

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

10:30 am

The people sit.

The Lessons

First Reading

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

A Reading from the Book of Job:

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

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

Remain seated.

Psalm 22:1-15

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews :

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn **The Hymnal 1982 #656**
Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God

alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Sarah Hurlbert

(All stand)

Nicene Creed

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor As we pray for ourselves and the world, please respond to the phrase “God of love” with “grant our prayer.”

Intercessor We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, for Bonnie our bishop, for Sarah, Melissa and Jadon our clergy, and for our vestry and leaders.

(all pause for silent prayer)

Intercessor Gracious God may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love and help us to show your love to others. God of love,
People **grant our prayer**

Intercessor We pray for all people, for places where there is war or famine.
(all pause for silent prayer)

Intercessor God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts that you have given to us. May those who lead the nations of the world be given wisdom. Especially we pray for our President, our Governor and our Mayor. God of love,
People **grant our prayer**

Intercessor We pray for our community and for all who live and work in this area.
(all pause for silent prayer)

Intercessor God our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as you love and help us. Especially we pray for all first responders and all teachers. God of love,
People **grant our prayer**

Intercessor We pray for those in need, for sick people, for those in hospital, and for those with any other problems.
(all pause for silent prayer)

Intercessor Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those who are sad, lonely, or sick. And bless all those who try and help them. (Especially we pray for...)

Intercessor God of love,
People **grant our prayer**

Intercessor We remember all those who have died.
(*all pause for silent prayer*)

Intercessor God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your care for them.

Intercessor God of love,
People **grant our prayer**

Intercessor We pray for ourselves – all that we will do this week, and all those we will meet. (*all pause for silent prayer*)

Intercessor Loving God we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do, may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it.

Intercessor God of love,
People **grant our prayer.**

Celebrant Those things, O God, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
(*silence is kept*)

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.**

Celebrant,

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.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements – Noisy Sunday

The Holy Communion

The Presider says,

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

-Ephesians 5:2

Meditation: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
Christy Randall, soprano

(Arr. Dan Forest)

(please kneel or stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving

God. be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

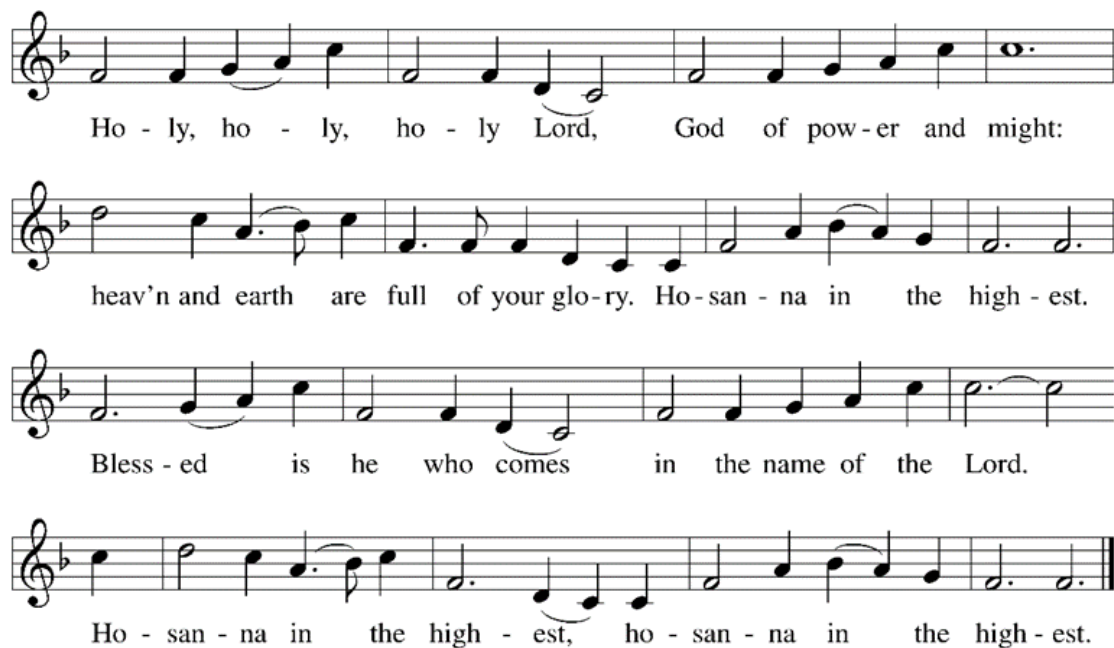
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Promising God, at Christmas you gave us your presence, at Easter you dismantled sin and death, and at Pentecost you empowered us to bear your image and spread your grace.

