

The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

10:30am ~ Holy Eucharist with Amazing Grace ~



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

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| Readers: | Phil Whitbeck (<i>reading 1 & Psalm</i>) and Mandi Rice (<i>reading 2</i>) |
| Announcements: | Rev. Cara Rockhill |
| Attendance: | Susan Boyer |
| Altar Guild: | Ellie Pandorf & Kate Pittman |

REGATHERING SAFETY:

If you attend our outdoor service; families, households, and "pods" are welcome to sit together. Chairs must remain in place the entire service. Social distancing is required, and people must mask - regardless of vaccination status. We will have masks if someone doesn't have one. We hope and expect everyone to be respectful of these safety measures.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday to Sam Harms – June 21st, Ian Pearce and Qingnan "Sally" Zhang – June 22nd, Andrew Takahashi – June 23rd, Andrew Koger – June 25th and Ramon Bonegio – June 26th! Happy Anniversary Ellie & Bob Pandorf – June 22nd!

Today's altar flowers are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mildred and Herbert O. Feist given by Robert and Anne Alence.



Reminder! We start our summer schedule next Sunday! Holy Eucharist at 9:30am.

Summer Kaffee Klatch returns! If you wish to gather briefly after our Sunday service, we can offer a cold drink or you may bring a coffee with you. No food is allowed. Our same Regathering Safety rules apply! Social distancing and masking up!

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 the Holy Spirit, Fall River, St. Luke's Church, Fall River, St. Gabriel's Church, Marion, and St. Philip of Bethsaida, Mattapoisett.

PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

June 2021: 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, Sebastian Coyle, Maureen Bruce, Hanna Johnson, Joan Musial, Tommy Foley, John Yuskas, Mary Miller, Tom Melideo, Constance Williams, Tori Simmons, Amy Rader Olsson, Carter Lustig, Sally Montgomery, Robin, Murdock Morrison, Grace McGregor, Natsuko Horiuchi, Shuhei Yasuda, Julie Le and Sarah Conger.

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PRELUDE

Rev. Isaac Everett

OPENING HYMN

STAND BY ME (INSPIRED BY "JUST AS I AM")

LEVAS 200

A musical score for a hymn titled "Stand by Me". The score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle staff is in bass clef, and the bottom staff is also in bass clef. The music is in common time and features a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are printed below each staff, corresponding to the musical phrases.

1. When the storms of life are rag - ing,
2. In the midst of trib - u - la - tions,
3. In the midst of faults and fail - ures,
4. In the midst of per - se - cu - tion,
5. When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble.

When the storms of life are rag - ing,
In the midst of trib - u - la - tions,
In the midst of faults and fail - ures,
In the midst of per - se - cu - tion,
When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble.

When the world is toss - ing me
When the hosts of hell as - sail,
When I do the best I can,
When my foes in bat - tle ar - ray
When my life be - comes a bur - den.

OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant: Blessed Be the One, Holy and Living God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Celebrant: 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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: God is with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, source and sustainer of all life, behold, we are your people, called to discipleship in this beloved community. We ask for openness to your holy presence within and among us – to shape our life together in peace and harmony. Increase our honor and love of one another, that we may go forth as servants of God's justice and mercy. Confirm in us the truth of our holy union, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LESSONS

(This week's Psalm comes from the St. Helena Psalter and the other readings are from the Inclusive Bible.)

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Reader: A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Once more the Philistines rallied their forces for war. They gathered at Socoh in Judah. A nine-foot-tall champion known as Goliath of Gath came out of the Philistine camp. He wore a bronze helmet, and bronze armor plates that weighed 125 pounds. He wore bronze greaves on his legs with a bronze javelin slung over his back. The spear shaft could serve as a weaver's rod, and its iron point alone weighed fifteen pounds. His shield-bearer marched ahead of him. The champion, standing before his forces, shouted to the ranks of the Israelites, "I dare you to come out in battle formation! I am a Philistine, and you are attendants of Saul. Choose one of your best warriors to come down to me. If he defeats me and kills me in a fair fight, we will be your subjects. But if I overcome your warrior, you will become our subjects and serve us." Then the Philistine said, "Today, I defy your ranks, Israelites! Send over a warrior to fight me." On hearing the Philistines challenge, Saul and the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

