

St. Paul's, Brunswick
Non Traditional Eucharist
July 30, 2023

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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 relatives 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: This is the Day (sing 2x) *Art: pixabay.com*

This is the Day, this is the Day
 That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made
 We will rejoice, we will rejoice
 And be glad in it, and be glad in it
 This is the day that the Lord has
 made
 We will rejoice and be glad in it
 This is the day, this is the day
 That the Lord has made!



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 (*Collect assigned for the day adapted*) Art: *pexels.com*

O God, the protector of all, the one who gives us strength and makes all holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our guide, we may pass through temporary things, and not lose the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



First Reading, Psalm 128 adapted from the NRSV Art: *pexels.com*

Reader (Lector): We will read Psalm 128 responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Happy are they all who take the Lord seriously, *
and who follow the Lord's ways!
- 2 **You shall eat the fruit of your labor; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**
- 3 Your partner shall be like a fruitful vine within
your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about
your table.
- 4 **The person who fears the LORD *
shall thus indeed be blessed.**
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
- 6 **May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.**



Song: I Want to Hear Somebody Pray (Sing 3x) Art: pexels.com

I want to hear somebody pray
I want to hear somebody pray
Down in the valley, over yonder
I want to hear somebody pray.



Gospel Reading, Matthew 13:31-33,44-52 *adapted from the NRSV*

Art: pexels.com, pixabay.com

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in their field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”



He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

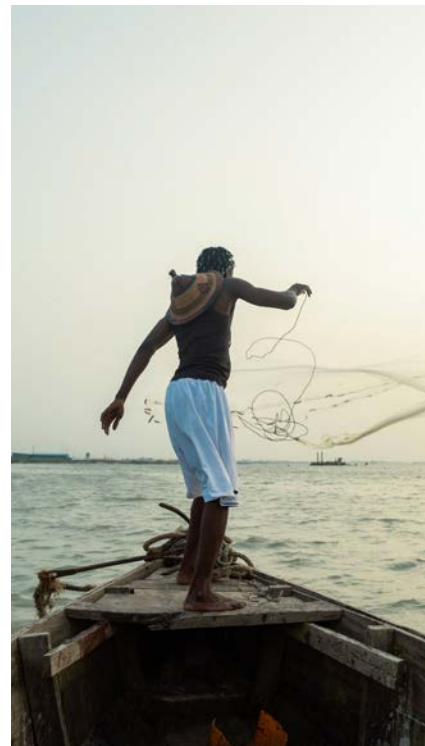
“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily/ Sharing Time



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 poor...

For ourselves...



Confession and Absolution

Is there anything you did that you are sorry for? Silently think about it in your mind.

Deacon: Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have been unkind, Lord have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have forgotten you, Christ have mercy.

ALL: Christ have mercy.

Deacon: 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.

Special Blessings/ Prayers *(do you have a birthday/ anniversary/ something special you'd like us to pray for?)*

Watch over your children, God, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Bring them comfort when they are sad or sick, help them up if they fall, and bring your peace into their hearts. Amen.

Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Announcements

- Town Hall with wardens following Life Together Worship on 8/6 AND Ice Cream Sunday!

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

Eucharistic Prayer written by The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund

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, you are the Creator of the heavens and the earth. You have filled the world with the beauty of oceans and rivers; mountains, granite, apple trees and lupine; moose, deer, chickadees, cats, dogs and lobsters. Thank you for this earth "our island home." 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 us from our 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 God's church. 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!

Welcome to our digital congregation. We invite you to connect with Christ's communion by saying the following prayer.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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.

Thanksgiving (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

May the blessing of the Holy Trinity; the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer be with you always. Amen.

Song: Every Time I Feel the Spirit *LEVAS 114 art: pixabay.com*

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 Their 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.



Dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth in peace in the love of Jesus! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!