

# The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

9:30am ~ Holy Eucharist with Amazing Grace ~



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

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## **SERVICE MINISTERS**

Celebrant & Preacher:	Rev. Cara Rockhill
Musician:	Brenda Carter
LEM:	Mandi Rice ( <i>Statement of Faith &amp; Prayers of the People</i> )
Readers:	Chris Gruener ( <i>reading 1 &amp; Psalm</i> ) and Tricia Tyler ( <i>reading 2</i> )
Attendance:	Susan Boyer
Altar Guild:	Ellie Pandorf & Margaret Hummel

## **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:**

Today's altar flowers are given for the glory of God and in celebration of the lives of Lynne Urquiola and Heather Morris Dias given by Eliza and Craig Blay.



Summer Kaffee Klatch returns! If you wish to gather briefly after our Sunday service, we can offer a cold drink or coffee. 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, St. Paul's Church, Lynnfield, St. Paul's Church, Malden, Grace Church, Medford, Trinity Parish, Melrose, and Deputies and Alternate Deputies to the General Convention.

## **PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:**

**July 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, Grace McGregor, Natsuko Horiuchi, Shuhei Yasuda, Julie Le, Sarah Conger and Janet Prifti.

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PRELUDE

Brenda Carter

OPENING HYMN

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

HYMNAL#609

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Section: Christian Responsibility Title: Where cross the crowded ways of life Meter: LM Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt.  
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## 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:* **Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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

**2 Samuel 7:1-14a**

*Reader:* A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

When David finally settled into the palace, and God gave him rest from enemies on every side, he said to the prophet Nathan, "Here I am living in this house of cedar while the ark of God sits in a tent!" Nathan replied to David, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for God is with you." That night the word of God came to Nathan, and said, "Go and tell my servant David that this is what God wants: 'Are you the one to build me a temple? I have been without a temple from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling place. Wherever I traveled with the people of

Israel, did I ever say to the governors whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a temple made out of cedar?" Now then, tell my servant, David, "This is what God Omnipotent says: I took you from the pastures and from following sheep to be the ruler of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and destroyed all your enemies in your path. I will give you fame like the fame of the great ones on the earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel. I will plant them where they will have a home of their own—a place where they will never be disturbed. n ever again will the sinners oppress them as they did in the past ever since the time I appointed judges to lead my people Israel. I will give you security from all your enemies. "Furthermore, I alone will establish your house. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you. Your successor will come from your own body, and I will establish your dynasty. It is you who will build a temple to honor my Name, and I will establish your throne for an eternal dominion. I will be mother and father to you, and you will be my child.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 89:20-37

20. I have found David my servant;  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
21. My hand will hold him fast  
and my arm will make him strong.
22. No enemy shall deceive him,  
nor any adversary bring him down.
23. I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.
24. My faithfulness and love shall be with him,  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
25. I shall make his dominion extend  
from the Great Sea to the River.
26. He will say to me, 'You are my God,  
my savior and the rock of my salvation.'
27. I will make him my firstborn  
and higher than the rulers of the earth.

28. I will keep my love for him for ever,  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
29. I will establish his line for ever  
and his throne as the days of heaven.
30. If his children forsake my law  
and do not walk according to my judgments;
31. If they break my statutes  
and do not keep my commandments;
32. I will punish their transgressions with a rod  
and their iniquities with the lash;
33. But I will not take my love from him,  
nor let my faithfulness prove false.
34. I will not break my covenant,  
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
35. Once for all I have sworn by my holiness:  
'I will not lie to David.
36. His line shall endure for ever  
and his throne as the sun before me;
37. It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon,  
the abiding witness in the sky.'

