

# The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Holy Eucharist

September 28, 2025 at 10:00am



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# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 21, YEAR C)

## Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise

*This morning the Parish of St. Paul is delighted to welcome our bishop diocesan,  
the Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth, to POSP for her first visitation with us.  
Welcome, Bishop Whitworth!*

Prelude

*Musicians*

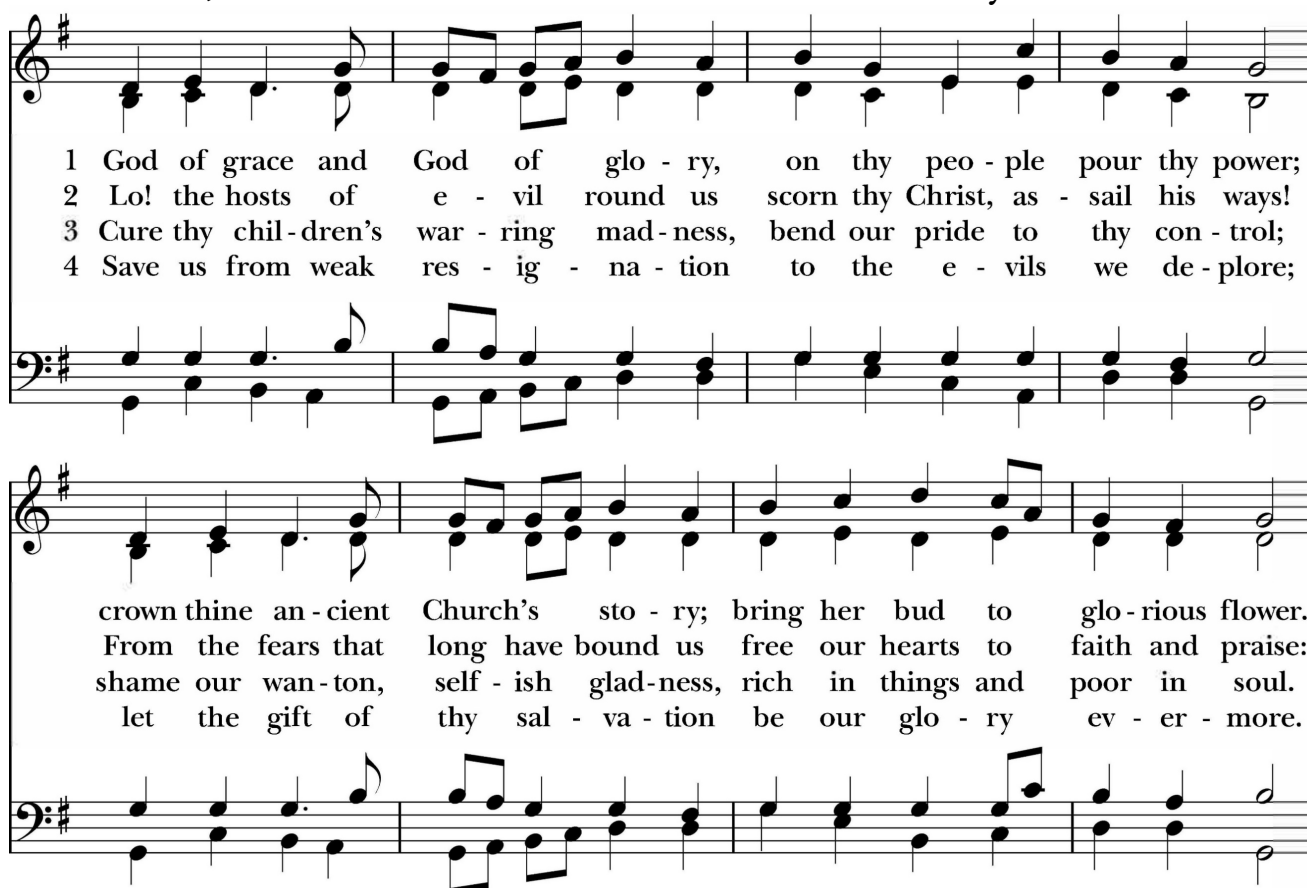
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## Gathering Rites / *Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

### Gathering Hymn

*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

*Hymnal 1982, #594 – God of Grace and God of Glory*



The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining four lines. Each line of music is accompanied by its corresponding lyrics. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy kin-dom's  
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour,  
 days,  
 goal,  
 dore,

for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy kin-dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

*People* And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

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; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Hymn of Praise



\* Let us praise God to - geth - er all as one.