In mission, you equip us to go to the four corners of the earth, to rediscover what your Spirit is doing, and meet you in the face of the stranger.

In ministries, you share with us the abundance of your love in sacrament, in story, and in prayer, in reconciliation and in bringing your world home to you. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, declaring your unending praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues,

Fulfilling God, in Jesus' dying and rising you show us the extent of your mission, and the cost of our ministries.



Send your Holy Spirit, that your people may be filled with love, joy, and peace, and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Revealing God, as you take bread and wine and make them the bearers of your Son's risen life, take our flesh and blood and make us channels of your peace.

Transform your church that it may resemble the generosity, joy, and abundance of your Trinity. Raise up those whose gifts have been suppressed, neglected, ignored, or rejected. Renew your people through humble service and prophetic witness, that your name may be known in the face of injustice, poverty, and tyranny.

Shower your people with your love, until the day comes when every eye beholds you, full of grace and truth, ever one God, world without end. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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:

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The Presider says,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymns

The Hymnal 1982 #337

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

The Hymnal 1982 #508

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

We pray with those worshipping with us online and here with us:

Celebrant and People,

Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

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.

Announcements

- The annual St. Francis Blessing of the pets is this afternoon (**October 10th**) at 4 pm in Horace Blackman Park, downtown. Please join us and share the event with friends and family. A special offering will be collected and donated to the Jackson County Animal Shelter.
- **Today is the last day to get in your orders for the ECW's annual Nut sale fundraiser.** Pre-orders only. Order forms are available on the table opposite the office or contact Romelle Frey (517) 414-3768.
- Our young families will be taking a trip to Meckley's on October 24th. All are welcome to join. We will have lunch in Holy Spirit Hall then head over to Meckley's for some fun and fellowship. **Please RSVP for this event.** (A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, or you can contact the church office or Rev. Melissa.)
- Please join us in Holy Spirit Hall after the 10:30am service for light refreshments and community building, and special activities for our kids.



St. Paul's Weekly Calendar

10/10/2021 – 10/17/2021

Day	Activity	Time	Location
SUNDAY	Holy Eucharist Church School Adult Forum Holy Eucharist/ Coffee Hour St. Francis Pet Blessing	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 4:00 pm	Sanctuary Upstairs Classrooms Sm. Dining Room Sanctuary Holy Spirit Hall Horace Blackman Park
MONDAY			
TUESDAY	Clergy Meeting Toastmasters	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Sm. Dining Room
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study Holy Eucharist FB Live Compline Service	10:30 am 12:15 pm 8:00 pm	Sm. Dining Room Chapel Facebook
THURSDAY			
FRIDAY			
SATURDAY			
SUNDAY	Holy Eucharist Church School Adult Forum Holy Eucharist/ Coffee Hour	8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am	Sanctuary Upstairs Classrooms Sm. Dining Room Sanctuary Holy Spirit Hall

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The Hymnal 1982 #665
All My Hope on God is Founded