## THE EPISTLE

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

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

Bear in mind that at one time the men among you who were Gentiles physically—called “The uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcised,” all because of a minor operation—had no part in Christ and were excluded from the community of Israel. You were strangers to the Covenant and its promise; you were without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For Christ is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of hostility that kept us apart. In his own flesh, Christ abolished the Law, with its commands and ordinances, in order to make the two into one new person, thus establishing peace and reconciling us all to God in one body through the cross, which put to death the enmity between

us. Christ came and announced the Good News of peace to you who were far away, and to those who were near, for through Christ, we all have access in One Spirit to our God. This means that you are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are included in God's holy people and are members of the household of God, which is built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus as the capstone. In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in our God; in Christ you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*please stand as you are able*)



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**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

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

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

The apostles came back to Jesus and reported all that they had done and taught. Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves to someplace more remote, and rest awhile." For there were many people coming and going, and the apostles hadn't had time to eat. So they went away in a boat to a deserted area. The people saw them leaving and many recognized them, so they ran together on foot from all the cities and got there ahead of the apostles. When Jesus went ashore, there was a large crowd waiting for him, and he felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things.

After crossing the lake, Jesus and the disciples came ashore at Gennesaret and tied up their boat there. No sooner had they stepped out of the boat than people recognized Jesus. The crowds started hurrying about the countryside and brought the sick on stretchers wherever Jesus went. Wherever he appeared—in villages, in towns or in the countryside—they laid down the sick in the open places, begging him to let them touch just the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched Jesus got well.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Cara Rockhill

**STATEMENT OF FAITH** *(please stand or kneel as you are able)*

**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**

*LEM:* God of surprises, you call us  
from the narrowness of our traditions to new ways of being church  
from the captivities of our culture to creative witness for justice  
from the smallness of our horizons to the bigness of your vision.

*All:* **Clear the way in us that we and others may be called to freedom and renewed faith.**

*LEM:* Jesus, wounded healer, you call us  
from preoccupation with ourselves to daily tasks of peacemaking  
from privilege to pilgrimage,  
from insularity to inclusive community.

*All:* **Clear the way in us that we and others may be called to wholeness and integrity.**

*LEM:* Holy, transforming, Spirit, you call us  
from fear to faithfulness  
from clutter to clarity  
from a desire to control to deeper trust,  
from the refusal to love to a readiness to risk.

*All:* **Clear the way in us that we may all know the beauty and power and danger of the Gospel.**

*LEM:* In your Spirit, we pray for those remembered on our parish prayer list (*read the names*). We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Lynne Urquiola and Heather Morris Dias for whom today's altar flowers are given. We pray for all those who left us during this pandemic yet whose bright lights are not forgotten, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We offer you these special prayers and concerns for our community (*read from the community book*). I invite us to offer our own prayers either silently or aloud.

*All:* **Clear the way in us that we all may love each other without limit or measure. Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*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 as 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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

*(from Enriching Our Worship)*

### THE DOXOLOGY *(please stand as you are able)*

**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."

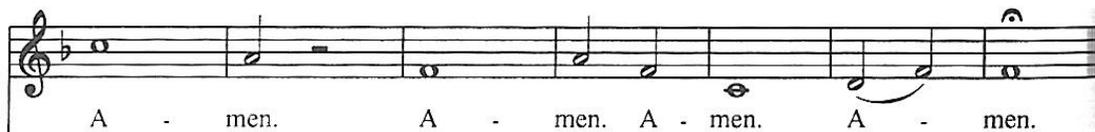
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink this, do this for the remembrance of me."

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:*



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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 kindom, 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 as you are able)*

*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

1. Shack-led by a heav - y bur - den, neath a load of  
 2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, since he cleansed and

guilt and shame, then the hand of Je - sus touched me,  
 made me whole, I will nev - er cease to praise him;

*Refrain*

and now I am no long - er the same. He touched me, O he  
 I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Some-thing

hap-pened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

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HE TOUCHED ME  
 Irr. with Refrain

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PARDON, *see further:*

389 Freely, Freely  
 99 My Tribute

282 'Tis Finished! the Messiah Dies  
 98 To God Be the Glory

## 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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