The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

9:30am ~ Holy Eucharist with Amazing Grace and Blessing of the Animals! ~



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

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Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Cara Rockhill

Musician: Ken Brooks

LEM: Margaret Hummel (Statement of Faith & Prayers of the People)
Readers: Chris Gruener (reading 1 & Psalm) and John McDargh (reading 2)

Attendance/Usher: Susan Boyer

Altar Guild: Ellie Pandorf & Caryn Coyle

Zoom: Eliza Blay

REGATHERING SAFETY:

If you attend our outdoor/indoor service, families, households, and "pods" are welcome to sit together. Please remember that 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 anyone doesn't have one. We hope and expect everyone to be respectful of these safety measures.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday to Bailey Whitbeck – October 19th, Jack Blay and Avery Kaiser – October 22nd, and Yvonne Aubert-Sarafinas – October 23rd! Happy Anniversary to Amy and Bob Radin!

Today's altar flowers are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mildred Feist, Olive S. Feist and Betty Randall given by Robert and Anne Alence.

Kaffee Klatch continues! If you wish to gather briefly after our Sunday service, we can offer a cold drink or coffee. No food is allowed and our same regathering safety rules apply. Please practice social distancing and mask up.

IN OUR DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

For the Episcopal Church USA: Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Alan Gates and Gayle Harris, our Bishops, Grace Church, Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Hingham, St. John's Church, Holbrook, Trinity Church, Marshfield, Church of Our Saviour, Milton, and the Order of St. Luke.

PARISH PRAYER LIST - PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

October 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, Mary Miller, Tom Melideo, Constance Williams, Amy Rader Olsson, Carter Lustig, Robin, Grace McGregor, Natsuko Horiuchi, Julie Le, Sarah Conger, Janet Prifti, Rev. Cara Rockhill, Arthur Talis, and Baby Potterbusch.

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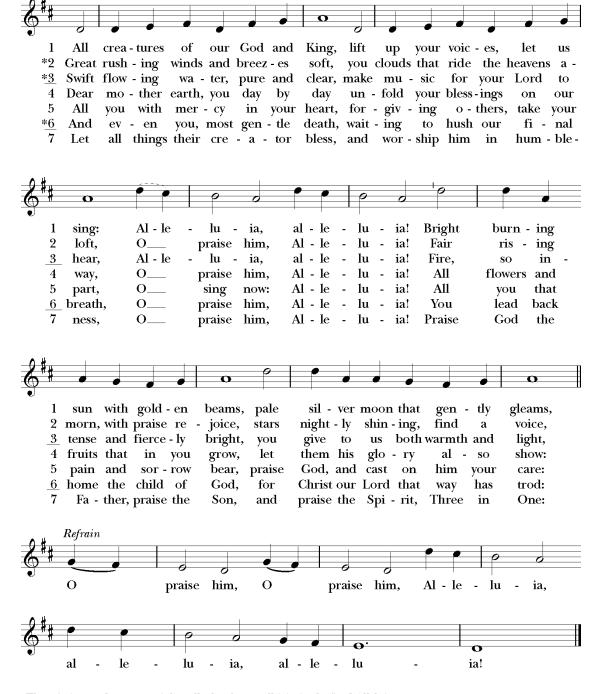
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Prelude Ken Brooks

WELCOME

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



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Section: Praise to God Title: All creatures of our God and King Meter:88. 44. 88 with Refrain Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1882-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistiche Kirchengeseng, 123; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Copyright: Music: By permission of Oxford University Press. Reprinted under Onelicense.net. #A-714071.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

GLORIA WLP #899

All: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Author,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Author,

Lord God, Light of God,

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name, Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,

You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Author: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of our God.

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,

Amen.

COLLECT FOR A BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Celebrant: God is with you.

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation, in all creatures great and small, with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

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

THE HEBREW BIBLE Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Job.

Then God answered Job from the heart of the storm: who is this obscuring my plans with such ignorant words? Hitch up your belt like the fighter you are; now I will ask the questions and you will answer me! Where were you when I created the earth? If you know the answer, tell me! Who decided its size? Do you know? Who stretched the measuring line across it? Into what foundation were its pillars sunk? Who laid the cornerstone while all the choruses of morning stars sang and the heavenly court shouted for joy?

Can you boom out your voice at the clouds, and cause them to rain on command? Can you send the lightning on its way? Does it report back to you, "Here we are?" Who instills the ibis with its prophetic wisdom? Where does the rooster pick up its intuition? Who classifies the clouds, and pours out the heavenly water jars until the soil is muddy, and the dust has become solid? Do you stalk the prey for the lioness? Do you provide food for her cubs, when they lie low in the den, or crouch in a culvert? Who provides the raven its nourishment when its young cry out to God; when they wander about without food?

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37

Bless the Holy One, O my soul;
 O God, how excellent is your greatness;
 you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

- 2. You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak; you spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3. You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4. You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants.
- 5. You have set the earth upon its foundations, so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6. You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7. At your rebuke they fled; at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8. They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9. You set the limits that they should not pass; they shall not again cover the earth.
- 25. Holy One, how manifold are your works; in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 37. Bless the Holy One, O my soul. Alleluia!

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 5:1-10

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest taken from among the faithful is appointed on their behalf to deal with the things of God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. The high priest is able to deal patiently with erring sinners, being likewise beset by weakness and so must make personal sin offerings as well as those for the people. One doesn't take on this honor by one's own initiative, but only when called by God, as Aaron was.

