

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2022
10:30 am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are so happy you are with us today. Everyone is invited to take Holy Communion (the bread and the wine) and we have gluten free bread available. Just follow the congregation up the aisle. If you would like to come up for a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest. Thanks for being here and please come again!

Prelude *Morning Has Broken*
David Christiansen (1958-)

Opening Hymn **The Hymnal 1982 #8**
Morning Has Broken

Welcome by The Rev. Chip Dischinger

Celebrant Blessed be God: + Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA **The Hymnal 1982 #S280**
Canticle 20
Gloria in Excelsis

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. **Amen.**

(The people sit for the readings)

First Lesson

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah:

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

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

Remain seated.

PSALM 79:1-9

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the
air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

The Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy:

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 #458 (v. 1, 2 &7)

My Song is Love Unknown

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to **Luke 16: 1-13**

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master

is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

The Sermon The Rev. Chip Dischinger

(All stand)

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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

(The people may continue to stand or kneel)

Intercessor Brothers and sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Christ in your mercy, refresh our hearts.”

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all the leaders of your Church, Bishop Bonnie and our Vestry. Bless our supply priests in their ministry to us and give Your guidance to our congregation as we seek an interim priest and work to find the new priest to serve You in the St. Paul’s community.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers the leaders of the nations, May they choose ways of life and not paths of death. Deliver the nations of the world from violence and war. Set our feet on the way of peace.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all of your creation. May we protect the trees, the streams and the fruits of the earth. Forgive us when our choices cause death where you intend life. May we ever celebrate the life-giving aspects of your creation.

(The congregation silently adds their thanksgivings)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers this congregation. We ask you to bless our ministries: especially today the Readers and LEMs, the Altar Guild, the Tech Team, the Hospitality Team, the Sunday School and Acolytes. May we encourage each other to delight in you. Let us appeal to each other on the basis of love and always remember our sisters and brothers in prayer.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all those who are in pain. Heal their bodies, their spirits, and their souls. Bless all with life and prosperity. Especially...

(The congregation silently add their petitions.)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all those who have died. May all who have carried the cross in the way of Christ also be raised with him to a new life.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Celebrant O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory for ever and ever. **Amen**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.
(Silence)

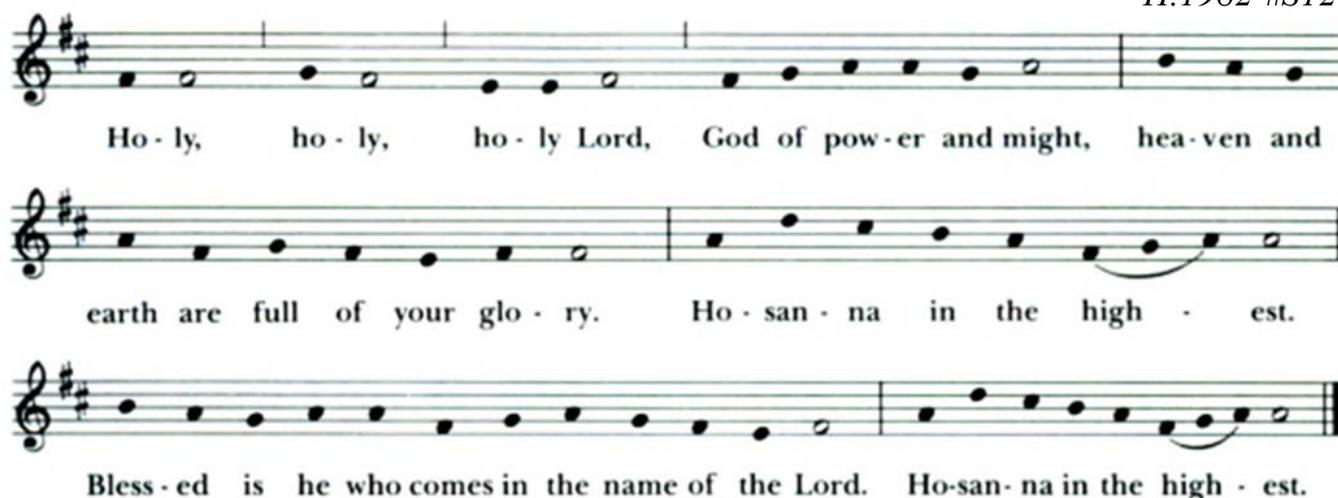
All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore,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

Celebrant,

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant continues,

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. +

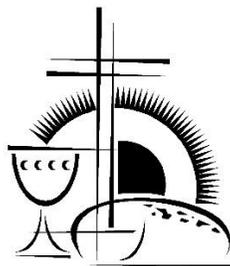
On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

H. 1982 #S154

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is a vocal line with lyrics: (Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.) The second staff continues the vocal line with lyrics: Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; The third staff continues with lyrics: there - fore let us keep the feast. The fourth staff is a vocal line with lyrics: (Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Celebrant,

Become what you see, receive who you are, the body and blood of Christ.

Communion Hymns:

(The Congregation is welcome to sing these hymns during communion)

The Hymnal 1982 #676

There is a Balm in Gilead

The Hymnal 1982 #325

Let Us Break Bread Together

All are invited to receive Holy Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray. We pray with those worshipping online and here present:

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.

Announcements

- Throughout the month of September St Paul's will be collecting the following food items for the Interfaith Shelter: Ground Coffee, containers of Quick-Cooking Oats, bags of white sugar, and boxes of breakfast cereal. Please bring any donated items to the collection bin in the church's glass entrance. If you prefer to donate cash toward the purchase of these items, please reach out to Dana Burkey or Heidi Lathrop. Thank you!
- It's time again for the ECW nut sale! Once again this year all sales will be pre-order/pre-paid only. Forms are available on the table outside the church office or you can contact Romelle Frey to place your order also. Checks must be written to "The Women of St. Paul's Episcopal Church" with "nut sale" on the memo line. For questions, please call Romelle 517-414-3768. Orders need to be submitted by Sept. 25, 2022.
- Church School is back on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 am in the upstairs classrooms.
- Adult Forum is starting a new book study (Sundays from 9:15-10:15 am) on *The Sum of Us* by Heather McGhee. For more info, or if you need help purchasing a copy of the book, please contact Eric Magnusson.
- Would you like to be a part of the St. Paul's Prayer Ministry? Through prayer, the members of the St. Paul's Prayer Chain Ministry reach out to those in need of God's help and guidance and share their gift of intercession for those who are requesting it. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact the church office or Diana Sinclair (517-250-9729).



Opening Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #8

Morning Has Broken

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

Sequence Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #458 (v. 1, 2 &7)
My Song is Love Unknown

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Jesus Christ our Lord

Unison or harmony

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.
 Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

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The Hymnal 1982 #325

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

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Closing Hymn: The Hymnal 1982 #1

Father We Praise Thee



1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual



o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
 man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
 Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -



fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
 send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
 va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -



ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
 nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
 sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.



TUESDAY	6:00 pm	Toastmasters
WEDNESDAY	10:30 am	Bible Study
SUNDAY	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist*
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Church School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist*
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour
		*w/The Rev Chip Dischinger