

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We believe that God is healing and restoring the world,
and that we are recipients of and participants in that healing and restoration.*



SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

TRINITY SUNDAY

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Morning Prayer, Rite II

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

cont'd.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, homophonic setting with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: 'God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty. which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be. per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty. God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.'

Opening Sentence

Officiant: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

Revelation 4:8

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand, as able.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

Glory to the Creator, and to the Redeemer, and to the Sanctifier: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant: Alleluia. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:

People: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

**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 people are seated.

Psalm 29: 3-11



A—scribe to the Lord the glo-ry due his Name.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory / thunders; *

the Lord is upon the / mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a power/ful voice; *

the voice of the Lord is a / voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the / cedar trees; *

the Lord breaks the ce/dars of Lebaⁿon; [ANTIPHON]

He makes Lebanon skip like / a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like / a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the / wilderness; *

the Lord shakes the wilder/ness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the / oak trees writhe*

and / strips the forests bare. [ANTIPHON]

And in the temple of the / Lord*—

all are / crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned a/bove the flood; *

the Lord sits enthroned as / King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his / people; *

the Lord shall give his people the / blessing of peace.

[ANTIPHON]

Tone V.3



Readings

A period of silence will follow each reading.

Isaiah 6:1-8

The people remain seated.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence.

Canticle 13**A Song of Praise***Benedictus es, Domine**Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

Romans 8:12-17*The people are seated.*

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence.

All stand, as able.

Canticle P **A Song of the Spirit** *Revelation 22:12-17*

**“Behold, I am coming soon,” says the Lord,
“and bringing my reward with me, *
to give to everyone according to their deeds.
“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *
the beginning and the end.”
Blessed are those who do God’s commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, *
and may enter the city through the gates.
“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *
with this testimony for all the churches.
“I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star.”
“Come!” say the Spirit and the Bride; *
“Come!” let each hearer reply!
Come forward, you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.**

John 3:1-17

The people are seated.

Officiant: A reading from the Gospel of John.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Silence.

All stand, as able.

Canticle 21 You are God *Te Deum laudamus*

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
 Father, of majesty unbounded,
 your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
 and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
 Come then, Lord, and help your people,
 bought with the price of your own blood,
 and bring us with your saints
 to glory everlasting.**

The people are seated.

Hymn

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands



1. He's got the whole world
2. He's got the sun and the moon
3. He's got the wind and the rain
4. He's got the lit - tle bit - ty ba - by
5. He's got you and me, broth - er,



in his hand, He's got the whole world
in his hand, He's got the sun and the moon
in his hand, He's got the wind and the rain
in his hand, He's got the lit - tle bit - ty ba - by
in his hand, He's got you and me, sis - ter,



in his hand, He's got the whole world
in his hand, He's got the sun and the moon
in his hand, He's got the wind and the rain
in his hand, He's got the lit - tle bit - ty ba - by
in his hand, He's got ev - 'ry - bod - y here



in his hand, He's got the whole world in his hand.

Apostles' Creed

All stand, as able.

**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.**

Prayers

All stand, as able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

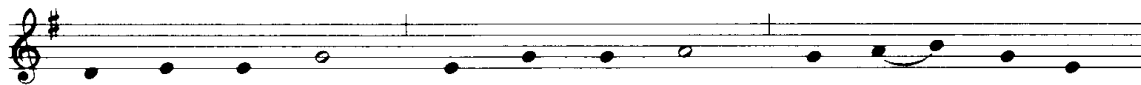
People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

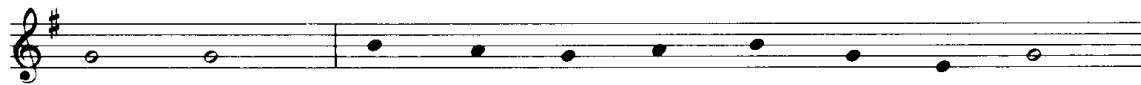
Officiant and People:



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in



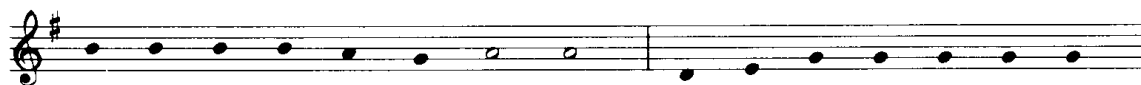
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who



sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom the pow - er,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Celebrations and Thanksgiving

Barb Cheyney: My birthday is Friday, May 29th. After my experience with COVID, I am grateful to still be alive and part of God's ministry at St. Paul's.

Tom Worrell's birthday is Monday, May 31, and he will be 80!

Prayers of the People: A Covenant to Root Out Racism

Reader: We lament the Church's role in the subjugation, enslavement and genocide of societies of indigenous peoples, including Native Americans and Pacific Islanders.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

We lament the Church's role in profiting from the selling, trading, and genocide of people of African descent and the lasting effects of the peculiar trade present with us today.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We lament the Church's complicity-by-silence in the commoditization, dehumanization, and belittling of peoples brought to this country to toil in brutal labor, including Latinx people, Asians, Pacific Islanders and other immigrant and undocumented populations.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We lament the church's complicity in failing to honor the language, culture and civil rights of Latinx people, both American citizens and those from other countries.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We lament the places in which we have been spectators and participants in the public and private lynching of people of African descent.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We lament the Church's lack of moral courage to stand with and on the side of the poor, the marginalized and the oppressed.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We lament the systems of white supremacy, white exceptionalism and white privilege present in the Church that have condoned people – particularly people of African descent – being viewed as less, inferior or unworthy rather than as beloved children of God, made in the image of the Divine.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We lament the ways in which the stories of People of Color have been diminished or erased from the histories of our churches, institutions and communities of faith.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We lament the collusion of the Church with systems that directly and indirectly promote racism, oppression, segregation and disenfranchisement.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We lament the willful blindness of Christian leadership in promoting and advocating for systems of over-policing, the militarization of the police, mass incarceration, school-to-prison pipelines, poverty and violence.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We lament the resounding silence and the crippling fear that often infects the Church in matters of racial reconciliation and social justice.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pause, Silence.

