

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*PROPER 22*

OCTOBER 4, 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**

“Face of God” (18th Century)

by Unidentified Ethiopian artist

This print is located at the Church of Nagra Selassie in Dek Island, Lake Tana, Ethiopia.

The cover art is based on our Psalm today.

# MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

## Prelude

## Welcome

**Hymn In Procession**      *“O love, how deep, how broad, how high”*

**Hymn 448**

- 1      O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
        how passing thought and fantasy,  
        that God, the Son of God, should take  
        our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2      For us baptized, for us he bore  
        his holy fast and hungered sore;  
        for us temptations sharp he knew;  
        for us the tempter overthrew.
- 3      For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
        for us his daily works he wrought:  
        by words and signs and actions, thus  
        still seeking not himself, but us.
- 4      For us to wicked hands betrayed,  
        scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
        he bore the shameful cross and death;  
        for us gave up his dying breath.
- 5      For us he rose from death again;  
        for us he went on high to reign;  
        for us he sent his Spirit here  
        to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 6      All glory to our Lord and God  
        for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
        the Trinity whom we adore  
        forever and forevermore.

## 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

**BCP, p. 79**

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**

*Qui regis Israel*

**Psalm 80:7-14**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*

you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; \*

it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*

and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine; \*

preserve what your right hand has planted.

### **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Here ends the Reading.

### **Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah**

*Quaerite Dominum*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
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**

**Philippians 2:1-13**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should

bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Here ends the Reading.

### **The Gospel**

**Matthew 21:23-32**

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Bryan Hinson

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

**BCP, p.96**

*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**

**BCP, p.97**

**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**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to

give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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: The Christian church is the vineyard of the Lord, with all its needs and problems: growing the grapes, making the wine, managing the Lord's work. Let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the fruit of our common prayer and ministry be the eucharistic wine which will soon unite all in Christ the Vine and make us one, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard:

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our leaders in both church and state may accept their stewardship and accountability to God, and that there may be a rich harvest, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the peace of God which is beyond all understanding may lift from our suffering world its burdens of anxiety, war, violence, oppression, poverty, and disease, and that God's fruitfulness with give life to all in need, especially:, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Lord's vineyard may quickly extend its healthy branches through the world, sheltering the peoples with Christ's gentleness and loving-kindness, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

That Jesus, the stone which builders rejected, may be recognized as the keystone of church and creation, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord of the harvest, we pray that our global Christian community may fulfill your Son's

prayer and that we may soon be one in the name of Christ as he is in you, his Father, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**The General Thanksgiving**

**BCP, p.101**

*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**

**BCP, p. 102**

**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**

*"Fight the good fight with all thy might"*

**Hymn 552**

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;  
lay hold on life, and it shall be  
thy joy and crown eternally.

- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
lift up thine eyes and seek his face;  
life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;  
his boundless mercy will provide;  
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life and Christ its love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;  
he changeth not, and thou art dear;  
only believe, and thou shalt see  
that Christ is all in all to thee.

### **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*

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*"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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The Rev. Bryan Hinson, *Priest-in-Charge*  
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*Thank you for joining us in worship.*

**We pray for those on our parish prayer list:** Andrea, Anna, Becky, Bob, Brad, The Broome Family, Bubber, Carol, Charlie, Danny, Debra, The Edge Family, Elizabeth, Ella, Estella, Eve, Frances, the Garner family, George, Geraldine, the Greene family, Harriette, Helen, Ishmael, James, Jamie, Jim, Julie, Kaleb, Kimberly, Madeline, Matthew, Martha, Melissa, Mike, Nadine, Nathaniel, Nichal, Pam, the Parker family, Phil, Ramsey, Robert, Roslyn, Roy, the Sanders Family, Sandy, Tamika, Terri, Victor, Walter, Wesley, William, William

**We pray for those on our long term parish prayer list:** Amy, Becky, Betty, Bess, Bob, Chris, The Coley Family, Cynthia, Danny, Dawn, Debbie, Francis, Hill, Howard, Jay, Jerry, Jessica, Jill, Jim, Jonas, Julie, Karen, Kay, Kelly, Laverne, Mackenna, Marian,