



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"AN INCLUSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY OF FAITH"

The Holy Eucharist

18 September 2022

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Season of Creation:

"This Fragile Earth, Our Island Home"

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 #519: "Sing to the Mountains"

Refrain

Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your
voic - es, lift your hearts. This is the day the
Lord has made. Let all the earth re - joice.

Verse 1

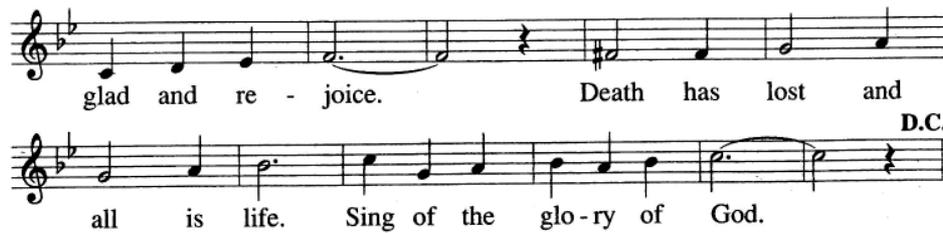
1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have
an - swered my plea. You have saved my
soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

Verse 2

2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Verse 3

3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be



Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Gloria: "Glory to God" (See yellow booklet "Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

O God, the ground of being, who formed us and all living creatures from carbon dust, into which you breathed your Spirit of life; forgive us from viewing ourselves as separate from and dominating creation; give us instead a humble sense of ourselves as belonging to the earth so that we use our skill and power as stewards of the land from which we come and to which we return, through Jesus Christ who took on our flesh, and with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen.

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

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!

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 79:1-9

- 1 God the heathen have come into your land:
your holy temple they have defiled, and made Jerusalem a heap of stones.
- 2 They have given the dead bodies of your servants to be food for the birds of the air:
and the flesh of your people to the beasts of the land.
- 3 Their blood has been spilled like water all round Jerusalem:
and there is no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become the taunt of our neighbors:
the scorn and derision of those around us.
- 5 How long O Lord? Will you be angry for ever:
will your jealous wrath burn like fire?
- 6 Pour out your rage on the nations that do not know you:
and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.

- 7 For they have devoured Jacob:
and laid waste his homeland.
- 8 Remember not our past sins, let your compassion be swift to meet us:
for we are brought very low.
- 9 Help us O God our savior, for the glory of your name:
deliver us, and wipe out our sins for your name's sake.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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.

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Gospel Acclamation: Gather Hymnal #334: "Celtic Alleluia"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 16:1-13** ❖ ❖ ❖

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, '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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Kathleen Kingslight

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things,

who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptizes this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one,

the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile

and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God,

and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God.

And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death

and all destructive forces. 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.

We give thanksgiving for Mother Earth in whom all life is rooted, Brother Sun whose energy radiates life, Sister Water who nurtures and revives us, and co-creatures with whom we live, and for whom we till and keep this garden. All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our ordained leaders, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Greg our Bishop, Kathleen our Rector, Verger Declan and others; that they may be single-hearted in love of the Lord and in service to the people. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

In our weekly cycle of prayer, we pray for our parishioners Mackenzie Cahill, Tara Chambless, and Chuck & Twila Compton. We also pray for these communities of faith: St. Christopher's, Olympia, St. John's/San Juan, Olympia, and the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. **Creative Spirit, hear our prayer.**

Jesus, teach us to empathize with the Earth. Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation; cries for justice from the air, clouds, and sky; and cries of our fellow creatures deserted and dying. Jesus, make our faith sensitive to the groans of the Spirit in creation, groans of longing for a new creation. Jesus, make our hearts sensitive to the songs of our kin, songs of celebration echoing around us. Jesus, teach us to care. Amen.

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

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

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

Offertory Hymn: Gather Hymnal #805: "Touch the Earth Lightly"

1. Touch the earth light - ly,	Use the earth gen - tly,
2. We who en - dan - ger,	Who cre - ate hun - ger,
3. Let there be green - ing,	Birth from the burn - ing,
4. God of all liv - ing,	God of all lov - ing,

Nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
A - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
Wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

Gift of great won - der,	Ours to sur - ren - der,
We who would fos - ter	Clouds of dis - as - ter—
Health in God's gar - den,	Hope in God's chil - dren,
Teach us, de - flect us,	Christ re - con - nect us,



Trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
Re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
Us - ing us gen - tly, and mak - ing us one.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you forever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (See yellow booklet "Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying, "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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our forebears; God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, and Mary Magdalene; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 #633: "For the Beauty of the Earth"



1. For the beau - ty of the earth,	For the glo - ry
2. For the beau - ty of each hour	Of the day and
3. For the joy of ear and eye,	For the heart and
4. For the joy of hu - man love,	Broth - er, sis - ter,
5. For your Church that ev - er - more	Lifts its ho - ly
6. For your - self, best Gift Di - vine,	To this world so



of the skies,	For the love which from our birth
of the night,	Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
mind's de - light,	For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
par - ent, child,	Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;
hands a - bove,	Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore
free - ly giv'n;	Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,



O - ver and a - round us lies:	
Sun and moon, and stars of light:	
Link - ing sense to sound and sight:	Lord of all, to
For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:	
Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:	
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:	



you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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.

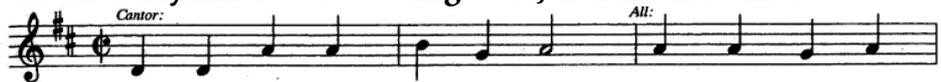
Commissioning the Eucharistic Visitors

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.

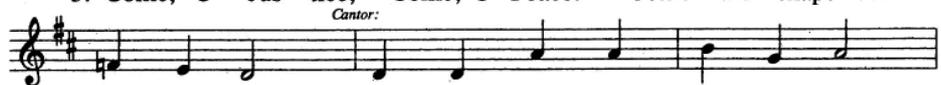
We, who are many, are one body because we share one bread and one cup. Amen.

The Blessing ✠

Closing Hymn: Gather Hymnal #577: "Sing Out, Earth and Skies!"



- 1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O
- 2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with
- 3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin- kling star and
- 4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show- er down up -
- 5. Come, O Jus- tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our

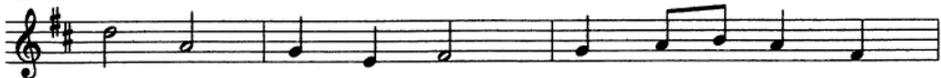


Right- eous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:
 right- eous- ness; Teach us all to sing your name:
 burn- ing sun; God of day and God of night:
 on the earth; Come, O God of joy and pain:
 hearts a- new; Come and make op- pres- sion cease:

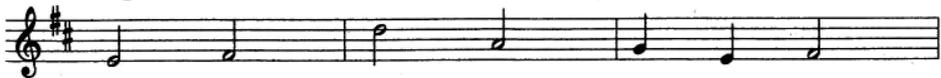


In the glo- ry of your Son.
 May our lives your love con- fess.
 In your light we all are one.
 God of sor- row, God of mirth.
 Bring us all to life in you.

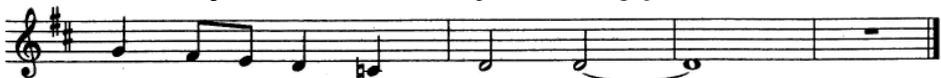
Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who



loves you! Raise your joy- ful cries!



Dance to the life a- round you!

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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