St. Paul's, Brunswick
9am Holy Eucharist
November 8, 2026



Welcome

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.

Opening Song: Every Time I Feel the Spirit LEVAS 114

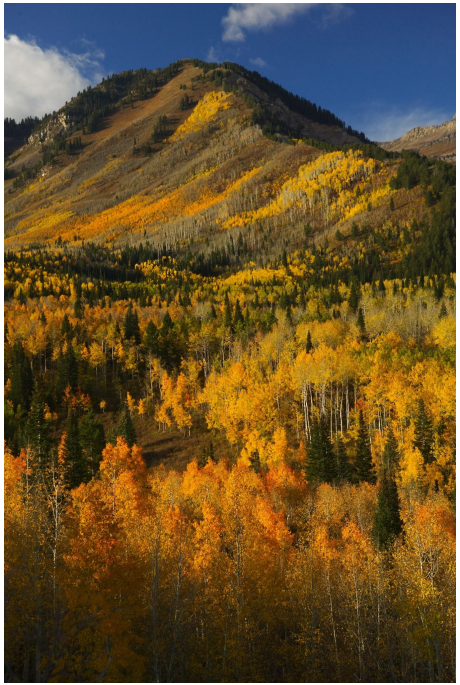
Refrain:
Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Up on the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain:
Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Jordan river chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul.
There ain't but one train runs this track,
runs to heaven and runs right back.

Refrain:
Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray.



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.

Collect *assigned for the day, adapted*

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 from the NRSV

Reader *(Lector)*: A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

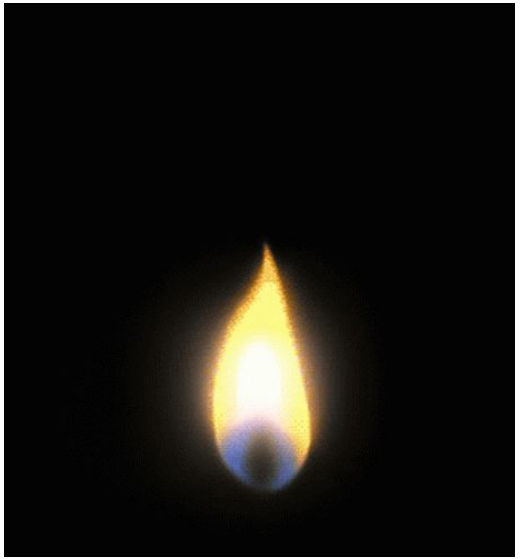
Reader *(Lector)*: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Song: This Little Light of Mine LEVAS #221

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



Gospel Reading, Matthew 25:1-13 NRSV adapted

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

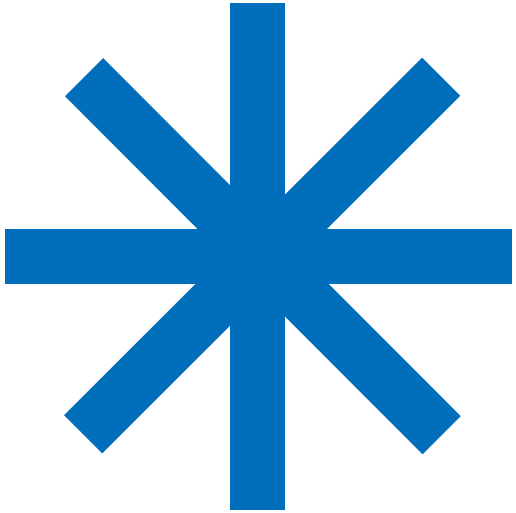
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

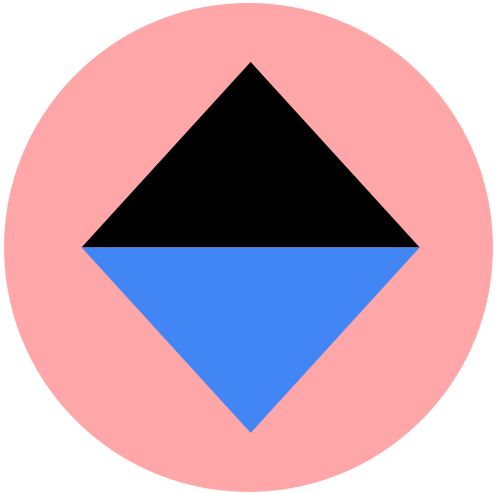
Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY



