

**St. Paul's, Brunswick**  
**Non Traditional Eucharist**  
**August 13, 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: I Want to Hear Somebody Pray** Sung 3X Art:  
 pixabay.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.



**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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always what is right and just, that we, who follow 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.



**First Reading, Romans 10:5-15** Common English Bible Art: buildfaith.org

**Reader (Lector):** A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the Law: *The person who does these things will live by them.* But the righteousness that comes from faith talks like this: *Don't say in your heart, "Who will go up into heaven?"* (that is, to bring Christ down) or *"Who will go down into the region below?"* (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart* (that is, the message of faith that we preach). Because if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. The scripture says, *All who have faith in him won't be put to shame.* There is no distinction between Jew and Greek,





because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. *All who call on the Lord's name will be saved.*

So how can they call on someone they don't have faith in? And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they

preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.*

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

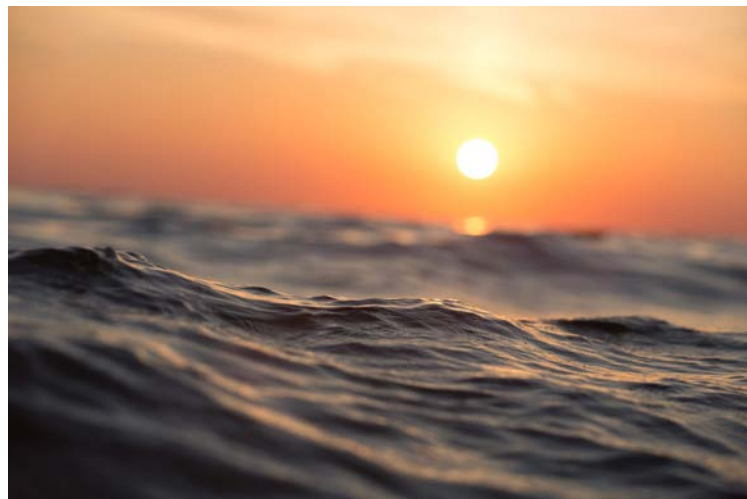
People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Song: Wade in the Water,** African American Spiritual from **LEVAS II #143**

Chorus:

Wade in the water children  
Wade in the water,  
God's a gonna trouble the water

See that host all dressed in white  
God's a gonna trouble the water  
The leader looks like the  
Israelites  
God's a gonna trouble the water



Chorus:

Wade in the water children  
Wade in the water,  
God's a gonna trouble the water

See that band all dressed in red  
God's a gonna trouble the water  
Looks like the band that Moses led  
God's a gonna trouble the water

Chorus:

Wade in the water children  
Wade in the water,  
God's a gonna trouble the water

**Gospel Reading, Matthew 14:22-33** *adapted from Common English*

*Art: Sanctuary (blog), Pottypadre (blog)*

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind,





was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, “It’s a ghost!” They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, “Be encouraged! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.”

Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water.”

And Jesus said, “Come.”

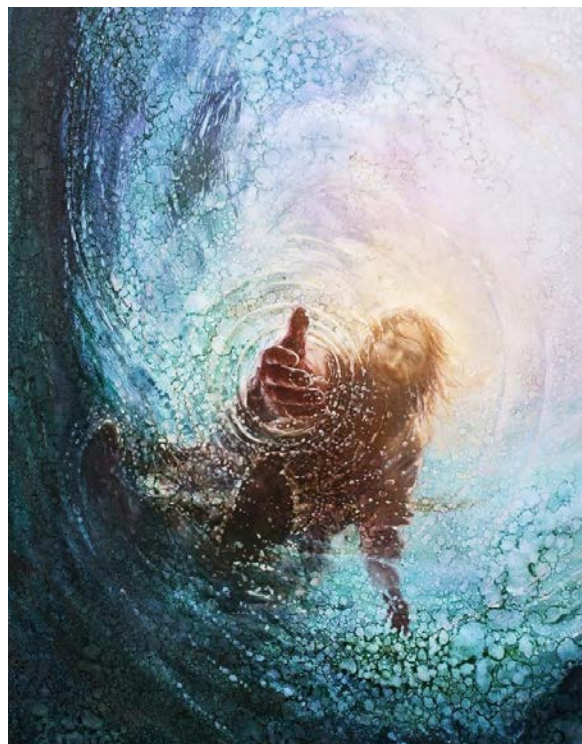
Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, “Lord, rescue me!”

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, “You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?” When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

Then those in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, “You must be God’s Son!”

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**

- 8/13 TODAY Picnic at Ranen Family Home

**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** *from BCP*

Life is short,

And we do not have much time  
to gladden the hearts of those who  
make the journey with us.

So... be swift to love,  
and make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of God,  
who made us,  
who loves us,  
and who travels with us  
be with you now and forever.  
Amen.

**Song: Go Now In Peace** *art: pixabay.com*

Go now in peace

Go now in peace

May the love of God surround you

Everywhere, Everywhere

You may go!



### **Dismissal**

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

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**