

# The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

## American Music Sunday!

July 5, 2020

9:30am ~ Liturgy of the Word with Amazing Grace ~



*~From wherever you have come, with whatever you bring, you are welcome here.~*

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LEM: Tricia Tyler (*Statement of Faith & Prayers of the People & Dismissal*)  
Readers: Mandi Rice (*reading 1 & Psalm*), Eliza Blay (*reading 2*), &  
Allan Parker (*response leader*)  
Service Welcome: Bernice Cramer  
Announcements: David Montgomery  
Attendance: Mandi Rice

## SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday to Theodora Clare Ballas and Sarah Swalboski!



Today's virtual flowers are given for the glory of God and in celebration of the life of Lynne Urquiola given by Eliza and Craig Blay.

## IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

**For the Episcopal Church USA:** Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Alan Gates and Gayle Harris, our Bishops, Church of Our Saviour, Somerset, Christ Church, Swansea, Youth Council, Youth Leadership Academy, and all Youth Ministries, and Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

**July 2020:** James Clark, Jeanne Balcom, Casey Nichols, Esther, Susanna and David Lee, Alice Kast, Margaret Lewis, Michelle Zlomek, Albert Mueller, Elise Ware, Lynda Winkowski, Kathy Brothets, Ed Winkowski, Roger Blake, Deane Buckley, Sebastian Coyle, Maureen Bruce, Jim Mahoney, Hanna Johnson, Joan Musial, Tommy Foley, John Yuskas and Mary Miller.

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# The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## The Liturgy of the Word with Amazing Grace ~

Prelude

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LEVAS #1

### OPENING HYMN

## This Is My Song

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,  
2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o-cean,  
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms:

a song of peace for lands a-far and mine.  
and sun-light beams on do-ver-leaf and pine;  
Thy king-dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;  
but oth-er lands have sun-light too, and do-ver,  
Let Christ be lift-ed up till all shall serve God

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho-ly shrine;  
and skies are ev-ery-where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u-nit-ed learn to live as one.

but oth-er hearts in oth-er lands are beat-ing  
O hear my song, thou God of all the na-tions,  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na-tions;

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with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Officiant:* Blessed Be the One, Holy and Living God.

*All:* **Thanks be to God!**

*Officiant:* 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our  
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!  
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. **Fine**

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am  
Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"  
do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." *D.C.*

Section: Praise Title: Hallelujah! We sing your praises! [*Halleluya! Pelo tso rona*] Meter: Irr. Words: South African Music: *Halleluya! Pelo tso rona*, South African Reprinted under onelicense.net. #A-714071.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant:* God is with you.

*All:* **And also with you**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor. Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST READING

Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Genesis

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."

'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.' And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she

took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

*Reader:* Hear What the Spirit is saying to God's people

**All: Thanks be to God**

## THE PSALM

## SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!  
Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.  
Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:  
"Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;  
for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away."

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Reader:* Hear What the Spirit is saying to God's people

**All: Thanks be to God**



SEQUENCE HYMN

*This Land is Your Land*

Words and Music by  
WOODY GUTHRIE

**With gusto**

D7 G

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1 2 3 4

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2

5 2 1

2 1 2

G D7

1 3

4 2 1

5 1

This land is your land, this land is  
 walk - ing, that rib - bon of  
 ram - bled and I fol - lowed my  
 shin - ing, and I was

my land, from Cal - i - for - nia  
 high - way, I saw a - bove me  
 foot - steps, to the spar - kling sands of  
 stroll - ing, and the wheat fields wav - ing

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G G7

to the New York is - land, from the red - wood  
 that end - less sky - way; I saw be -  
 her dia - mond des - erts, and all a -  
 and the dust clouds roll - ing, as the fog was

5 2 1 2

C G

for - est to the Gulf Stream wa - ters.  
 low me that gold - en val - ley.  
 round me a voice was sound - ing.  
 lift - ing, a voice was chant - ing.

5 2 5 2 1 2

D7

This land was made for you and

5 3 1 3 1 2

1.2.3. 4.

G G

me. As I was me.  
 I've roamed and  
 When the sun came

2 V V

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

*Officiant:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*All:* **Glory to you, O Christ**

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

*Officiant:* The Gospel of Christ

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

The Rev. Tamra Tucker

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,  
Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,  
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,  
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.  
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,  
we put our trust in God;  
and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves,  
in the service of others,  
to seek justice, and to live in peace;  
to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness;  
to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love.  
And in the company of the faithful we will be the church,  
a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,  
for the glory of God alone.

**Amen.**

*Statement of Faith adapted from the Iona Community © 2001*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*All Sing:                    Here we stand; opening our hearts to you;  
   Hear our prayer, and keep us close.*

*One:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
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.

Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*One:* 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.

Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*One:* 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.

Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*One:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may  
serve Christ in them, and love one another as we are loved. And, we pray for all the  
creative people in our midst.

Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*One:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially for those on  
our parish prayer list (*read names*), give them the courage and hope in their troubles, and  
bring them joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*One:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Lynne Urquiola for whom  
today's virtual flowers have been given. And, for our sister, Hope Dauwalter who left

us during this pandemic yet whose bright light is not forgotten. We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*One:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. And today we hold these special prayers and thanksgivings in the heart of our community (*read from the virtual community prayer book*) we offer our love and support.

Lord, have mercy.

*All:* **Hear our prayer.**

*All Sing:* ***Here we stand; opening our hearts to you;  
Hear our prayer, and keep us close.***

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*please stand or kneel*)

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors and ourselves.

*All:* **O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors or ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us every trespass through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

### THE PEACE

*Officiant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(We invite you to say whatever version of The Lord's Prayer is most meaningful for you.)*

*Officiant:* As Jesus taught us we now pray:

*All:* **Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

### CLOSING PRAYER

*Officiant:* Let us pray together.

*All:* **O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the fears that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in the bonds of**

love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and peoples may live in harmony and find that new and resurrected life promised through Christ Jesus. Amen.

## BLESSING

## CLOSING HYMN

### *Blowin' in the Wind*

How many roads must we Christians walk down,  
Before we are following Christ?  
And how many neighbors must cry out before  
We hear the gospel's advice?  
Yes, how many times must the oil spoil the sea,  
Before enough will suffice ?  
The answer my friend is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

How many years can a mountain exist  
Before it is stripped for a fee?  
Yes, and how many years must the captives resist  
Before all can call themselves free?  
And how many times must we blindly insist  
That we care, but we just didn't see ?  
The answer my friend is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

How many times must we lift up our heads  
Before we can see the sky?  
And how many times can we cover our ears  
Before we can hear others cry?  
How many deaths will it take till we know  
That many too many have died?  
The answer my friend is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

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## DISMISSAL

*Minister:* Let us live in peace and love each other in the name of the risen Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

*All:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**



If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our Vestry!

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