1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

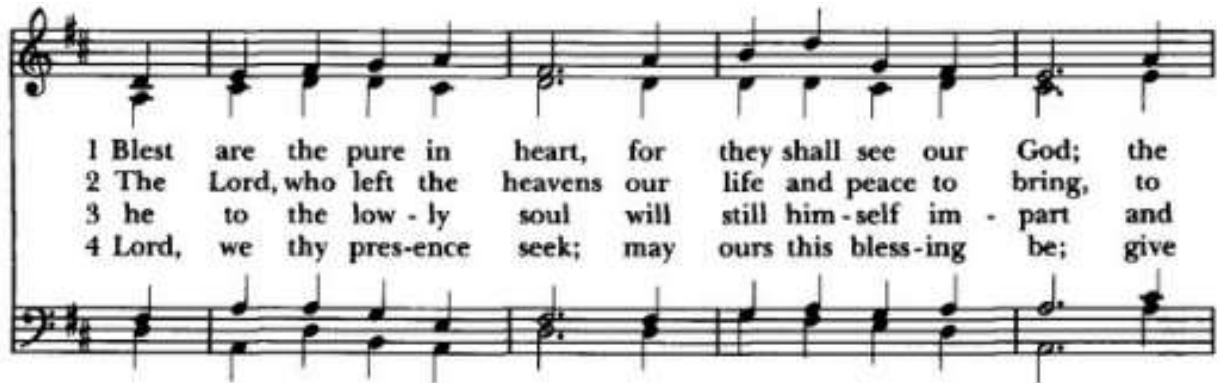
2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness e'er endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendor, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

The Hymnal 1982 #656
Blest Are the Pure in Heart



1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give



se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.
Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758);
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

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The Hymnal 1982 #337

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo! between our sins and their reward
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

3 And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal:
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!
From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

4 And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Savior, who canst love us still!
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part from thee.

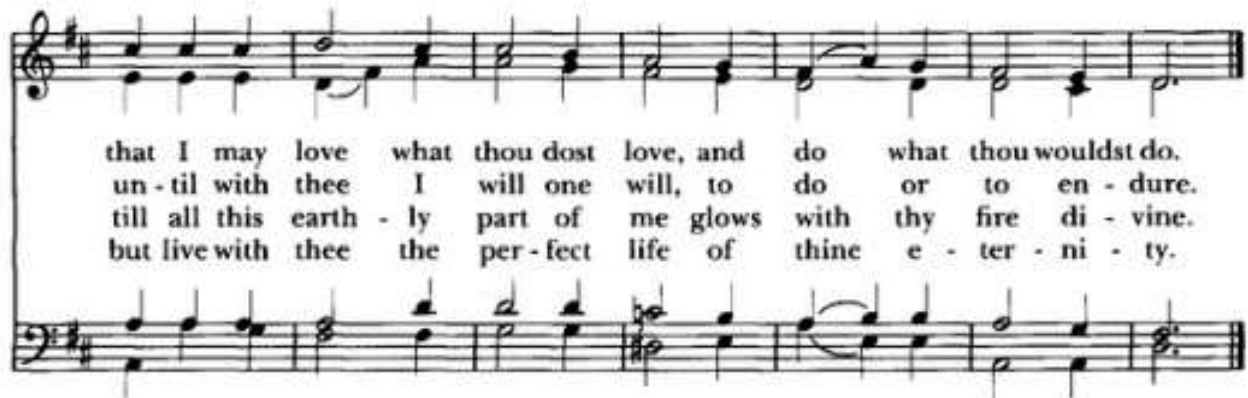
Words: William Bright, 1824-1901 (alt.)

Music: UNDE ET MEMORES; Composer: William Henry Monk, 1823-1889

The Hymnal 1982 #508
Breathe on Me, Breath of God



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.
Music: Nova Vita, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

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The Hymnal 1982 #213

Come Away to the Skies



1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
2 For thy glo - ry we were first cre - at - ed to share both the
3 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which has
4 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing to our Fa - ther and King, and our



joice in the day you were born: on this fes - ti - val day,
na - ture and king - dom di - vine; now cre - at - ed a - gain,
joined us to Je - sus' . . . name; so u - nit - ed in heart,
rap - tur - ous prais - es re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain,



come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.
that our lives may re - main through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.
let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
hal - le - lu - jah a - gain; sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: MIDDLEBURY, *A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony*, c. 1821

5 Hallelujah we sing,
to our Father and King,
and his rapturous praises, repeat:
to the Lamb that was slain,
hallelujah again,
sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet.

Hallelujah!