Saul and your brothers and all the Israelites were in the Valley of Elah, at war with the Philistines." Early the next morning David, having left the care of the sheep with a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse directed. He reached the camp just as the army moved out, shouting battle cries. The Israelites and the Philistines drew up opposite each other in battle array. David, leaving his things in the charge of the quartermaster, ran to the battle line and greeted his brothers. As they chatted with each other, Goliath, the champion from Gath, came out and shouted his challenge in the same words as before. And David heard the challenge. David said to Saul, "Don't anyone lose heart! I will fight the Philistine!" But Saul replied to David, "You cannot go up to fight against this Philistine. You are just a lad, and he has been fighting all his life." David said to Saul, "I am my father's shepherd. Whenever a lion or a bear carries off one of our flock. I go after it, attack it and rescue the sheep from its jaws. Then if it turns on me, I seize it by its fur, strike it, and kill it. I have killed lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine will fare no better than they, for this 'champion' has defied the ranks of the living God. God who saved me from the lions and the bears will save me from this Philistine." "Go then," Saul said, "and may God go with you." Saul put his own tunic on David, placed a bronze helmet on his head, and gave him a coat of mail to wear. Then Saul fastened his sword on David over the tunic. But David held back, saying, "I can't go in these. I am not used to them." So, David took them off.

Then David took up his staff, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the shepherd's bag which served as his pouch, and with his sling in hand, went out to meet the Philistine. The Philistine, preceded by his shield-bearer, approached David. He looked David over, up and down, and had nothing but disdain for the lad with the ruddy cheeks and bright eyes. He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And he cursed David in

the name of his gods, saying, "Come, I will give your flesh to the birds and the beasts!" David answered, "You come against me with sword, spear, and dagger, but I come against you in the name of God Omnipotent, the God of the armies of Israel whom you insulted. Today God will deliver you into my hands, for I will strike you down and cut off your head and leave your carcass and the carcasses of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the beasts of the wilderness. The whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will be witness that God saves without sword or spear. This battle is God 's, who will put all of you into our power."

When the Philistine moved closer to attack, David ran quickly to engage him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he put it into his sling, slung it, and struck the Philistine on the forehead—it penetrated his forehead, and Goliath fell face down onto the ground.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 9:9-20

9. You will be a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in time of trouble.
10. Those who know your Name will put their trust in you,
for you never forsake those who seek you, O God.
11. Sing praise to the Holy One who dwells in Zion;
proclaim to the peoples the things God has done.
12. The Avenger of blood will remember them
and will not forget the cry of the afflicted.
13. Have pity on me, O God;
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,
O you who lift me up from the gate of death,
14. So that I may tell of all your praises
and rejoice in your salvation
in the gates of the city of Zion.
15. The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug,
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16. You are known, O God, by your acts of justice;
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.
17. The wicked shall be given over to the grave
and also all the peoples that forget God.
18. For the needy shall not always be forgotten,
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.
19. Rise up, O God; let not the ungodly have the upper hand;
let them be judged before you.
20. Put fear upon them, O God;
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

As Christ's coworkers we beg you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For God says through Isaiah, "at the acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation! We take pains to avoid giving offense to anyone, for we don't want our ministry to be blamed. Instead, in all that we do we try to present ourselves as ministers of God, acting with patient endurance amid trials, difficulties, distresses, beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger. We conduct ourselves with innocence, knowledge, patience and kindness in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, with the message of truth and the power of God, wielding the weapons of justice with both right hand and left regardless of whether we are honored or dishonored, spoken of favorably or unfavorably. We are called impostors, yet we are truthful; we are called unknowns, yet we are famous; we are said to be dying, yet we are alive; punished, but not put to death; sorrowful, though we are always rejoicing; poor, yet we enrich many. We seem to have nothing, yet we possess everything!