Let us praise God to - geth - er all as one.

As we join all as one, with our face to the ris - ing

sun, O God, have mer - cy on us.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated*

The First Reading

*Amos 6:1a,4-7*

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

*Psalm 146*

*We will pray the psalm responsively by whole verse*

Alleluia! Praise God, O my soul!  
I will praise God as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,  
for there is no help in them.**

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in their God;**

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
whose promise abides for ever;

**Who gives justice to those who are oppressed  
and food to those who hunger.**

God sets the prisoners free  
and opens the eyes of the blind;  
God lifts up those who are bowed down;

**The Most High loves the righteous;  
the Most High cares for the stranger;  
God sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

God shall reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia!

*This week's Psalm is from the St. Helena Psalter*

The Second Reading

*1 Timothy 6:6-19*

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in

their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, people of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Savior Jesus Christ, which God will bring about at the right time-- Christ who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the Ruler of ages, the Most High, the Holy One. It is Christ alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to Christ be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

# Sequence Hymn

*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

## Hymnal 1982, #536 – Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,  
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,  
4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,

o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the  
Ju - dah is glad to see God's day. From east and west the  
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O

roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.  
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.  
peo - ples trav - el, God will show the way.  
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.

God has spo - ken to God's peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!

And God's words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to God's peo - ple,  
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,

Hal - le - lu - jah! And God's words are  
To - rah o - ra,

words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Da Capo*

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## The Gospel

*Luke 16:19-31*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

*The Bishop*

## 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

*Presider* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor* Grant, Loving God, that all who praise your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Episcopal Church, for our presiding bishop, Sean Rowe, and our diocesan bishop, Julia Whitworth. We pray for all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for our own Parish of St. Paul; Ascension Memorial Church, Ipswich; St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn; Emmanuel Chapel, Manchester-by-the-Sea; Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead; and for all Ministries with Homeless Persons and Refugees. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else in the church do we pray today? *(You are invited to add your own prayers.)*

*Silence*

God, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

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. Either in silence or aloud, for which peoples and leaders of the world do we pray today? *(You are invited to add your own prayers.)*

*Silence*

God, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

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. Either in silence or aloud, for what in the created order do we pray today? *(You are invited to add your own prayers.)*

*Silence*

God, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Either in silence or aloud, for whom and what do we give thanks in our lives today? *(You are invited to add your own thanksgivings.)*

*Silence*

God, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; all those who suffer from addiction or depression; and all those who may need encouragement and uplift. Give them courage and hope, and bring them the joy of your peace and salvation. We pray especially for Kirsten; Nancy Williamson; Paul Friedman; Terry; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the peoples and ministries of the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else do we pray today? *(You are invited to add your own prayers.)*

*Silence*

God, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially Keith C. and Evelyn Hatfield, Eleanor Hatfield, and Stephen and Dorothy Bates, in whose memory today's altar flowers are given. Either in silence or aloud, whom do we remember today by name? (*You are invited to offer names.*)

*Silence*

God, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Prayer for the Social Order (*BCP* p. 824)

*Intercessor* Together let us pray.

*All* **O God, you have bound us together in a common life.  
Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and  
truth, to confront one another without hatred or  
bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance  
and respect; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Silence*

*Presider offers a collect.*

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.

*Silence*

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who 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" (*Mt. 11:28-30*).

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace.*

## Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Sentence

*The Presider offers instructions for receiving communion, and bids the offertory sentence.*

## Offertory Anthem

*Choir*

## The Doxology – Old Hundredth

*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

*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.*

*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## *Presider and People*

The musical score is written for a Presider and a People. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the Presider (treble and bass clef), and the last two are for the People (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-san - na in the highest. san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the highest." The music is a simple, rhythmic melody with chords, suitable for a liturgical setting.

