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