

**St. Paul's, Brunswick  
Non-Traditional Eucharist  
Sunday September 29, 2024  
Season of Creation**

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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 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 Song: Come Thou Font #686** 1982 Hymnal *art: pixabay.com*

Come thou font of every blessing tune my heart to sing thy praise!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;  
he to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wonder, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

**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** (*Creation Collect for the Day*) *Art: Season of Creation '24*

O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.



**First Reading, James 5:13-20** (*adapted from the NRSV*) *art: pixababy.com*

**Reader (Lector):** A reading from the book of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.



My siblings, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader (*Lector*): Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Song: Arise, shine**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.



**Gospel Reading, Mark 9:38-50** *from the NRSV art:freebibleimages.com*

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

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

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For



truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who



believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

And if your foot causes you to

stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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...

We gather our prayers and lift them up to God who knows and loves us. Amen.



### **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**

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

## **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, in your goodness you are the Creator of all. You have brought into being the beauty of creation and our own humanity where we see your divine diversity and presence in every living thing. We give thanks for all of creation and know that you have always loved us and desired what is good for us. And so, 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 faithful community. 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! The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

## Communion Hymn: Come, Come, Whoever You Are Art: pixabay.com

Come, come, whoever you are,  
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.  
Ours is no caravan of despair.

Come, yet again come.



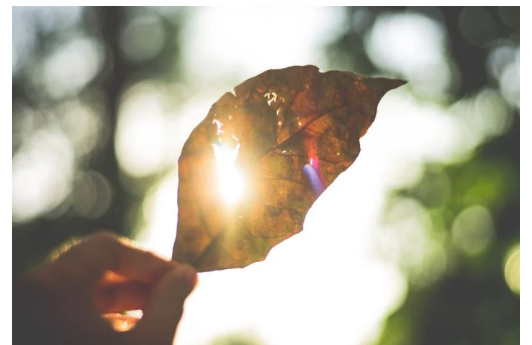
**Thanksgiving (Post Communion Prayer)** – Loving God, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

### **Blessing** *(from Season of Creation)*

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. Amen!

### **Song: This Little Light of Mine (LEVAS #221)** art:pexels.com

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.





**Dismissal**

Leader: Let us go forth in the love and peace of Jesus to serve our neighbors! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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