



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith"

The Holy Eucharist

28 August 2022

## Proper 17

### Announcements & Welcome

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*We begin by gratefully acknowledging the Native Peoples upon whose ancestral homeland we gather today. St. Paul's was built on the unceded ancestral land of the Suquamish Nation. The Suquamish are known as the "People of the Clear Salt Water," and have lived in harmony with the lands and waterways along the Salish Sea for thousands of years. We offer our respect to Elders past, present, and future.*

### Opening Hymn: Gather Hymnal #812: "A Place at the Table"

Verses



1. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, for  
2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble, re -  
3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, a  
4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble, a -  
5. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, to



ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, a  
vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share, with  
voice to be heard, a part in the song, the  
bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give, in  
live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be, to



shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing, for  
wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er, for  
hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled, for  
an - ger, in' hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy, for  
work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship, for



ev - 'ry - one born, a star o - ver - head.  
wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair.  
young and for old, the right to be - long. And  
just and un - just, a new way to live.  
ev - 'ry - one born, the right to be free.

Refrain



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of

jus - tice and joy, yes, God will de - light  
 when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,  
 jus - tice and joy!

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

**Gloria** (See blue booklet "Mass of God's Peace and Love" by John Kingslight)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
 And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

**Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.**

**Jeremiah 2:4-13**

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, a land of drought and deep darkness, a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 81:1, 10-16**

**1 Sing out with joy to God our strength:  
 shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.**

- 10 "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt:  
open wide your mouth and I shall fill it.
- 11 "But my people would not hear my voice:  
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 "So I left them in their stubbornness of heart:  
to follow their own devices.
- 13 "O that my people would listen to me:  
and that Israel would walk in my ways.
- 14 "I would soon put down their enemies:  
and turn my hand against their adversaries.
- 15 Those who hate me would cringe before me:  
and their fate would be sealed forever.
- 16 "But Israel I would feed with the finest wheat-flour:  
and satisfy them with honey from the rock."

### Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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**Gospel Alleluia (See blue booklet "Mass of God's Peace and Love" by John Kingslight)**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 14:1, 7-14**✠✠✠

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move higher'; then you will be honored in the

presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon:** Sue Ahrens

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty,  
who blesses our journey.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled,  
and who ate and laughed, wept and celebrated with them in love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who rides on the gentle breeze,  
who strengthens our bindings,  
and who offers hope eternal.**

**We believe in the church,  
which stands open to all travelers,  
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People** (from *Intercessions for the Christian People*)

*Celebrant* Let us pray our Vision Statement together:

**O God, help us to be progressive Christians in an open, inclusive, and affirming community of faith. O Jesus, guide us in providing a safe harbor for those on their spiritual journey. O Holy Spirit, be with us in our endeavors to reflect God's peace and loving justice into our world.**

God has searched for us to teach us how to search for one another. That we may we learn to live in God's new Jerusalem, generous with life, let us pray together, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

You come to us unarmed. May we never use you as a way to war, we pray you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

You come to us penniless. May we never use you as a way to wealth, we pray you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

You come to us innocent. May we never use you as a way to corruption, we pray you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we use your peaceful self so as to make peace, we pray you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Shame us out of the arrogance of power and place, we pray you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Show us the love you have for the least of things, we pray you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our ordained leaders: Michael our Presiding Bishop, Greg our Bishop, Kathleen our Rector, Verger Declan and others, we pray you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

In our weekly prayer cycle, we pray for our parishioners Camille & Kenny Richardson, and Adam Simmons. We also pray for these communities of faith: St. John's, Snohomish, and the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. We pray you, O God. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

It would be a joy for us to be as you are, O Lord, toward the least of things on earth. We ask for your peacefulness, your humility, your innocence, both for ourselves, and for the world. For there is no going home to you without our brothers and sisters, and through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

**Most merciful God,** we have not loved our neighbors as  
**we confess that we have sinned against you** ourselves.

**in thought, word, and deed,** We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**by what we have done,** For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
**and by what we have left undone.** have mercy on us and forgive us;

**We have not loved you with our whole** that we may delight in your will,  
**heart;** 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 Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### Offertory Hymn: Gather Hymnal #925: "All Who Hunger"

Verses



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; Ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers, Seek-er, be a  
3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full-ness, All a-round us is our food.  
lost and scat-tered In com-mun-ion's love have stood.  
from this ta-ble Live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

### The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus: Holy (See blue booklet "Mass of God's Peace and Love" by John Kingslight)**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully re-

ceive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

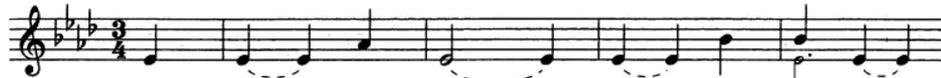
**The Breaking of the Bread** [The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.]

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

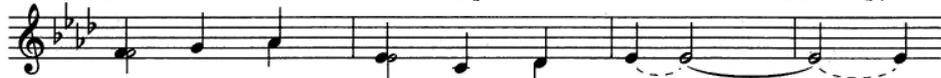
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### Communion Hymn: Gather Hymnal #735: "Blest Are They"

Verses 1-3



1. Blest are they, the poor in spir - it;  
2. Blest are they, the low - ly ones;  
3. Blest are they who show mer - cy;



theirs is the king - dom of God.  
they shall in - her - it the earth.  
mer - cy shall be theirs.



Blest are they, full of sor - row;  
Blest are they, who hun - ger and thirst;  
Blest are they, the pure of heart;



they shall be con - soled.  
they shall have their fill.  
they shall see God.

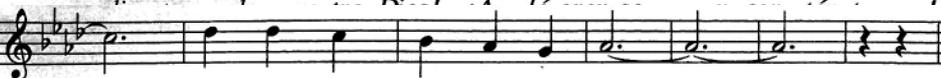
Refrain



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

Verses 4, 5

4. † Blest are they who seek peace;  
5. † Blest are you who suffer hate,  
they are the chil - dren of God.  
all be - cause of me. Re -  
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the  
joyce and be glad, yours is the king - dom;  
glo - ry of God is theirs.  
shine for all to see.

**The Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori** (for those livestreaming from home):  
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**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.

**Commissioning the Eucharistic Visitors**

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**We, who are many, are one body because we share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

**The Blessing** ✠

**Closing Hymn: "Humble Thyself/Awesome God" medley (lyrics)**

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord

And He will lift you up

Higher and higher

And He will lift you up (*repeat*)

Our God is an awesome God

He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, power and love

Our God is an awesome God (*repeat*)

## The Great Beginning

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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### **This Sunday's Ministry Team:**

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