

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Morning Prayer The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022

Welcome to St. Paul's! Out of an abundance of caution, and because of our affection and care for one another, we strongly urge everyone to wear a mask while in the church.

Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pew racks.

Prelude

Welcome and Centering

All are invited to spend a few moments in silent reflection to begin centering in God, our life source. The period of silence begins and ends with the sounding of a bell. Please stand as you are able after the second bell.

Opening Sentence

Officiant On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Hymnal p. 191 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise *Lux eoi*

Versicle and Response

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

Antiphon and Invitatory Psalm 100

Officiant Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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People Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 67 *(said by all)*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
 - 2 Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
 - 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
 - 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon the earth.
 - 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
 - 6 The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
 - 7 May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.
- 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 First Reading Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle A Song to the Lamb Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

Let us say the Canticle together.

Splendor and honor and kingly power
are yours by right, O Lord our God.
For you created everything that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,

a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore.

The Second Reading

Revelation 21:10-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing

Hymnal p. 512

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

Mendon

The Third Reading

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reflection

Transition Update

Darryl Lafferty
Senior Warden Jorja Marsden
Junior Warden Martha Bodine

All stand to sing

Offertory: Hymnal p. 405 All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oaks

As the gifts are brought forward, all stand.

At 8:00 we say

Officiant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

At 10:00 we sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed *(Please remain standing)*

The Officiant begins and all join in

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.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

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.

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Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
Officiant Day by day we bless you;
People **We praise your Name for ever.**
Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;
People **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**
Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People **For we put our trust in you.**
Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;
People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People for the Easter Season

Intercessor In the midst of our doubt and our faith,
we pray for the Church and for the world.
Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ will give you life!
Bring newness and change to your church, O God,
that we might serve you with courage and grace.
Awake, O Church, rise from death,
People **and Christ will give you life!**

Intercessor Bring newness and change to your world, O God,
that all might know the goodness of your love.
Awake, O world, rise from death,
People **and Christ will give you life!**

Intercessor Bring newness and change to our nation, O God,
that each person might share and honor the other.
Awake, O People, rise from death,
People and Christ will give you life!

Intercessor Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God,
that they might know your saving help.
Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,
People and Christ will give you life!

Intercessor Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God,
that they might forever grow in your likeness.
Awake, O Saints, rise from death,
People and Christ will give you life!

Intercessor Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God,
that we might grow larger in faith and hope.
Awake, O Soul, rise from death,
People and Christ will give you life!

The Intercessor will offer prayers for those on St. Paul's Prayer List at this time.

Intercessor Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,
for Christ has burst forth from the tomb,
making all things new.
Rise and live, says the Lord.
This day God has made for life and all joy!
People Amen. Alleluia!

A Prayer for the Election of a Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

All stand.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Hymnal p. 535 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

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Postlude

Thank you to our St. Paul's Verger, Darryl Lafferty, for officiating Morning Prayer today. The role of verger has its roots in the early days of Church of England history. There are ceremonial functions, such as leading the procession into the church and sometimes ushering readers to the lectern. More importantly, the verger helps with a myriad of logistical details of worship. At St. Paul's, Darryl does a great deal of behind-the-scenes work, always cheerfully and efficiently, and substitutes when necessary for readers and intercessors.

Morning Prayer, one of the gifts of Thomas Cranmer in the first English Book of Common Prayer, is also known as the Daily Office. You can find it at the very beginning of the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer in both Rite 1 and Rite 2 versions. During COVID lockdown, St. Paul's began offering Morning Prayer on Zoom every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. You can find the link on our website. Though sometimes clergy lead Morning Prayer, it is intended to be lay-led. Darryl Lafferty has been leading the Wednesday Morning Prayer much of this year. Perhaps after participating this morning, you'll want to check out the Wednesday morning worship. It's a good way to start the day.

Thanks also to Senior Warden Jorja Marsden and Junior Warden Martha Bodine for their wonderfully capable and visionary leadership of St. Paul's as we enter the Transition Process and deal not only with the formation of Profile and Search Committees, but with all the day-to-day work of managing parish business and supporting our Interim Priest, the Rev. Libby Wade, as she gradually begins her work with us.

Today's Flowers are given by Sarah Ginocchio in loving memory of William Ellery Sedgwick.

Worship Teams (If you exchange shifts with someone, please notify the Church Office by Wednesday morning at stpaulsstockbridge@gmail.com)

Sunday, May 22 Morning Prayer

Officiant	Darryl Lafferty
8:00 Reader	Martha Bodine
10:00 Usher/Greeter	Martha Bodine
10:00 Reader	Kendra MacLeod

Sunday, May 29

Celebrant/Preacher	
8:00 Reader	
10:00 Usher/Greeter	
10:00 Reader	

Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Jane Tillman
Darryl Lafferty
Diane Dillon
Carl Sprague

Parish Prayer List

- People we pray for on Sundays: **Sarah, Bruce, Robert**
- Long-term prayer list: **Piers, Katrina, Rich, Karen, Michael, Tom, Khali, George, Doug, George, David, Barbara, Christy, John, Peter & Darryl, Jim, Florence**
- Those who have died:
- Our partners at Grace Church, Great Barrington, and their priest Tina Rathbone; Christ Trinity Episcopal-Lutheran Church, Sheffield, and their priest Erik Karas; the Austen Riggs community and the Riverbrook Residence; victims of war, violence, abuse, persecution and disaster at home and abroad; and those impacted by the pandemic

- Outreach Ministry of the Week: **Gideon's Garden and Construct**
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: **St. John's, Millville**
- Anglican Cycle of Prayer: **The Church of the Province of Southeast Asia**
- Birthdays: **Bill Higgins (May 25), Patty Melville (May 28), Tracy Johnson (May 28)**

Tuesdays, May 24 and 31 Community in Faith Adult Forum 7:00 pm via Zoom

Our current series of the three-parish Community in Faith Adult Forum is a lectionary-based Bible Study facilitated by the Rev. Tina Rathbone, Rector of Grace Church. The group meets on Zoom to focus on the ways stories from the Gospel come to life through our own journeys of love, struggle and (sometimes stumbling) faith. The link is on our website. Come join us!

2022 Appalachian Trail Mini-Mission Day Trip June - August, 2022 in Sheffield

Begun in 2018 as a shared ministry of two Sheffield churches, Mini-Mission Trip *Trail Magic* is back. You can share in this fun mission of hospitality, spending a day outdoors chatting with hikers and friends while sharing refreshments! One St. Paul's team has been formed and will serve on Saturday, August 6. If you would like to be part of a 2nd St. Paul's team, please e-mail Libby Wade or speak with Martha Bodine. Training sessions for volunteers will be offered on June 1 or June 7 at 7 pm on Zoom. Volunteers will be sent the link. A flyer on the bell tower bulletin board has photos and a description of what the Mini-Mission Trip would look like.

Gideon's Garden Planting Day Saturday, June 4, 10 am

Our sister church, Grace Church in the Southern Berkshires, invites you to help plant Gideon's Garden. This annual event is full of camaraderie as volunteers plant tender young vegetables to be harvested throughout the growing season and donated to various feeding programs and food pantries, including Lee Food Pantry. If you like to dig in the dirt and want to spend an hour or two furthering the mission of feeding the hungry, bring your trowel and gloves to Gideon's Garden on Division Street near Taft Farm in Great Barrington at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 4.

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