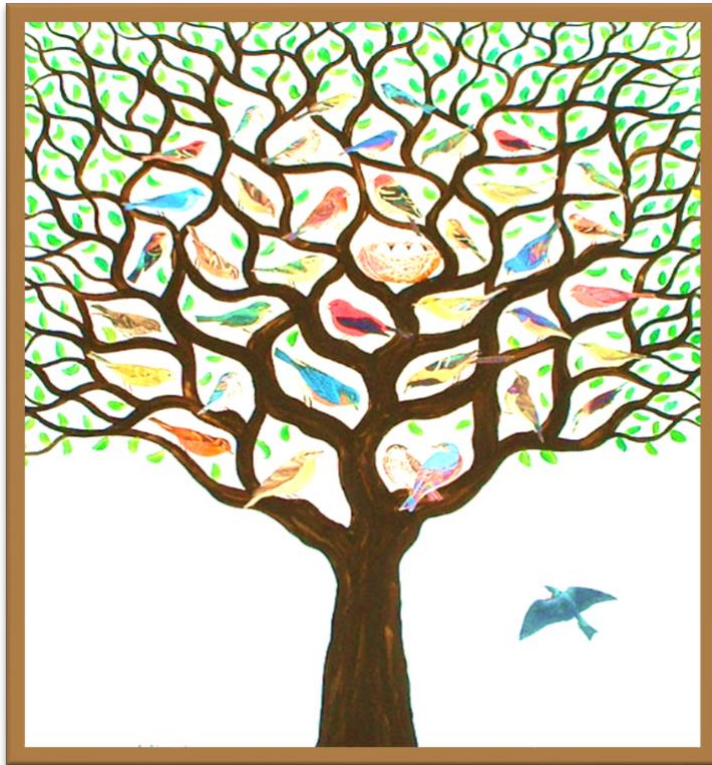


# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 6  
June 17, 2018 10:30 A.M.**



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### The Collect of the Day - Proper 6

Priest        The Lord be with you.

People        *And also with you.*

Priest        Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*We sit to hear the lessons.*

## The First Lesson

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Lector            A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Lector            The Word of the Lord.

*People            Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

Lector            Let us read sections of Psalm 92 together

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;  
13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;  
14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

## The Second Lesson

## 2 Corinthians 5:6-11, 14-17

Lector A reading from the Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God*

*We stand to sing and hear the Gospel.*

**Gradual Hymn # 589** Almighty God, your word is cast

**The Gospel**

**Mark 4:26-34**

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

*People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People            Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Ed Bird

*Silence for meditation*

*We stand to affirm our faith by reciting the Nicene Creed.*

### **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.*

**Prayers of the People for the Fourth Sunday of Pentecost**

Intercessor Lord our God, who created all things and promises us an eternal realm, hear our prayers of intercession, spoken and unspoken, saying “Come, O Holy Spirit, hear our prayer.”

Intercessor We pray for peace. Eternal God, you sent us a Savior, Jesus Christ, to break down the walls of hostility that divide us. Send peace to the places where greed, pride, and anger turn nation against nation, race against race, church against church. Strengthen our clergy, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff, our Diocesan Bishop, and Ed, our priest. Continue to support and inspire all the ministries of our laity, especially our Vestry and Search Committee.

*Silence*

Come, O Holy Spirit,

*People hear our prayer.*

Intercessor \*For the Church of the Province of Myanmar, for our companion Dioceses of Renk in the South Sudan and Southeast Mexico; for Congregations in the Oak Park Deanery: Grace in Oak Park; St. Christopher in Oak Park; Christ Church in River Forest; St. Paul in Riverside; All Saints in Western Springs.

*Silence*

Come, O Holy Spirit,

*People hear our prayer.*

Intercessor We pray for the leaders of the nations. Mighty God, sovereign over all, give the leaders of nations the vision of your kingdom, that they may lead us with justice and goodwill. We pray especially for our president, Donald, our governor, Bruce, and our mayor, Jerry.

*Silence*



Come, O Holy Spirit,

*People*      *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor      We pray for the earth. God of creation, you made all things in your wisdom and love. Grant us all a reverence for the earth that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Come, O Holy Spirit,

*People*      *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor      Let us pray for friends and families. God of love, bless us and those we love, our friends and families, so that by drawing close to you we may be drawn closer to each other.

*Silence*

Come, O Holy Spirit,

*People*      *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor      On this Father's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of fatherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all the fathers among us today; for our own fathers, those living and those who have passed away; for the fathers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be fathers someday; for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all fathers who have lost children; for all women and men who have fathered others in any way – those who have been our substitute fathers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance.

