

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH @ HOME



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 18
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

WELCOME!

Welcome in the Lord's name to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. No matter who you are and where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome! You bless us with your presence. We have been gathering for over 150 years as a community to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. We are currently gathering online, each in our own space, yet praising God together. We are delighted you are joining us, and hope to see you at future parish events.

ABOUT THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The season after Pentecost begins on the Monday following Pentecost and continues through most of the summer and autumn. It may include as many as twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This includes Trinity Sunday which is the First Sunday after Pentecost. The BCP provides proper collects and readings for the other Sundays of the season. These propers are numbered and designated for use on the Sundays which are closest to specific days in the monthly calendar, whether before or after. This period is also understood by some as "ordinary time," a period of the church year not dedicated to a particular season or observance.

COVER ART

“Altarpiece showing Repentance” mid 20th century

by Bror Hjorth

This altarpiece is located at Jukkasjarvi Church in Jukkasjarvi, Sweden.

Notes about the artist and his work: "The left wing of the altar piece in Jukkasjärvi church, made by Bror Hjorth, shows preacher Lars Levi Læstadius talking to the people. One repenting sinner is breaking a barrel of vodka, while another is giving back a stolen reindeer." "Hjorth was one of Sweden's best-known sculptors and painters, and was professor of art at the Royal University College of Fine Arts in Stockholm from 1949 to 1959."

The cover art is based on our first reading today, Ezekiel 33:7-11.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn In Procession

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

Hymn 7

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph over shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear!
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see;
as they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Opening Sentence

Officiant: Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy,
"I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble
spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite." *Isaiah 57:15*

Confession of Sin

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

**All: 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.**

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 Invitatory

BCP, p.80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Antiphon

All: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

BCP, p.82

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!

The Psalm Appointed

Legem pone

Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *

and I shall keep it to the end.

- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Here ends the Reading.

Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah

Surge, Illuminare

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
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 Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Here ends the Reading.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word

may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Here ends the reading.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. David Probst

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together

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

The Lord's Prayer

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People 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 (Versicle and Response)

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collects

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor: God's word tells us that those who love their neighbors have fulfilled the law. Out of love and compassion for a broken world, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For nations crippled by international debt, for nations who must beg and scramble for the necessities of life, for nations whose people live in poverty, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For this church and our leaders, especially: ++Michael, +Rob, and +Don our bishops; Bryan+ and Gary+ our priests; for the bishop and people of our companion and partner, Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana; and for all congregations seeking new or renewed direction; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For all Christians who have more than they need, that taking the Lord's word to heart, they may be content with what is necessary and generously share their surplus with the poor. For our ministries with: Appleton Episcopal Ministries, Campus Ministry, Daybreak, Haitian Hope, Loaves and Fishes, Path to Shine, St. Paul Apartments and Village, and Weekend Lunch; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the children and adults of our own country caught in the cycle of poverty, ignorance, disease, and despair, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

For those in our own community and neighborhoods who are out of work and out of luck, for broken families, for those crippled by debt, for those at their wit's end, for those in any need; especially those on our long and short term prayer lists, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you invited the beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind, to eat and drink at your table and to feast in your kingdom; an lo, here we are. Grant us the grace to extend to others the same generosity you have shown to us; for you are our Lord, our God forever and ever.

People: Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

**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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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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.

Closing Hymn

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Hymn 376

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
 wellspring of the joy of living,
 ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
 all who live in love are thine;
 teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.

Blessing

Sending Forth

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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, **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

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*"We challenge ourselves and the world to love like Jesus
as we worship joyfully, serve compassionately, and grow spiritually."*



CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, *Bishop*
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Thank you for joining us in worship.

SHORT TERM PRAYER LIST

Andrea, Anna, Becky, Bob, Brad, Bubber, Carol, Elizabeth, Ella, Estella, Eve, Frances, the Garner family, George, Geraldine, the Greene family, Harriette, Helen, Ishmael, James, Jamie, Jim, Jimmy, Julie, Kaleb, Kimberly, Madeline, Matthew, Martha, Melissa, Mike, Nadine, Nathaniel, Nichal, Pam, the Parker family, Phil, Ramsey, Robert, Roslyn, Roy, the Sanders family, Terri, Victor, Walter, Wesley, William, William

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Amy, Becky, Betty, Bess, Bob, Cathy, Chris, Connie, Cynthia, Danny, Dawn, Debbie, Francis, Hill, Howard, Jack, Jay, Jerry, Jessica, Jill, Jim, Jimmy, Jonas, Julie, Karen, Kay, Kelly, Laverne, Mackenna, Marian, Mercer, Mike, Nicholas, Patrick, Rebecca, Red, Rhonda, Richard, Ruth, Shirley, Thom, Toni, Tony