

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.



Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost – Proper 16
August 25, 2019, 10:30 AM, Rite II

“All Guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ.”
The Rule of St. Benedict
Everyone is welcome at the Communion Table.

Prelude

Prelude in B minor Op. 28, No. 6

Frederic Chopin

Hannah Buckle, Pianist

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn # 521 Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might

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

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

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.*

Song of Praise



Glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry to the Lord, glo-ry to the Lord God al-
migh - ty. Who was, and is, and is to come;
glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading from Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Lector A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 71:1-6

Lector Let us read sections of Psalm 71 together responsively.

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *
my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death."

Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."

This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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Gospel Acclamation *(repeat as desired)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."

But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara A.T. Wilson

The Creed

I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor
I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and
I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing
of all things that be, Mak - er of the earth and
scorned and cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was
all the saints with - in One church, cath - o - lic and
heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in God's son,
bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that on the
ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bo - dy's res - ur -
Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the
third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as -
rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the
Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
cend - ed to God right hand. He will come to judge and save.
life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

The Prayers of the People - Form III

The Intercessor 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, Gary, Mike, and Rosemarie.
 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 you.

People And also with you.

**The Liturgy of the Table
Holy Communion, Rite II**

Eucharistic Prayer C

The Offertory Sentence

This is what the Lord asks of you and only this: that you act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

During the Offertory Anthem or hymn, the elements of bread and wine are taken to the altar. At the same time, the ushers will collect the monetary offering and take that to the altar before the Offertory Anthem or hymn is completed

Offertory Hymn # 567 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest 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.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Priest 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.

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

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

People By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Priest 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord, ho - ly is the
Lord God al - migh - ty: who was, and is, and is to
come; ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

Priest
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, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**All We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob, Ishmael and Hagar; Ruth and Naomi, Jonathan and David; 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.

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

Priest

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are glad to say,

In Unison

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God

Lamb of God. Wor - thy. Lamb of God. Wor - thy is the
Lord God al - migh - ty. You take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. Grant us peace.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Anyone seeking a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ
is welcome to come forward to share the bread and wine at the Lord's table.
We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail.*

Communion Hymn # 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Prayer after Communion

Priest Together, let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and
nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and
Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we**

may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of 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.**

Recessional Hymn # 493 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Sending Forth

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Sonata, Hob. XVI: 7 Mvmt 3

Joseph Haydn

Hannah Buckle, Pianist

Join us in the Parish Hall for coffee and fellowship.

**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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Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter, Karyn Perkins, Nursery Attendants

Our Wardens and Vestry,

Marv Kombrink, Senior Warden,
 Maureen Gerrity, Junior Warden,
 Pat Brown, Treasurer, Rebecca Smith, Clerk,
 Terry Dickow, Donna de Oliveira

Today's Ministers

The Reverend Barbara A. T. Wilson	Presiding
Adam Frieberg	Eucharistic Minister
Ava Stubblefield	Acolyte
Donna de Oliveira	Lector
Marilyn Cleland	Intercessor
Pam and Marv Kombrink	Ushers
Rebecca Smith	Flower Guild
Jocelyn Prall	Altar Guild
Cliff and Marilyn Cleland	Coffee Hour
Julie Rogers, Brittany Altepeter	Nursery

Today, Sunday, August 25, 2019, Eleventh 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 Hall

Flowers on Altar today are given by Bill and Jennie Cummings

This Week - August 25, 2019 through September 1, 2019			
Tue	Aug 27	DeKalb Tenants Meeting	6:00 P.M. Parish Hall
Sun	Sep 1	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 people. 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+

Rector's Discretionary Fund Collection Next Week, September 1st

Donations allow us to assist people in need in our community. Checks can be written to "St. Paul's" with "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the memo. Thank you for your contributions to this important ministry.

Movie Night

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

Choir News

The St. Paul's Choirs will start back with rehearsals on **Thursday, September 5th**: Children's Choir 6:00pm, and the Adult/Youth 7:00 pm. The choirs will join worship services beginning Sunday, September 8, 2019, 10:30am. All are welcome!

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.

Listening Session at St. Peter's

The Search and Nomination Committee to select the 13th Bishop of Chicago is holding listening sessions throughout the diocese. St. Peter's in Sycamore, 218 Somonauk St., will host a session on **Saturday, September 7th** from 1-2:30 PM.

Adult Formation

Beginning on **Sunday, September 8th**, Adult Formation will again focus upon the Bible, with a five part series on a book by Pete Enns, "The Bible Tells Me So . . . Why defending scripture has made us unable to read it." The format will be comprised of a video presentation by Pete Enns combined with group discussion. It will be necessary for participants to read the book as we go along.

For more information about St. Paul's

Go to our website, www.stpaulsdekalb.org - to hear the Sermons, and read the Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook!

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 III

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

Glory to the Lord, Sanctus, Lamb of God. Arr., Colin Hand, Edited and Arr., Lorraine Langer, From the *Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New #285* (British Hymnal), Copyright 1994, Kevin Mayhew Ltd.

Gospel Acclamation. Celtic Alleluia. Words: Fintan O'Carroll, Christopher Walker (b. 1947) Music: Fintan O'Carroll, Christopher Walker (b. 1947), *My Heart Sings Out* #20.

The Creed. Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993) Music: *Domhnach Trionoide*, Gaelic melody; harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), #768 *Wonder Love and Praise*.

Household Prayer: Morning

God of life and love, we come to this new day refreshed from the refuge of sleep and rest. Sustain us in the coming hours, that we might return this evening, inspired by your witness in the world and having done your will. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord and keeper of our days, give us your rest this night. Release from us the burdens of the day. Awaken us, refreshed for your service at the dawn, upright in our praise and thanksgiving. 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.