We have spoken frankly to you, Corinthians; we've opened our hearts wide to you. We're not holding anything back; you, on the other hand, are holding back your affection from us. It would be a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—if you'd open your hearts as widely to us as we do to you.

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

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand*)



A musical score for the Alleluia acclamation. It consists of a single staff in G major, common time. The melody is simple, featuring eighth-note patterns. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia," are repeated three times, followed by a final "ia!" on a single note.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

With the coming of evening that same day, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let's cross over to the other shore." Leaving the crowd behind, they took Jesus in the boat in which he was sitting. There were other boats with them. Then a fierce gale arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat so much that it was almost swamped. But Jesus was in the stern through it all, sound asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said, "Teacher, doesn't it matter to you that we're going to drown?" Jesus awoke, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Quiet! be calm!" And the wind dropped and everything was perfectly calm. Jesus then said to the disciples, "Why were you so frightened? Have you no faith?" But they became filled with fear and said to one another, "Who is this, whom even the wind and sea obey?"

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Cara Rockhill

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 (*please stand or kneel*)

LEM: Loving Creator of all that exists, thank you for all your creation; for creatures and people who live upon your Earth. And all who work to protect them from harm and danger.

All: **This is our prayer.**

LEM: Loving Redeemer of all people, be in the hearts and minds of all the world leaders so they can make life-sustaining and just decisions for all people everywhere, that all may have clean water and healthy food for their bodies, and fulfilling work for their spirits. And we pray for peace and non-violence.

All: **This is our prayer.**

LEM: Loving Sustainer of all life, we ask that you help us see what is right and just when using your earth for our benefit. Help us to use your resources carefully: your waters, minerals, ores, timber, plants, soil, animals; may we use them for the benefit of all, not just a few.

All: **This is our prayer.**

LEM: Loving God of Mercy, Love, and Healing, we pray for those who are sick physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray all people who are homeless and those living in homes that are unsafe. We pray for people who can't work, those who can't find jobs, or those who have to work too many jobs to support a family. We pray that all people—women and men—have access to the healthcare that they need. And we pray, especially, for those on our parish prayer list (*read the names*) and for every prayer in our community prayer book (*read from our virtual community prayers*). Let us pray for the people of St. Paul's dear God, bless this parish and all its members. Help us to grow through the lessons we learn and the sacrifices we make, and guide us into the future. Please, God, watch over these people.

All: **This is our prayer.**

LEM: Loving God of Eternal Life, we pray for all who have died especially Mildred and Herbert O. Feist for whom today's altar flowers have been given. And, we pray for those who left us during this pandemic yet whose bright lights are not forgotten. Please comfort all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

All: **This is our prayer.**

LEM: Loving God: Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer of all, we thank you for all of our parents, guardians, and all others who feed us, protect us, and nurture us in our lives. We thank you for their loving-kindness, guidance, and support. We also pray that all children who are in orphanages or who don't have families of their own will find a loving family soon. And we pray for all fathers who cannot be with their children today.

All: **These are our prayers. Amen.**

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 you, forgive you every trespass through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

EUCARISTIC PRAYER II
(from *Enriching Our Worship*)

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above all life and death
Creator, Christ and Holy Breath. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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 away; 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 say:

SANCTUS **Holy, holy, holy, One
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory;
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of God;
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Glory, 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 you, O God, 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, and 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 this, 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 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.

THE GREAT AMEN

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All:

A - men. A - men. A - men.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant: As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

All: Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kindom 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION

LEVAS #151

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

Celebrant: These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for us, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

*You are welcome at this table, exactly as you are,
because of who you are. If you are willing, please come forward to receive Communion.
If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing –
place your arms across your chest to indicate that a blessing is desired.*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*please stand*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, our Creator, 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 Christ's 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 Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

HUMBLY I ADORE THEE

HYMNAL 1982 #314

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,

tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant: 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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