*Silence*

Come, O Holy Spirit,

*People*        *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor    We pray for those who are in pain in body and mind. Merciful God, you bear the pain of the world. Look with compassion on those who are sick. Stand with those who sorrow. Show them hope by your Word; bring healing as a sign of your grace. We remember before you those in need of your care, especially for Gail, Puz, Zachary, Marilyn, Dorothy, Margaret, Patty, Kathy, David, Merrill, Michele and family, Rene, and Rosemarie.

*Silence*

Come, O Holy Spirit,

*People*        *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor    We give thanks for all those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Colin Prall; and for all those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially Vince and Pat McMahan.

*Silence*

Intercessor    Come, O Holy Spirit,

*People*        *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor    We remember before you those who have died, that through your glorious redemption that ends all suffering they may rest with you eternally.

*Silence*

Come, O Holy Spirit,

*People*        *hear our prayer.*

Intercessor You command us to bring to you our deepest desires, O God, and we pray now for those persons and concerns that lie on our hearts, spoken aloud or in silence.

*The people may add their prayers either silently or out loud.*

*Silence*

Intercessor Come, O Holy Spirit,

*People hear our prayer.*

Intercessor All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who died for us and rose for us, who reminds us of your saving grace.  
**Amen Amen**

*\*Every week we will pray for a different international church in The Anglican Communion as part of the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. We also will pray weekly for churches and ministries in the Diocese of Chicago and our Companion Dioceses as part of the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.*

### **The Confession of Sin**

Priest Let us confess our sins to the Lord, for God forgives and heals us.

*Silence (kneel or stand)*

*In Unison*

*We need your healing, Merciful God; give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you.*

Priest            God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself. Through Christ, God has put away your sin; approach your God and one another in peace.

*We stand for the pronouncement of the Peace*

### **The Peace**

Priest            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People            And also with you.*

*Then we greet one another saying, "Peace be with you."*

### **Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Hebrews 13:15,16)

**Offertory Hymn # 533** How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!

**Doxology Hymn # 380** v. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures  
 here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise  
 Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Enriching Our Worship: Eucharistic Prayer 2

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

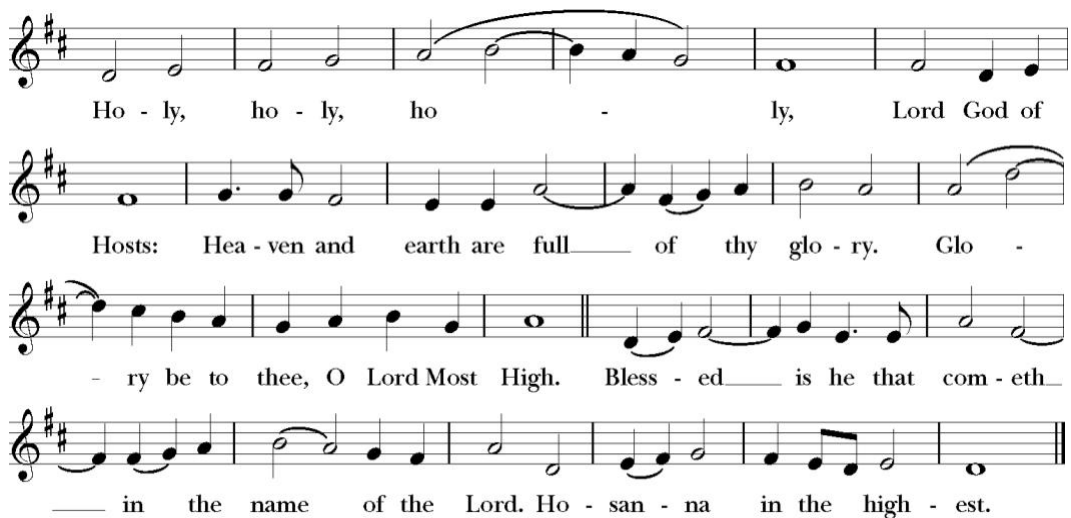
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far way; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus: S114** Holy, holy, holy Lord



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*We remain standing or kneel*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us,

Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at a table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Saint Paul and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

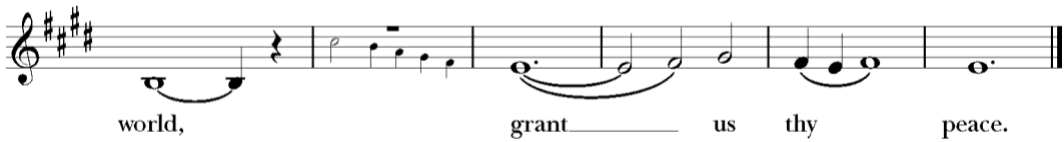
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