*Please rise, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.*

*Then the Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,



“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember Christ’s death,  
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,  
We await Christ’s coming in glory;**

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*You are invited to say whichever version of the Lord's Prayer you choose.*

*Presider*

As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* Alleluia. We who are many are one body;

*People* For we all share in the one bread. Alleluia.

*Presider*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

# Communion

*Jesus says, "Come and see."*

*You are welcome at this Table, exactly as you are, because of who you are. If you feel called to the Table, please come forward to receive Communion.*

*Gluten-free communion bread is available. Please let the priest know when you come for communion.*

*If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion.*

*If you do not desire Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.*

## *Prayer of Spiritual Communion*

*(The following prayer of Spiritual Communion is said privately and is intended for individuals participating remotely, and for individuals who may not wish to receive Communion or a blessing.)*

*In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

# Postcommunion Hymn

*You are invited to stand, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.*

## Draw the Circle Wide

Refrain



Draw the cir-cle wide. Draw it wid - er still.



Let this be our song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by



side, draw the cir - cle wide.

4 Verses



wide. Draw the cir-cle

1. God the still - point of the cir - cle,  
2. Let our hearts touch far ho - ri - zons,  
3. Let the dreams we dream be larg - er,



1. 'Round whom all cre - a - tion turns; Noth-ing lost, but  
2. So en - com-pass great and small; Let our lov - ing  
3. Than we've ev - er dreamed be - fore; Let the dream of



1. held for - ev - er, In God's gra - cious arms.  
2. know no bor - ders, Faith - ful to God's call.  
3. Christ be in us, O - pen ev - ery door.

to Refrain



## Postcommunion Prayer

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.*

*People and Presider*

**Eternal God,**

**you have graciously accepted us as living members**

**of our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,**

**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,**

**in the promise of Christ's love, which defeats evil and death,**

**and grant us strength and courage,**

**in face of fear and doubt,**

**through the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**to be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,**

**to love and serve you,**

**to seek justice and to live in peace,**

**with gladness and singleness of heart;**

**through Christ our Savior,**

**for the glory of God alone. Amen.**

*The Postcommunion Prayer is an adaptation from the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Expansive Edition) and the Statement of Faith from the Iona Abbey Worship Book (2001).*

## Blessing

# Processional Hymn

## *Hymnal 1982, #379 – God Is Love*



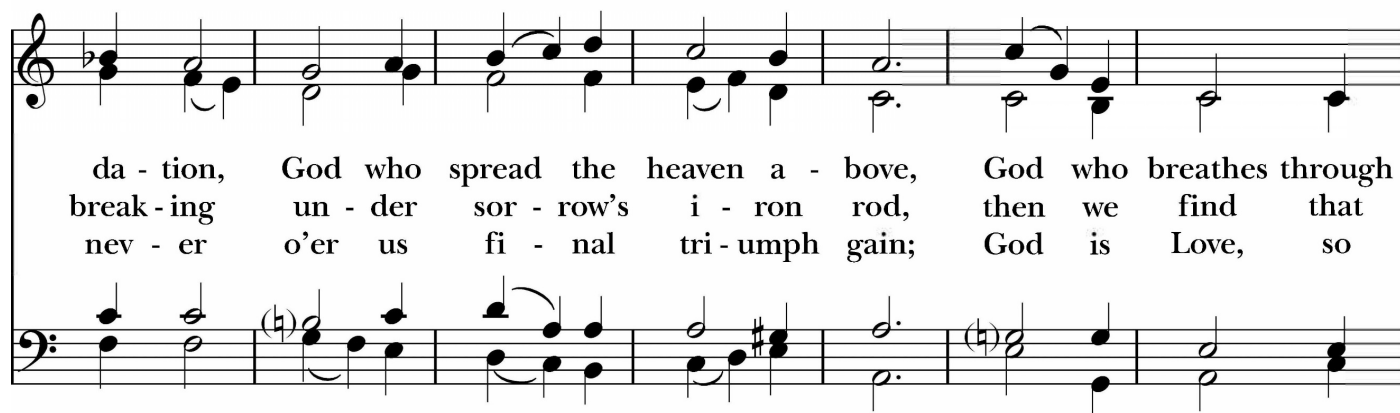
1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore God; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



