# 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, August 15, 2021 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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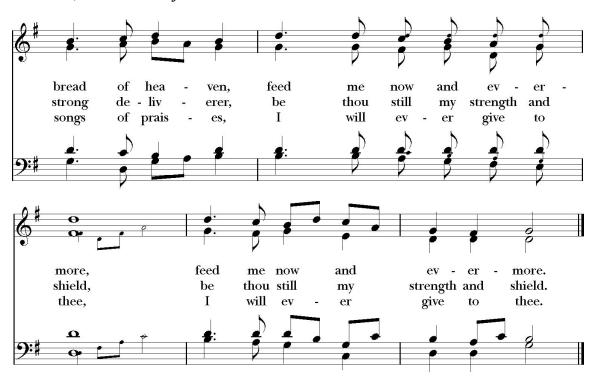
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# The Holy Eucharist - Rite II

#### Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as able.





Presider: Blessed be God, Earth Maker, Pain Bearer, Life Giver.

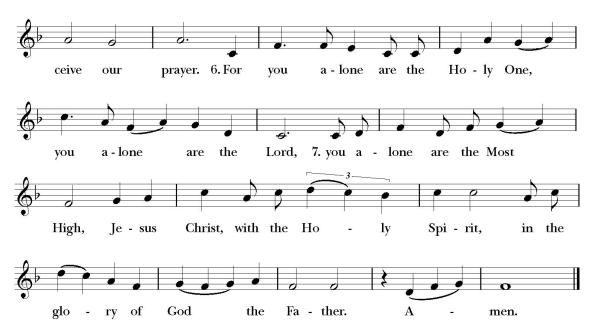
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Gloria cont'd.



# The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: 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 for ever. Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated.

# A Reading from Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 34:9-14



Fear the Lord, you that are / his saints, \*
for those who / fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer / hunger, \*
but those who seek the Lord lack / nothing that is good.

[ANTIPHON]

Come, children, and listen to / me; \*—
I will teach you the / fear of the Lord.

Who among you loves / life \*—
and desires long life to en/joy prosperity?

[ANTIPHON]

Keep your tongue from evil-/speaking \*
and your / lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and / do good; \*
seek / peace and pursue it. [ANTIPHON]



#### A Reading from Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.



Presider: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 6:51-58

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Rev. Dennis Taylor

#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People

Eucharistic Minister: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Silence.

Presider: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

#### Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

# Presider and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider speaks an Absolution.

# The Peace | La Paz

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you. | La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.

People: And also with you. | Y con tu espíritu.

For those of you worshiping in person, please remain in your pew during the Peace.

If you are worshiping with us virtually, use the chat function to "say" peace to your fellow parishioners, or text/email someone with whom you would like to share the peace of Christ.

Celebrations and Thanksgiving of Life



Please stand as able.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

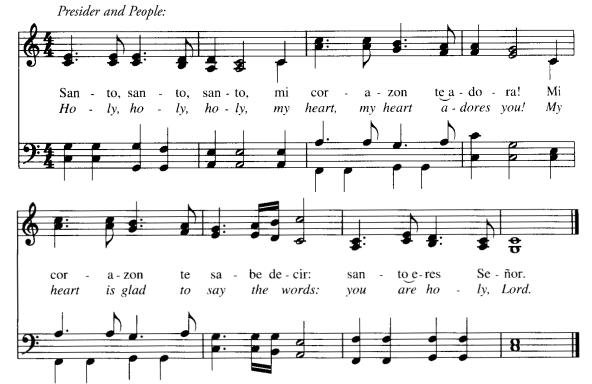
Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Holy and gracious God: 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People:

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

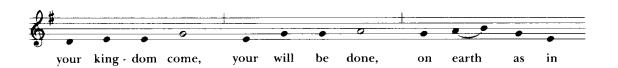
Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Loving God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

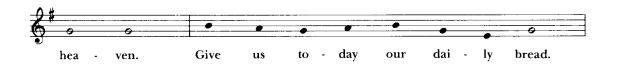
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your 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 God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Presider: As our Lord and Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:















# The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated.

Those present, are invited to receive Holy Communion. You can approach the altar at the direction of the Presider.

