



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE"

W. ELKINS

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8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to St. Paul's!

We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. In these last weeks of summer, we are taking a few extra precautions to prevent the spread of the new Coronavirus:

1. In order to be fully welcoming, we ask all participants to wear face masks during worship, except during the reception of communion.
2. You are welcome to lower or remove your face mask as you receive the bread during the distribution of communion. In order to receive the wine, please remove your face mask and drink directly from the cup.
3. At all times aside from the Peace, please allow 6-foot spacing between yourself and other congregants.
4. The congregation is invited to join in singing the hymns and service music during 10 a.m. worship. If you choose to sing, please sit in the first seven pews on either side of the aisle. This will create a 'no-singing zone' in the middle and back of the nave for those who desire an extra measure of protection.
5. Due to an increase in Covid-19 cases in Onondaga County vaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear a mask for all indoor activities, especially when meeting with more than a few individuals.
6. Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask for all indoor activities at St. Paul's.

Thank you for working together to keep each other safe!

Fr. Philip Major

ORDER OF SERVICE

VOLUNTARY • *Mass for the Convents*

Louis Couperin (1668-1733)

XI. Dialogue sur la Voix humaine

XVIII. Elevation (Tierce en Taille)

The people are invited to stand

HYMN • 482, “Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy”

Slane

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

CANTICLE S-236, A Song of Praise, *Benedictus es, Domine*

John Rutter (b.1945)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

LESSON • Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

Lector A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,

because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,

“Short and sorrowful is our life,

and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,

and no one has been known to return from Hades.

Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,

because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;

he reproaches us for sins against the law,

and accuses us of sins against our training.

He professes to have knowledge of God,

and calls himself a child of the Lord.

He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;

the very sight of him is a burden to us,

because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.
We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.
Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.
Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”
Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM • 54 *Deus, in nomine*

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

EPISTLE • James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Lector A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people are invited to stand

GRADUAL HYMN • 480, "When Jesus left his Father's throne"

Kingsfold

Please remain standing

HOLY GOSPEL • Mark 9:30-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

Celebrant Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Philip Major

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The people are invited to stand

NICENE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin credo, translated here as "we believe." Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be "we give our heart," "we trust," "we rely upon." Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two

thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, we pray for our church and our leaders: Michael, our Presiding Bishop, DeDe, our Bishop and Philip, our Priest. We pray also for our troubled world and all its leaders especially our President Joe. May they lead with truth, fairness and love as they work for peace, justice and safety for all people.

A brief silence is kept.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous, **Our God is full of compassion.**

We pray for all who are suffering or in need of help: those afflicted with sickness, those struggling with addiction, those displaced by wars, those affected by extreme weather conditions, the isolated and depressed, the unemployed, the homeless, the hungry. We pray especially for: *n*.

A brief silence is kept.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous, **Our God is full of compassion.**

We pray for our fragile earth and healing from the effects of climate change. Help us to be good stewards of all that we have been given, without wasting or harming your creation.

A brief silence is kept.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous, **Our God is full of compassion.**

We remember those who have died and those who remember and miss them. We remember especially *n*:

A brief silence is kept.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous, **Our God is full of compassion.**

In a time of great uncertainty, frustration, change and anxiety, help us to keep focused on what remains good and strong, our St. Paul's community, our Open Doors building project, and supportive family and friends in our lives. May we remain grateful for the many blessings of our lives.

A brief silence is kept.

Gracious is the Lord and righteous, **Our God is full of compassion.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSION

The people are invited to sit / kneel.

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Officiant 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.

All **Amen.**

The people are invited to stand

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting 73256 entering **stpaulsy** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*

AN ANTHEM:

Shaker tune, adapted Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun; and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, at Bethlehem I had my birth. "*Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance,*" said he, "*and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance,*" said he. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John they came with me and the Dance went on. "*Dance, then, wherever you may be...*" I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame; they said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and they left me there on a Cross to die. "*Dance, then, wherever you may be...*" I danced on a Friday when the sky burned black – it's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the Dance, and I still go on. "*Dance, then, wherever you may...*" They cut me down and I leapt up high; "I am the Life that'll never, never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. "*Dance, then, wherever you may be...*"

The people are invited to stand as the offering is brought forward

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, The Eucharist Prayer is from the Church of South India

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image.

Through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspire prophetic voices to speak the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new.

In Christ Jesus you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to be his disciples and friends. By his death he destroyed the power of death. By his resurrection he opened the way of eternal life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

8:00 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

10:00 S-129

Robert Powell (b.1932)

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took the bread and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

All **Lord we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection, and we await your coming.**

Celebrant Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him.

May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

8:00

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:00 S-155

Gerald R. Near (b.1942)

The people are invited to be seated.

You are invited to remove or lower your face mask and consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, please remove your mask and drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine are received; it is not necessary to receive both.

During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.

AN ANTHEM

Michelangelo Grancini (1605-1699)

Oh sweet Christ, kind God, my love, my life, my salvation, my glory. You are the Creator, you are the Saviour of the world. I desire you, I quest for you, I worship you, sweet love, I worship you, dear Jesus.

Margaret Eighmey & Cassidy Chappini, soloists

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All **In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of the Altar, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me in your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

The People are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant Let us pray.
All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN • 636, “How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord”

Foundation

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY • Solemn Procession

Thomas Pavlechko (b.1962)

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Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul’s prayer leaders

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers:

Andrew, June, John and Beverly

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Jean Chu & Julia Fine

Flower Guild: Betsy Elkins

Readers: Margaret Sherwin / John Woodman

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