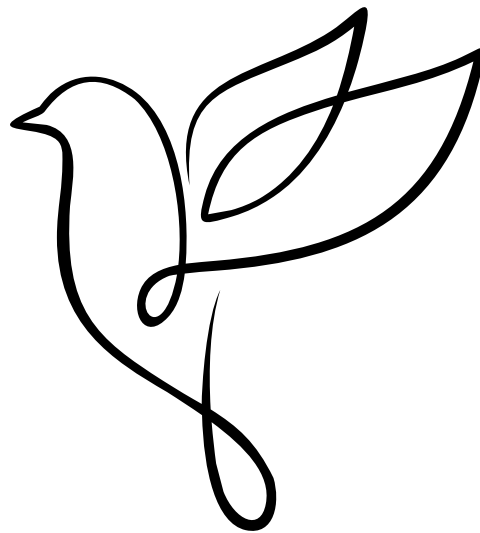


St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Brunswick, Maine
The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 11, 2026
10:30 a.m. Eucharist with Music in the Nave



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

Ohnekha'shòna Yakònkwe
(waters women)

by Dawn Avery of the
Mohawk Nation

Christina Spurling, Piano and Ben Noyes, Cello

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

O bless the Lord, my soul!

The Hymnal 1982 #411

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

OPENING SENTENCES *(all standing as able)*

Celebrant: This is the day the Creator has made.

Response: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CANTICLE 12 A SONG OF CREATION (Invocation Part II, Doxology)

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise the Lord and highly exalt them for ever.
In the firmament of their power, glorify the Lord, *
praise the Lord and highly exalt them for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise them and highly exalt them for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise them and highly exalt them for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise them and highly exalt them for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise them and highly exalt them for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise the Lord and highly exalt them for ever.
In the firmament of the Lord's power, glorify the Lord, *
praise the Lord and highly exalt them for ever.

SEASON OF CREATION COLLECT OF THE DAY: *A Gathering Prayer from Native Ministries of the Episcopal Church*

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Creator, we give you thanks for all that you are and all that you bring to us within your creation. In Jesus, you placed the Gospel in the Center of the Sacred Circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:1-4

Lector: A reading from Exodus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

Heleluyan

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He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia;

he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Matthew R. Scott

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH (from South India, Season of Creation)

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Adapted

Endorsed by the Committee on Indigenous Relations for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine

With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying Lord, have mercy.

For peace among all nations, for justice among neighbors, for safety for all in uncertain transit; for refugees from violence and all those seeking a home, and for those who are living and dying in the wake of the devastation of climate change, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the remembrance of our own ancestors who may have been displaced, and who may have come to this land seeking freedom from oppression and conquest, but who in turn displaced others, causing substantial and long-lasting harm, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the forgiveness of sin, for the repentance of wrong, and for justice to shine in its place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For understanding and acknowledgement of injustice wrought in the name of God by those whose paths we inherit, for the accountability of the infliction of harms, for peace and care to replace oppression, and for restitution and healing to ease pain, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For bearing witness to the pain of our neighbors, and in hope that the love of God can help heal broken bonds, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those forgotten tongues, rites, peoples, clans, tribes and traditions, including bands of our own ancestry and those who once walked this land, who were oppressed by conquerors, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the love of God to fill this place and the hearts of all of God's children with good will; for a path of peace to walk side by side; and the promise of God that we are all companions in life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Paul and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all of our lives to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honor you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and
intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace
of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy
Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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

Laudato sie, mi Signore

Composed by: Rondald Perera

Text by St. Francis of Assis

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 HOLY EUCHARIST Eucharistic Prayer Creation II

Celebrant: The Creator be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Creator.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our loving God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the waters of the Mere Brook Watershed and Androscoggin River flow, where town, wilderness, farm, and sea are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens. Together with angels and ancestors, lupine and alewife, cedar and moose, pine and eagle, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

The people join together in the Sanctus,

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 Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me. Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community. Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with St. Paul and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. 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.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Instrumental

Communion Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Communion Hymn

Bless the Lord

Taizé 3

p Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

p Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER FOR SEASON OF CREATION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,
that the gifts of your Spirit may work
in us and renew the face of the earth.

May we be one with you
so that our work is yours
and your work is ours.

Lead us to transform our lives
to reflect your glory in Creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures
That reflect God's glory in creation.
In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen!

DISMISSAL

The Celebrant: Send us forth in the name of Christ.

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

This little light of mine

LEVAS #221

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (sing 3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine (sing 3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

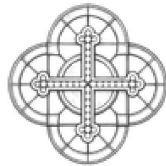
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine (sing 3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

POSTLUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth / This
is My Father's World*

Arr. Marty Parks

Christina Spurling, Piano and Ben Noyes, Cello



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