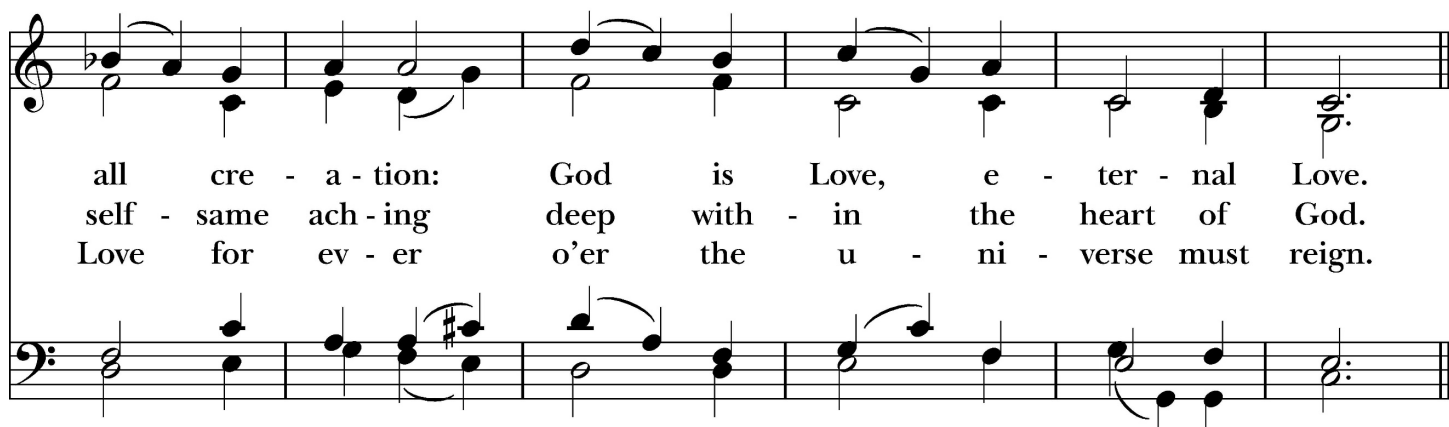
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore God  
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt God with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



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## Dismissal

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.*

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.



## TODAY'S LITURGY

### Participants

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth – Presider and Preacher

The Rev. Margaret Lias – Deacon and Bishop's Chaplain

The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – Assisting Priest (and POSP Priest-in-Charge)

David Montgomery – Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm

Chris Gruener – Lector of Second Reading

Carter Lustig – Acolyte

Margaret Hummel – Intercessor and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Brenda Carter – Pianist

Margaret Hummel and Amy Trueblood – Altar Guild

Kim Koger – Usher/Attendance

David Montgomery and Kathryn Anderson – Counters

Will Holz – Tech

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## **PRAYERS**

### **In Our Diocesan Cycle Of Prayer:**

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan Bishop; all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for our own Parish of St Paul; Ascension Memorial Church, Ipswich; St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn; Emmanuel Chapel, Manchester-by-the-Sea; Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead; and for all Ministries with Homeless Persons and Refugees.

### **Parish Prayer List – Prayers are Requested for:**

Kirsten; Nancy Williamson; Paul Friedman; Terry; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

## **SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Today's flowers are donated by Keith and Lee Hatfield for the glory of God and in loving memory of Keith C. and Evelyn Hatfield, Eleanor Hatfield, Stephen and Dorothy Bates.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome to the Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth!**

The Parish of St. Paul is delighted to welcome our bishop diocesan, the Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth, to POSP for her first parish visitation with us.

Bishop Whitworth is the 17th bishop diocesan of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.



She was ordained to the priesthood in September 2010 and served as the assistant rector of St. James's Church in West Hartford, Conn., from 2010 to 2012, and then as the canon for liturgy and the arts at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City, from 2013 to 2016. She was the rector of Trinity Church in Indianapolis from 2016 until her election as bishop in May 2024. She was ordained and consecrated a bishop in October 2024 at Trinity Church in Boston.