Those with us online, during these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, receive God's gifts to you.

We share spiritual communion today.

# Communion Hymn

# Bread of the World

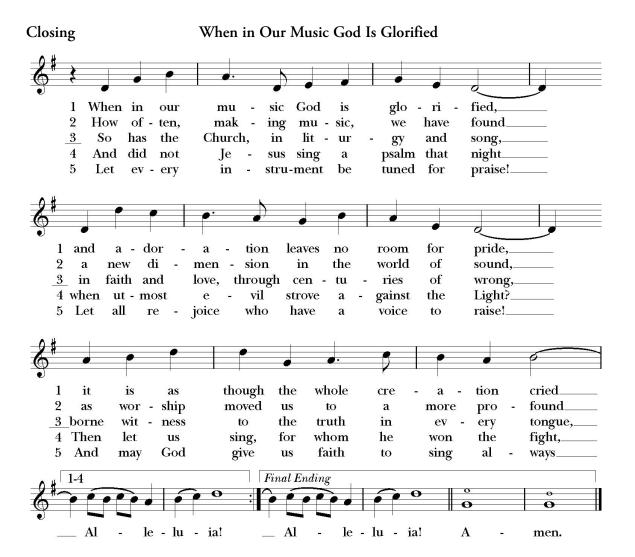


# Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly One, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Blessing



#### Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples who have reserve treaty rights to this land, including the Upper Skagit, Skagit and Swinomish Tribes who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We thank these caretakers of this land, who have lived, and continue to live, here since time immemorial.

Offertory - Thank you for giving!

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

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 415 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street Mount Vernon, WA 98274

Your <u>Vestry</u> 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:

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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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## What is Ordinary Time?

According to Ecclesiastes 3:1 and the song by The Byrds, "To everything there is a season." In much of the Church, we observe the seasons of the two great cycles of the Church Year: Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter. But there are "in between" times which are sometimes counted as "ordinary." In the Roman Catholic Church, the Sundays after the Feast of the Epiphany and after the Feast of the Pentecost are considered "ordinary time." Episcopalians are more likely to call these times "the Season of Epiphany" and "the Season of Pentecost."

The Book of Common Prayer calls these periods "Epiphany Season" and "The Season after Pentecost" (pp. 31-32). When Sundays are called "ordinary," it does not mean that they are prosaic and mundane and all alike. They are ordinary in the sense that certain forms of numbers used count off things (e.g. first, second, third) are called "ordinal" numbers. The first ordinary season (which begins on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany, which is always January 6) emphasizes how Jesus was and is manifested to be the Christ in the world. The second ordinary season (which begins on the Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost, also called Trinity Sunday) emphasizes how the Holy Spirit grew the Church to become the body of Christ in the world after Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. This second Ordinary Time (or the Season after Pentecost) always ends on the Sunday next before the First Sunday of Advent with an observance sometimes called Christ the King Sunday.

Churches which follow the Roman/Episcopal scheme of liturgical colors use green vestments and paraments in their churches during Ordinary Time although there is freedom to use other colours. Neither the Prayer Book nor the Canons prescribe liturgical colors. This allows some churches to use dark forest green in Epiphanytide and light grass green during Pentecost. Other churches use copper or bronze during these seasons. Without some variety, the green set always wear out first. The colors, like the other elements of worship which change with the seasons, are intended to help focus our thinking and our meditation upon those aspects of the Faith emphasized during the particular season. If done correctly, this changes ordinary time into extraordinary time.

Thanks to the Rev. Stephen Moore for this post on Ordinary Time. Rev. Moore is the retired Vicar at All Saints Episcopal Church in Bellevue.

# Welcome to Saint Paul's!

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. We use real wine in the cup. If you wish to receive only a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest approaches. If you do not want to drink from the chalice, keep the piece of bread on your open palm, and present it to the chalice bearer, who will then dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue. Non-gluten bread is also available. Please inform us if this is your preference. We ask that those worshiping with us online reverently pray and meditate on God's grace and blessing whenever you observe the Eucharist being taken.

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