

Welcome!

St. Paul's 2024
Lenten Program

St. Paul's 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 prayer

Holy God, who is all and loves us all, be with us in our conversation today. Help us to open our hearts so we may be drawn into a deeper knowing of you and who you call us to be. Amen.



FAMILY GROUP

Growing together with...

LISTENING EARS



OPEN HEARTS



OPEN MINDS



RAISED HANDS



**BEING IN CONTROL
OF MY BODY**



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Gendered Language in Liturgy

How words can extend radical welcome.

Defining Terms

Gendered Language in Liturgy

Pronouns (they/she/he)

Womanist Ethics

Queer Folkx / LGBTQIA+

Christian Welcome for All



How **big** is God?

**Who do we need God to be for us
& in the world?**

God has many names!

What about what scripture says?

brothers
brothers, sisters
brothers, sisters, siblings

Where are we now?

What are we currently
doing in our liturgy to
extend welcome to and
through various
perspectives?

- 8am (*Rooted in BCP Tradition as is*)
 - ◆ BCP, though celebrants “expand” Eucharistic Prayers
 - 9am (*The Test Kitchen*)
 - ◆ Order of St. Helena Psalms
 - ◆ No binaries for God
 - ◆ Pronoun pins
 - ◆ Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer
 - 10:30am (*Principle Liturgy w/ Tastes from the Test Kitchen*)
 - ◆ First Sunday Life Together
 - ◆ Presentation Hymn
 - ◆ Eucharistic Prayers
 - ◆ Blessings
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Comparing Psalms

Order of St. Helena Psalm 22:22-30

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- 22 May all who fear you, O God, give praise; *
 may the offspring of Israel stand in awe
 and all of Jacob's line give glory.
- 23 For you do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty,
 neither do you hide your face from them, *
 but when they cry to you, you hear them.
- 24 My praise is of you in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
 worship you.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek you shall praise you: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.
- 27 For yours is the royal power, O God; *
 you rule over the nations.
- 28 To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before you.
- 29 My soul shall live for you;
 my descendants shall serve you; *
 they shall be known as yours for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that you have done.

BCP Psalm 22:22-30

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
 stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
 all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
 neither does he hide his face from them; *
 but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship
 him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
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 the saving deeds that he has done.

Where might we go from here?

thanksgivings

