

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020 9:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer, Rite II



Good morning! This bulletin accompanies our service gathering in the church yard and also using the Zoom platform. To attend in person, go to our website to see an outline of our precautions and procedures. To link to the service go to <https://zoom.us/j/647333282> or call 1-646-558-8656(Meeting ID:647 333 282). Everything you need to participate is included here. We encourage you to follow, say the responses, and allow yourself to be pulled closer to God.

Prelude

Allemande

John Dowland

Welcome – Centering

We are delighted you are joining us for worship today!

As we gather, you are invited to center yourself and prepare for worship.

First, enjoy three deep breaths

- *The first one to help you fully arrive in your body,*
- *The second one to clear your mind so you may be present to yourself and others,*
- *The third one to open your heart and welcome the Holy Spirit to engage you*

Second, select one of these three entries into worship

Notice whichever one you feel drawn to... then do what you're invited to do with it

Whom did you bring with you on your heart today?

- *Picture this person whole, healthy, restored, reconciled. God is at work in this person's life.*

Are you counting your blessings today?

- *As you get in touch with gratitude, express it now to God.*

Are you anxious this morning?

- *Hear Christ the burden-bearer: "Come to me, all who are over-burdened, and I will give you rest."*

Third, be still until worship begins

Empty your hands,

Close your eyes,

Breathe deeply and slowly,

Empty your mind.

Let sounds pass by you.

Find interest only in silent waiting upon God.

The Officiant begins

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

Confession and Absolution

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence, then all pray

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and

walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Officiant offers the Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All together **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Invitatory

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People **Come let us adore him.**

All say together the Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people

of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

All repeat

**Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 17:1-7, 16 *Read by all*

- 1** **Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; *
 listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.**
- 2** **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
 let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- 3** **Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
 melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.**
- 4** **I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
 I have heeded the words of your lips.**
- 5** **My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
 in your paths my feet shall not stumble.**
- 6** **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
 incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- 7** **Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
 O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
 from those who rise up against them.**
- 16** **But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
 when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 *The Song of Zechariah*

Luke 1:68-79

All stand and say together

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the

Musical Interlude *Galliard*

John Dowland

Second Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

Reader A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 21 *Te Deum Laudamus*

All stand and say together

You are God; we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.

Please be seated for the

Sermon

The Rev. Sam Smith

Musical Interlude *Sheebeg and Sheemore*

Turlough O'Carolan

All stand to say the **Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All say together

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.

Suffrages A

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Sunday

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission

Officiant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People – Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Doug, our own Bishop; for Sam, our Rector; for Jane, our Priest Associate; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for good will among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those struggling under financial strain, immigrants, refugees, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.
Pray that they may find and be found by God. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____].
Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who have commended themselves to our prayers,
especially _____. *Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for _____. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence, after which the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

For more information, go to <http://www.stpaulsstockbridge.org/calendar-news/latest-news-2/> or click through to "Latest News" from the home page of our website.

All stand and say together

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Dismissal and Grace

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The officiant concludes with this sentence of scripture

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. *(Romans 15:13)*

Postlude Prelude from *English Suite* John Duarte

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**St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
Stockbridge, Massachusetts**

Service Schedule

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In person in the church yard (weather permitting) and online via Zoom.

On the last Sunday of each month we will have a service of spiritual communion.

Wednesdays, 8:45 a.m. Morning Prayers

Online via Zoom

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