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

*In Unison*







Priest            The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Episcopal Church invites all Christians to receive communion.*

*The host is placed in your open hands; please assist in guiding the chalice to your lips, or dip the host in the wine. We have gluten free hosts available, ask the priest at the rail. It is acceptable to receive only the bread or the wine. If you would rather not receive communion, you are invited to come to the rail for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a prayer for you.*

**Communion Hymn # 657** Love divine, all loves excelling

### **Prayer after Communion**

*When all have received Communion, the Priest leads the following prayer:*

Priest            Let us pray.

#### ***In Unison***

*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.*

*Please stand.*

### **The Blessing**

Priest

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world

as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*

**Recessional Hymn # 525 The Church's one foundation**

**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**

**Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

Second and Fourth Sundays of the month 8:00 A.M. (spoken service)  
Every Sunday 10:30 A.M. (sung service)

Child care for infants & young children is available  
Sundays 9:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. in the Nursery.

**Christian Education Classes**

Sundays 9:30-10:15 A.M.: Christian formation classes for all ages.  
Children and youth meet in the St. Timothy Center, September-May  
Adults meet in the Conference Room. September-May

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**Our Wardens and Vestry**

Freyja Rasmussen-Johns, Senior Warden,  
 Marv Kombrink, Junior Warden  
 Pat Brown, Treasurer, Gretchen Schlabach, Clerk  
 Brad Smith, Linda Lorbach, Maureen Gerrity

**Today's Ministers**

The Reverend Ed Bird	Presiding Clergy
Gretchen Schlabach	Eucharistic Minister
Freyja Rasmussen-Johns	Lector
Freyja Rasmussen-Johns	Intercessor
Jane and George Nenonen	Ushers
Ed Bird and Beth Lee	Coffee Hour
Jane Nenonen	Altar Guild
Mary Lincoln	Flower Guild
Julie Rogers,	
Jennifer Nakaerts	Nursery
	Pray Ground

<b>Today, Sunday June 17, 2018 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>		
Nursery and Childcare Available	10:15-11:45 A.M.	St. Timothy Ctr.
<i>No Sunday School</i>		
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II	10:30 A.M.	Sanctuary
Coffee and Fellowship	11:30 A.M.	Parish Hall

Vestry Meeting	12:15 P.M.	Conf. Room
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This Week - June 17, 2018 through June 24th, 2018			
Tue	Jun 26	Garden Meeting	4:30 P.M. Garden
Sun	Jun 24	The Holy Eucharist Rite I.	8:00 A.M. Sanctuary
		Nursery/ Childcare	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

### 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.*

#### **St. Paul's Community Garden**

We have a weekly garden work time for anyone interested in weeding, planting, watering, harvesting and fellowship. This will be on **Tuesdays at 4:30pm** for about an hour.

#### **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!

### **For more information about St. Paul's**

Go to our website, [www.stpaulsdekalb.org](http://www.stpaulsdekalb.org) - to hear the Sermons, Announcements, Schedules, Mars Hill Newsletter, etc. The Church of St. Paul is on Facebook and Twitter! Like our page and sign up to follow us to get the latest updates on what's going on!

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**Sanctus:** S 114 Holy, holy, holy Lord, the Holy Eucharist I, Music: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968), *The 1982 Service Music Hymnal*.

**Fraction Anthem:** S 158 Agnus Dei: O Lamb of God, the Holy Eucharist I, Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968), *The 1982 Service Music Hymnal*.

**Prelude:** *Prelude in A major Op. 28, No. 7*

Frederic Chopin

**Postlude:** *Solfeggietto*

C.P.E. Bach

## Household Prayer: Morning

*The sunlight greets me in morning, reminding me that I begin this day in your presence. The air I breathe instructs me that I live by your constant love. Lord, I acknowledge you are my God! I will seek your face in those I meet and make my aim to please and serve you alone, Jesus, my Lord. Amen.*

## Household Prayer: Evening

*The numerous stars shine the wonder of God whose grace is beyond measure; whisper to me your abundant grace, which sustains me. As I lay down my head, I recall Jesus saying that the Son of Man has no place to lay his head. I imagine Jesus being with those who look for a place to lay their heads. O God, I ask for your mercy and pray for the day when we all can sleep in shalom, trusting in your mysterious work through Jesus Christ, the Savior for all. Amen.*