Even Christ didn't presume to take on the office of high priest. Christ was appointed high priest by the one who said, "You are my own; today I have begotten you"; and in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days when he was in the flesh, Jesus offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to God, who was able to save him from death, and Jesus was heard because of his reverence. Firstborn though he was, Jesus learned to obey through suffering. But having been made perfect, Jesus became, for all who obey, the source of eternal salvation, and he was designated by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

All: Thanks be to God.



Section: Praise to God Title: Each little flower that opens Meter:76. 76 with Refrain Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) Music: Royal Oak, melody from The Dancing Master, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Copyright: Music: Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Descant, © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc. Reprinted under Onelicense.net. #A-714071.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand as you are able)



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THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

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

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

Zebedee's children James and John approached Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "We want you to grant our request." "What is it?" Jesus asked. They replied, "See to it that we sit next to you, one at your right and one at your left, when you come into your glory." Jesus told them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I will drink or be baptized in the same baptism as I?" "We can," they replied. Jesus said in response, "From the cup I drink of, you will drink; the baptism I am immersed in, you will share. But as for sitting at my right or my left, that is not mine to give; it is for those to whom it has been reserved."

The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant at James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know how among the Gentiles those who exercise authority are domineering and arrogant; those 'great ones' know how to make their own importance felt. But it can't be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. The Promised One has come not to be served, but to serve to give one life in ransom for the many."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Rev. Cara Rockhill

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Creator, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (please stand or kneel as you are able)

LEM: We pray for the earth. We pray for strength to work seriously to put a stop to the pollution that is destroying many habitats. We pray for the courage to end deforestation. We particularly pray for the creatures harmed or killed by human carelessness and for human sport. We pray that our national and international leaders will speak up to defend the voiceless.

All: God, help us to work humbly with your creation.

LEM: We pray that our leaders have the courage to serve honestly, with wisdom, and that we all have the humility to learn from our mistakes and for the leaders who now have a public forum to make a change for the better. We pray for our Bishops, Alan and Gayle, and for our Presiding Bishop, Michael. And, for all of the people of God.

All: God, help us to lead humbly with your creation.

LEM: We pray for all who are sick, particularly for our grandparents who are struggling with aging and all who are struggling with illness. For those on our parish prayer list (read the names) and for those in our community prayer book (read the prayers). Hear these prayers, and the silent concerns in each of our hearts. Let the suffering fade with the darkness at dawn.

All: God, help us to tend each other humbly with your creation.

LEM: We pray for all who are feeling lost today, all who are suffering, and all who are searching without the support that they need. For those in prison, for those struggling with addiction, for those who live and serve in the war zones of the world, and for an end to racism and violence and oppression of all kinds and in all places.

All: God, help us to hope humbly for the reconciliation of all your creation.

LEM: We pray for all the saints who have gone before us especially Mildred Feist, Olive S. Feist and Betty Randall for whom today's altar flowers are given. And for whom all we lost during this pandemic, but whose bright lights are not forgotten, help us to know that death is a natural part of life.

All: God, help us to walk humbly with the seasons of your creation.

LEM: We offer thanksgiving for all the joys of creation; and, for our dear creaturely friends who love us without question or qualm. Help us to treat them with respect and dignity in the sure knowledge that their lives are precious in God's sight.

All: God, help us to celebrate the limitlessness of your creation

LEM: And let the people say.

All: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (please stand or kneel as you are able)

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

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

you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole.

keep you in eternal life.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

If you are able, please hold or move your animals up to the screen or bring to the front of the aisle for a blessing.

Celebrant: Compassionate Creator, who loves and cares for all living creatures, bless and

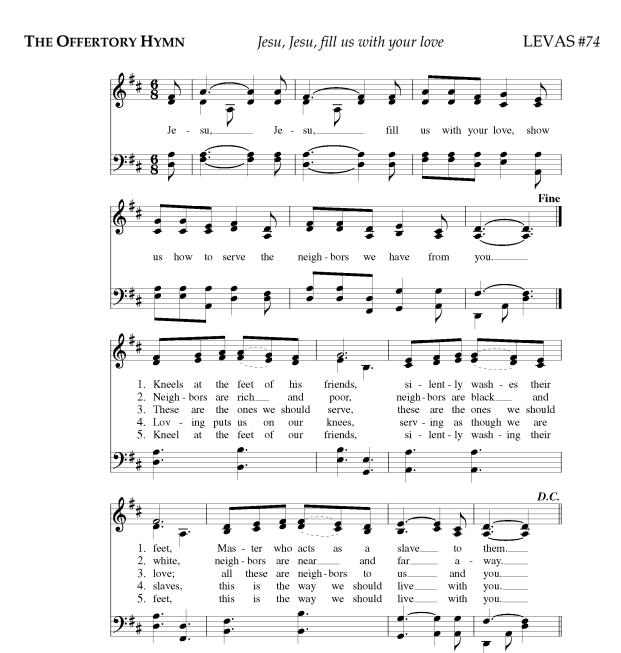
protect all whom you have placed in human care. Help all to provide for their health and wellbeing, and to cherish their presence in our midst, knowing that

their life is precious in your sight. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

(from Enriching Our Worship)



Section: Jesus Christ our Lord Title: Jesu, Jesu Words: John 13:1-17; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969 Music: Ghana Folk Song; adapt. Tom Colvin 1969; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988 Copyright: © 1969 Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under Onelicense.net. #A-714071.

THE DOXOLOGY HYMNAL #380

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 WLP #858

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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 the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. 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 WLP #863

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 ANTHEM WLP #878

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger and Whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

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



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Section: Christian Pilgrimage Title: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases Meter: Irr. Words: 1989 A New Zealand Prayer Book - He Karakia Mihihare O Aotearoa Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from Tunes for Grace Reprinted under Onelicense.net. #A-714071.

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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