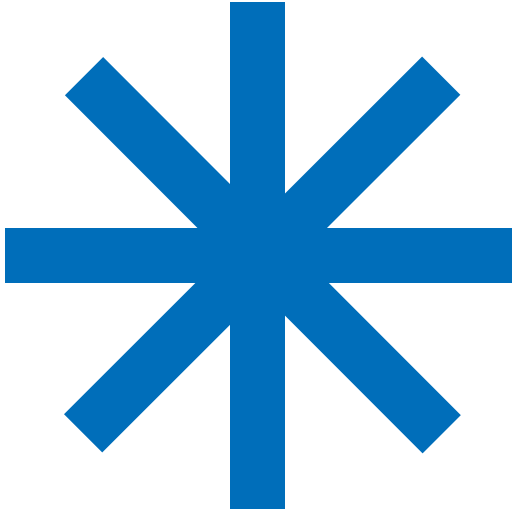


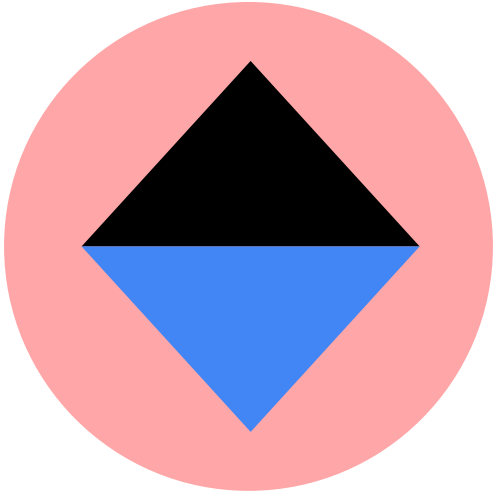




Sharing Time









Affirmation

From Daily Prayers for All Seasons



We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.



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Prayers Let us pray for the life of the world…

For the things we are thankful for…

For our loved ones …

For those who teach us...

For those who lead us...

For the sick and for those who do not have enough...

For ourselves…

We gather our prayers and lift them up to God who knows and loves us.
Amen.

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.

Prayer For Forgiveness
Celebrant: Holy God, have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, and bring you to eternal life.
ALL: Amen.

Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Stewardship Speaker



Offertory Anthem

(the parade to bring up the elements while collection plate is passed)

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
***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:

Holy, Holy, Holy LORD,

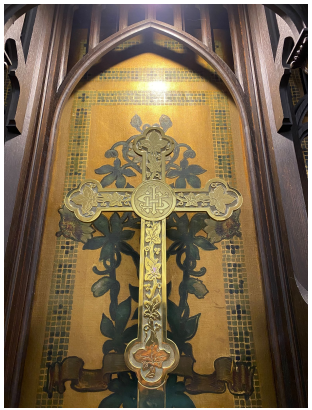
God of power and might.

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.



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

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.

Fraction *(break bread)*

Be known to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

We share one bread together.

Invitation Holy Food for Holy People.

Administration of Sacrament The body of Christ, the bread of life!

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Communion Hymn:



7. EAT THIS BREAD

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

May be sung as an ostinato by omitting verses.

p *f*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev - er be hun - gry.
Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

p *f*

mf

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.
Je - sus Christ, Ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

mf

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Post Communion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God, who made us, who saves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Song: We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching.
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching.
We are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God, we are living in the love of God.
We are living in the love of God, we are living in the love of God.
We are living, we are living oh oh.
We are living in the love of God.
We are living, we are living oh oh.
We are living in the love of God.



VERSE 3 (original South African lyrics)
Si-ya-hamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen’ kwen-khos
Si-ya-hamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen’ kwen-khos (repeat 2x)
Si-ya-hamba, Si-ya-hamba (Oo)
Si-ya-hamb’ e-ku-kha-nyen’ kwen-khos

Dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth in the love and peace of Jesus to serve our neighbors!

People: Thanks be to God!