Hymn

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Here & next page.

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, Where your
2. We who bring them long for nurture; By your
3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i -

cleans - ing wa - ters flow. Num - ber them a - mong your
milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, par -
mag - ined, all your ways! To your name be glo - ry,

peo - ple; Bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Weave them
tak - ing Cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re -
hon - or! With our lives we wor - ship, praise! We your

gar - ments bright and spar - kling; Com - pass
new us, guide our foot - steps; Free from
peo - ple stand be - fore you, Wa - ter -

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

cont'd.

them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
sin and all its snares, One with Christ in
washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

send your Spir - it, Ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, By your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Pause, Silence.

Will you covenant to re-examine the history of our communities of faith and institutions to, in tangible ways, acknowledge racist legacies and to recognize, remember and retell the stories of Native American, enslaved persons and other People of Color, whose labor contributes to white privilege?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to engage our communities of faith, staffs, colleagues and experts in critical discourse that propels us forward?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to devise and implement standards, policies and programs that make our commitment to diversity and inclusion a visible reality?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to invest in local businesses that are owned and operated by People of Color and underrepresented populations?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to listen to and to validate the stories, experiences and feelings of People of Color as companions along the journey, valuing those experiences as being sacred?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to adopt an intersectional approach in all aspects of our common life, remembering that all forms of oppression are connected?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to financially support the important work of Historically Black Colleges and Universities?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to work towards the dismantling of the school-to-prison pipeline and other systems of institutional oppression?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to stand up and speak out against everyday micro and macro acts of oppression or aggression?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to struggle and speak out against denial of civil liberties and voter suppression?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to educate ourselves, and share with others, the many places where our privilege blinds us from being compassionate to others?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to call out bigotry and hate speech in all aspects of our common life?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant that in our corporate worship and other activities of our communities, to intentionally cultivate welcome, hospitality and participation for people of all cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds, and to include their rich musical and liturgical offerings in worship?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to invite all members of our faith communities to reflect about and seek a better understanding of racism and privilege?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to preach about and pray together for an end to racism and white supremacy, not to bring down people of European descent, but to lift all others up?

We will with God's help.

Will you covenant to join with local community organizations in working for racial justice?

We will with God's help.

Officiant: Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People:

**Almighty God, Source 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.**

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.**

A priestly blessing may be added.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
 3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Church Reopening Picnic

To celebrate the reopening of the church on Sunday, June 6, the Stewardship Committee invites you to an all-church picnic! In order to comply with COVID restrictions, we are planning to eat outside and everyone will bring their own picnic lunch. The Stewardship Committee will provide beverages and ice cream bars for dessert. If you have camping chairs, you are encouraged to bring those as well. The picnic will start directly after the 9:30 service. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Offertory - Thank you for giving!

Please drop your offering in the church's mailbox or mail it to:

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Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life

Submit your celebrations of birthdays and other life events to be read aloud in the service via email (stpaulmv@comcast.net) by Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m.

Stitchers Assemble!

Do you quilt, crochet, knit, and needle point or any other textile work? If so, call [(360) 424-1822] or email [stpaulmv@comcast.net] the office. The "Stitchers" group meets with the hope of bringing together people who stitch for shared creativity and fellowship.

Your Vestry members request your prayers for this congregation and their leadership. They want to be in conversation with you. Speak with them so they know the needs of the congregation:

Bonnie Schuh
Dan Niven

Darcy Wells
Sara Young

Sandy McDougall
Frosty Wilkinson

St. Paul's Prayer Team prays daily for those on the prayer list.
Please email Penny Worrell at penny.worrell@gmail.com.

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Where are we on the Liturgical Calendar? – Pentecost

*“Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.”
-Acts 2:3 (NRSV)*

Among the stories people tell about the human relationship with God, most remind people that God's vision for how we will care for Creation is far more expansive than we expect or imagine. Pentecost is a story like this. Chapter 2 of the Book of Acts tells a surprising tale involving a particular group of people, a band of ancient Jews who had come to believe a man named Jesus was also God; then watched him die and rise from the grave. Fifty days after the Passover, when it was common among them to celebrate the passing down of God's law to the Israelites, these followers of Jesus Christ were surprised by a great wind and the Holy Spirit came to rest on them. Other worshippers, who had come from faraway places, were shocked to hear a new story about God in their own languages. Telling the Pentecost story each year reminds Christians that the treasure bestowed by God is not for humans to keep hidden. Each Christian is given the spiritual gifts he or she needs to share this story with people whose languages, cultures and expectations of God vary widely. Like the early followers of Jesus, today's Christians experience Pentecost as a time of reaching out to the corners of the earth or even past cultural boundaries and proclaiming boldly that God is present to all of Creation.

The Rev. Arienne Davison

Welcome to Saint Paul's!

We hope that your worship with us will be both inspirational and spiritually nurturing. Please feel free to participate in the worship service as much or as little as you wish. The prayer book gives directions as to when we stand, sit, or occasionally kneel; these are guidelines. What is more important is that you bring your complete self to worship God.

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table. During the pandemic, we share Communion in spirit. We ask that those worshipping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

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