

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Brunswick, Maine

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 8:00 A.M.
BCP refers to the red Book of Common Prayer.

A QUIET EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: This is the day the Creator has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the powerful who oppress and dominate Creation, so you never forsake your creatures who live in harmony with nature's order; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSON (*seated*)

Exodus 12:1-14 (NRSV)

Lector: A reading from Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of

Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149 (*spoken*)

BCP 807

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE

Romans 13:8-14 (NRSV)

Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20 (NRSV)

All standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be

done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Deacon and People: *from New Creation Liturgies*
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.

The Celebrant says:

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 BLESSING

from *New Creation Liturgies*

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
And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son,
and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you
that you might be a blessing to others
today and always. Amen

MINISTRIES	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund	The Katie Holicky
PREACHER	The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund	The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund
DEACON	The Rev. Mary Lee Wile	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Peter McCracken Bill Edman	Carol Martin Dick Brautigam
LECTORS	Peter McCracken OT Bill Edman Ps, Pr Karen Rienert Ep	Dick Brautigam OT Sarah Arnold Ep Carol Martin Ps, Pr
MUSIC		Randy Day and the St. Paul's Choir
ACOLYTES	Bill Edman	Meghan Williams
GREETERS		Karen Rienert
USHERS	Pat Ryan Charlie Priest	Patsy Oehl Phil Studwell
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy Johnson and Bonny Labonte	
FLOWERS	Nancy Whitehouse and Lee Caesar	

THE DIOCESE OF MAINE, THE RT. REV. THOMAS JAMES BROWN *Bishop*

ST. PAUL'S STAFF AND VESTRY

The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund *Rector*

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