



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith"

The Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

20 August 2017

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We're glad you're here! We pray that you will encounter the living God during worship today. To help with that, hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. Please turn off audible cell phones and pagers. If your child is restless you may find solace in the Nursery, the OK Corral, or in the Narthex, where you can still hear and see the service.

Announcements & Welcome

At 10:15: **Prelude:** "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba"

By Handel

At 10:15: **Hymn. Gather Hymnal #848 :** "Gather Us In"

✙ *Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Spoken at 8:00:

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



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in the glory of God, the Father. Amen! Amen!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~ please be seated ~

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household

of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

1. How good and pleasant a thing it is:
when God’s people live together in unity.
2. It is like the precious oil on Aaron’s head,
which ran down on to his beard:
and over the collar of his vestment.
3. It is like the dew of Hermon:
falling upon the hill of Zion.
4. For there the Lord promised the blessing:
which is life for evermore.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been

disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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~ please stand as you are able ~

At 10:15: **Gradual Hymn: Gather Hymnal #644:** "There's a Wideness"

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28 ✠
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.]"

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

~ please be seated ~

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Marda Steedman-Sanborn

~ please stand as you are able ~

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, who loves us and wants us to love each other.
This is our God.**

**We believe in Jesus, who cared for children and held them in his arms.
He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace.
This is Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who keeps working with us until everything is good and true.
This is the Holy Spirit.**

**We can be the church, which reminds people of God because we love each other.
This we believe. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Lector: Let us say together the Vision and Mission of St. Paul's Church:

People: **We celebrate the mystery of God's love for all. As an inclusive and progressive community of faith, we seek Christ in all creation. We provide a safe place for everyone on their spiritual journey, and equip all to do God's work in the world.**

For all who spread the Good News, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Greg, our Bishop; Kathleen, our rector, and Canon Marda Steedman-Sanborn our priest, may we have the grace to receive it. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

For those in every nation who are responsible for the welfare of their people, especially Donald, our president and our senators and congress women and men. May they come to understand the lives of those who are different from themselves and be given the courage to do what is right for all. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer, (wait for silence) and those we name before you in our hearts. May God be a constant presence, a warm embrace, and a gathering of hope. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

For our church and our communities worldwide. We pray for parishioners Heather, Alex, and Alan Mygatt-Tauber, Tiffany, Evelyn and Zach Oblinger, and Marilyn Pantano. Good Shepherd, Vancouver; and St. Luke/San Lucas, Vancouver: All Saints, Vancouver, and Elderly Home & Community Center - Ramallah. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

For those experiencing food shortages, especially people living in Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan, and Nigeria who are currently facing famine. May supplies reach them quickly and consistently. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you are always more willing to listen than we are to pray. Hear the petitions of this assembly; hear the prayers spoken in our hearts; for we pray through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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 The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

~ please be seated and listen to the musical offering or use it as a time of prayer ~

At 10:15: Choral Offering: "I will Guide Thee" (Traditional, Arranged by Peter Amidon)

Offertory: *Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money to the celebrant. Please stand, if you are able, while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

The Great Thanksgiving: from *Eucharistic Prayers* (Samuel Wells & Abigail Kocher)

At 8:00:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

Thanks and praise be to you, Lord God of mercy and grace,
for you entered into covenant trust with your chosen people,
and bestowed on them boundless gifts and an irrevocable calling.
In Jesus you take your children's food and give it to all creation,
even we who lurk in the shadows,
hoping for the crumbs of your eternal glory.
You have lifted us from the floor to your table,
and from a place beyond redemption to the joy of your heart.
And so we gladly thank you,
with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your
unending praise.

At 8:00: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Mass of Creation "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Marty Haugen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might. Heav - en 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,
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ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

Cleansing God, in Christ you come among us in infectious purity,
 and heal us from the inside out.
 You give us eternal food that, in you,
 we may never be hungry again.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us now,
 that we may become people who take in the holiness of your mercy,
 and give out the abundance of your grace.
 Sanctify this bread and this wine, that they may become for us
 the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
 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.

At 8:00: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

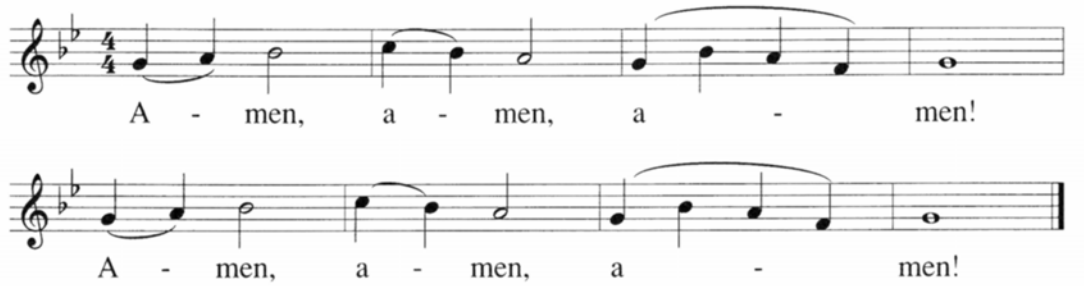
At 10:15:

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn. The first staff is marked 'All:' and the second staff is marked 'Christ will come a - gain!'. Both staves are in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come a - gain!'.

Forgiving God, you sent Joseph to Egypt,
 through the conspiracy of his brothers,
 to redeem your people from the curse of famine.
 You sent your Son Jesus to the cross,
 through the corruption of our human will,
 to liberate us from sin and death.
 Raise up among us children of hope,
 of courage, of truth, and of vision,
 who embody your will to turn our evil into your good.
 Transform the lives of all who live under famine today;
 visit any who are excluded by envy or prejudice or fear;
 and lift the hearts of those who are weighed down

under burdens too great to bear.
Gather at your resurrection banquet
your whole church, living and departed,
that all creation may feast with eyes and ears and touch and tongue
on the effervescence of your glory,
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever. **Amen.**

At 10:15: *We sing together:*



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

The Lord's Prayer

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Invitation

This is the table, not of the church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time or never before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you, but because it is Christ who invites you to meet Him here.

“The Gifts of God for the People of God...”

At 10:15: Communion Hymn.

Prayer after Communion: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the 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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

At 10:15 **Recessional Hymn: Gather Hymnal #775: “Go Make a Difference”**

The Great Beginning

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: “Fugato”

By J.S. Bach

This Morning's Ministry Team:

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Marda Steedman-Sanborn

Music Director: Betsy Dunlap

8:00 am

1st Reading: Dick Kelso
2nd Reading: Suzie Hubert
Prayers of the People: Ike Go
Eucharistic Minister: Stan Hess
Crucifer/Server: Jim Reid

Hospitality Angels:

Altar Guild: Jeanne Wolf
Myra Battin
Betsy Lee
Tiffany Oblinger
Hillary Kimsey

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1st Reading: Betsy Lee
2nd Reading: Hillary Kimsey
Prayers of the People: Sue Ahrens
Eucharistic Minister 1: Hillary Kimsey
Eucharistic Minister 2: Betsy Lee
Crucifer/Server: Jennifer Laris

Hospitality Angels: Karen Hobson
Sandy Van Hoff

Counters: Jan Hobson
Audio/Visual: Marty Stennett