

# 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.

GLORIA BCP 356

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## LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

### THE COLLECT

from *New Creation Liturgies*

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray together.

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; 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 14:19-31 (NRSV)

*Lector:* A reading from Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn

the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 114 (*spoken*)

BCP 756

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

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

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*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 Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund
PREACHER	The Rev. Katie Holicky	The Rev. Katie Holicky
DEACONS	The Rev. Mary Lee Wile and The Rev. Andree Appel	
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ACOLYTES	Art Treffry	Billy Boutte
GREETERS		Ellen Hall
USHERS	Kitty and Peter Garlid	Deborah Goodwin Sonia Tyler
ALTAR GUILD	Connie Barras and Karen Rienert	
FLOWERS	Tobey Lee and Charla Spann	
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Term ending 2024 — Bill Edman, Ellen Hall, Ellen Ranen

Term ending 2025 — Susan Brown, Karen Rienert, Meghan Williams

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