While in the Diocese of Indianapolis, she was a General Convention deputy and a member of the Executive Council and the Committee for Canons and Constitution. She also served on the Board of Trustees of St. Richard's Episcopal School; the Board of Directors of Trinity Haven, the first dedicated residence for LGBTQ+ youth in Indiana; and the LGBTQ+ youth advocacy organization Shelly's Voice. She is a former member of the Governing Board of the National Association of Episcopal Schools.

She is a 1993 graduate of Dartmouth College, where she majored in drama and English, with minors in women's studies and education. She holds a Master of Arts degree from New York University/Tisch School of the Arts, in performance studies, and a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary.

Bishop Whitworth is married to artist-designer Ray Neufeld. They have three children, Liam, Gregory and Grace.

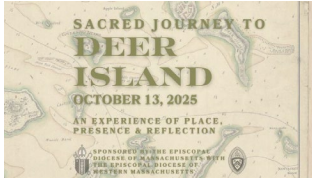
### **Loose Offering Today**

The loose offering (undesignated monies) collected today will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for Theological Education. Checks should be **made payable to "EDOM" with "Theological Education" in the memo line**. If you'd like to make a contribution but don't have cash or a check with you today, POSP will collect monies for this through Sunday, October 19, and will send in all collected funds to the diocese.

### **What's Happening at the Parish of St. Paul - Save the Dates!**

- Sunday, October 5: Holy Eucharist at 10am, followed by the Blessing of the Animals at 11am
- Sunday, October 12: The Rev. David Killian, Guest Presider and Preacher
- Friday, October 24: Pizza and Compline at 7pm

## Monday, October 13 – Diocesan Event: Indigenous Peoples' Day Sacred Journey to Deer Island



On Monday, October 13, from 9am-5pm, beginning at St. Paul's Church in Natick, the Diocese of Massachusetts and the Diocese of Western Massachusetts mark the 350th anniversary of the beginning of Metacomb's Rebellion (King Philip's

War) with a sacred journey from Natick, MA, to Deer Island – the internment site where hundreds of Native people from the “praying towns” died from exposure and starvation in the winter of 1675 - 1676. All are invited. For more information and to register, scan the QR code and contact Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, Canon for Immigration and Multicultural Ministries at [jbntagengwa@diomass.org](mailto:jbntagengwa@diomass.org) or 617-482-4826, ext. 400.



### Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email Lise in the parish office or use this QR code.



### Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute altar flowers for a thanksgiving or memorial, please be in contact with Lise in the parish office.

### Pastoral Care

If you desire pastoral care for a particular need, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan. It could be as simple as a private prayer request emailed to her, or an in-person conversation about something of concern. Rev. Meghan or our pastoral care intern, Jason von Ehrenkrook, are available to meet with you.

### Receive the Parish Newsletter!

The newsletter is sent about once per week (occasionally more often if there is a pressing notice, for example, of snow cancellation, etc.). **The newsletter contains reflections from parishioners and lots of information and announcements about our diocese, the greater church, and other goings-on in and around town and in the world, that are not printed in this bulletin.**

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## Can Redemption Volunteers

Volunteers sought to assist with can redemption for the Plenty ministry. Please connect with Christopher Gruener or speak with Rev. Meghan if you can assist.



## Staff and Office Hours

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – [meghan@parishofstpaul.org](mailto:meghan@parishofstpaul.org). Office Hours: In-Person, usually on Wednesday, 9am -1pm and by appointment (please email Rev. Meghan directly if you would like to make an appointment).

Parish Administrator: Lise Brody – [office@parishofstpaul.org](mailto:office@parishofstpaul.org). Office Hours (may vary): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-1pm

## Vestry

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with your vestry. The next Vestry Meeting is on October 15.

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## Elected Parish Leaders

Delegates to the Charles River Deanery: David Montgomery and Mary Lou Pierron

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Jack Blay and Mary Lou Pierron; alternate Kim Koger

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