

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*We are called to gather around the sacred story and table of Christ
where all are invited to be fed and everyone's story matters.*



Tenth Sunday of Pentecost - Proper 15

August 18, 2019, 8:00 A.M.

"All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ."

The Rule of St. Benedict

Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table.

Rite I

**The Holy Eucharist Rite I
The Liturgy of the Word**

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

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 thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee,

we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;

thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Proper 15

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

The Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

 father against son
 and son against father,
 mother against daughter
 and daughter against mother,
 mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
 and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain!'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat!'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

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 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 - Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
 humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest.
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for Gail, Puzz, John Lind, Andy Senica, Colleen Wilson, Chris Rogers, Zachary and the Jacobs family, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Myrna, Terry Costello, Donna, Mike, and Rosemarie.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Intercessor and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest

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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with thee.

People And with thy spirit.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

Eucharistic Prayer II

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with thee.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Priest

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Priest 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ is welcome to come forward to share the bread ("host") and wine at the Lord's table. We have gluten free hosts available.

The Post Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

In Unison

Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May God bless us with *discomfort* at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with *anger* at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with *tears* to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough *foolishness* to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Announcements, Special Prayers and Blessings

For Birthdays

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Wedding Anniversaries

Gracious Creator: You blessed the marriage of these two people with your love years ago. Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved and strengthened the covenant between them; bless and renew that covenant now, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that surrounded by their children, family and friends, they may always rejoice in the gift of their love for one another and for your enduring love that blesses their days together. This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For Travelers

O God, whose beauty and intention fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church
DeKalb, Illinois, Diocese of Chicago
Member of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion**

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
Sundays 8:00 AM (spoken service); 10:30 AM (with music)

Child care for infants & young children is available
Sundays 10:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

Christian Education Classes
Sundays: Christian formation classes for all ages.
Children meet in the St. Timothy Center, Sunday mornings, Sept.-May
Adult Formation meets in the Conference Room or Parish Hall

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Our Wardens and Vestry,
Marv Kombrink, Senior Warden,
Maureen Gerrity, Junior Warden,

Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,
Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

This Week at St. Paul's

Today, Sunday, August 18, 2019, Tenth Sunday of Pentecost		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
Nursery and Childcare Available	10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hal
Vestry Meeting	11:45 A.M.	Conf. Room
Beloved Community Dinner	5:00 P.M.	Parish Hall

**Altar Flowers are given today by Maureen Gerrity
In Honor of the Marriage of Joe and Lou Gerrity**

This Week - August 18 2019 through August 25, 2019				
Mon	Aug 19	DeKalb Festival Chorus	6:00 P.M.	Parish Hall
Thu	Aug 22	Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast	7:00 A.M.	Parish Hall
Sun	Aug 25	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Nursery/Childcare	10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr
		Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
		Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

Announcements

Welcome! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign our guest book. You are welcome to join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

From Mother Barbara

I have a huge request to make of everyone at the Episcopal Church of St. Paul, at least for the next year or so, while I am acclimating myself to St. Paul's culture and how you do things, as I hope to learn how best to support you all in your various endeavors as God's Assembly. Please run all announcements, ideas for projects to enhance the life of the congregation, past me before sharing them generally with the congregation. This will help me to understand how things generically flow from your ministries and the overall ministry of St. Paul's into the community. I welcome everyone's observations regarding this and your feedback! Thank you.

In Christ,
Barbara+

Beloved Community Dinner

The monthly Beloved Community Dinners gather people of different faiths, skin, nationality, sexual orientation and political beliefs to get to know and appreciate each other and work for the common good of the community. St. Paul's will host the next dinner **today, August 18th**, at 5:00 PM. Contact Peg Newby to help with set up or Beth Campen to bring a dish to pass at kecampen@gmail.com or 779-212-0904.

There will be a video and discussion of Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North, as one New England family confronts its deep involvement with the slave trade and its role in the growth of the American economy. This courageous

documentary asks every American what we can and should do to repair the unacknowledged damaged of our troubled past.

St. Paul's Book Club

On Friday, **September 6 at 5:30 pm** at Marilyn Cleland's home, 518 S 2nd Street, DeKalb, St. Paul's Episcopal Book Group will begin discussion on *The Changing Face of God*, Chapter Two: "The God of Imaginative Compassion" by Karen Armstrong.

The Changing Face of God, edited by Frederick Schmidt, includes five short essays by renowned authors and scholars from a lecture program at the Washington National Cathedral. The essays get to the heart of theological assertions that God is unchanging, but our understanding of God is not.

Following is a quote from an Amazon reader about *The Changing Face of God*, "That these learned scholars have some of the same doubts, concepts and questions as I do is compelling; and when presented in so much more eloquent terms than I am capable of thinking in, it is captivating."

All are invited to participate as the group begins a new reading selection accentuating a pattern of new thinking about God.

Movie Night

Movie Night for August has been cancelled so that people can attend the Corn Fest in DeKalb.

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St.

Paul is on Facebook! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

St. Paul's is an affirming and inclusive Christian community!

Striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we! All are welcome, no exceptions!

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The Prayers of the People, Book of Common Prayer, Form VI

Household Prayers. Long, K. B. (2013). *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C.* Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, Kentucky.

Household Prayer: Morning

Laboring God of this new age, give me wisdom and courage to understand your will as I live your word this day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, I have done my best to serve you this day, yet I often feel I have left so much undone. Help me to find my rest in you and trust that in the evening I shall be saved by Love. Amen.

A word about the Household Prayers:

These prayers are printed on a page of their own so that you can tear them out and use them in your devotions at home. These prayers come from an anthology titled *Feasting on the Word*, that includes several liturgies for services. The prayers reflect the readings of the week, including special feast days