

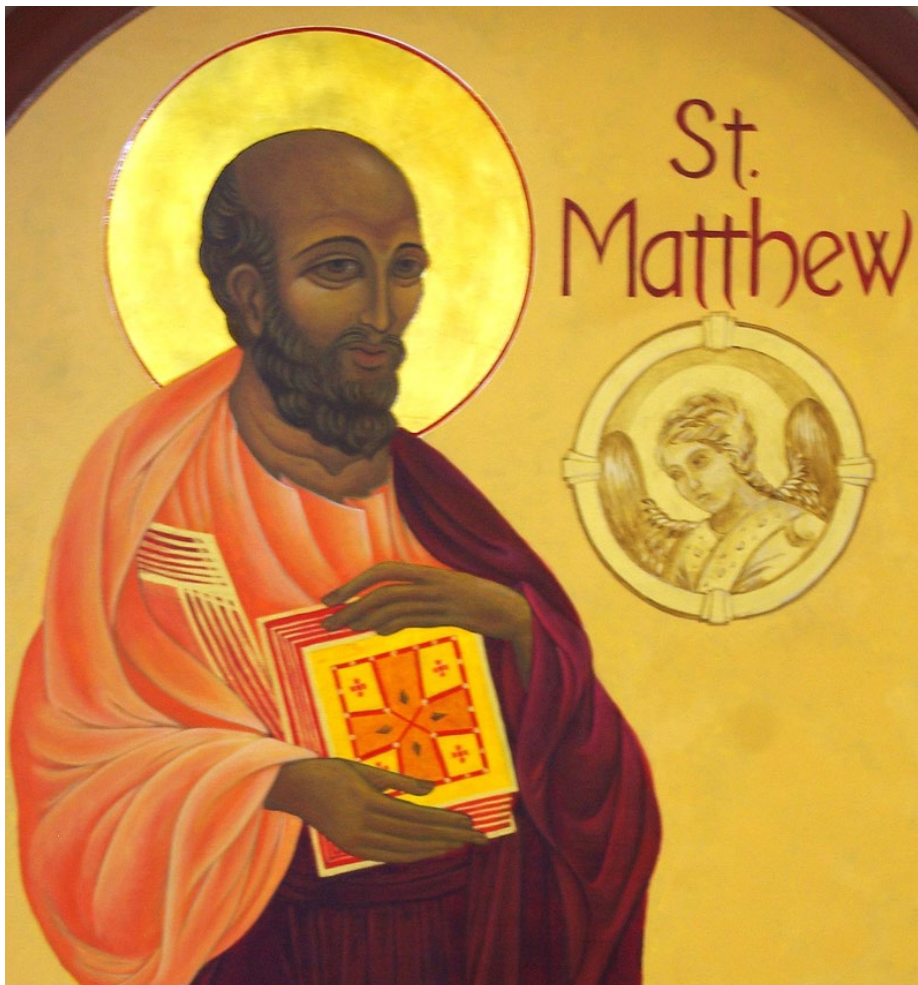
# The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

## Second Sunday After Pentecost

### Holy Eucharist

June 7, 2026 at 10:00am



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

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 5, YEAR A)

## Holy Eucharist with Joyful Noise

Prelude

*Musicians*

Lead Me, Lord

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
that makest me dwell in safety.*

Text and Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

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

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

Gathering Hymn

*Please rise as you are comfortable.*

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High God of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, God;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my Cre - a - tor; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity One God.

*People* And blessed be God's kindom, 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.

## *The Gloria*

*The Hymnal*, #S278

♩ = 125

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 2. O God, ma - jes - ty, al -  
 might - y God and Au - thor, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. O Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Child of the Au - thor, O God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Au - thor: re  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are our God,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Au - thor. A - men.

Section: Canticles Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis* Music: William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright: © 1976 Oxford University Press.

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

*Genesis 12:1-9*

Now *I am who I am* said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as *I am who I am* had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then *I am who I am* appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to *I am who I am*, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to *I am who I am* and invoked the name of this God. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

# The Psalm

*Psalm 33:1-12*

*We will pray the psalm responsively by whole verse.*

Rejoice in God, you righteous;  
it is good for the just to sing praises.

**Sing praises to God with the harp;  
play upon the psaltery and lyre.**

Sing to God a new song;  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

**O God, your word is right,  
and all your works are sure.**

You love righteousness and justice;  
your loving-kindness fills the whole earth.

**By your word, O God, were the heavens made,  
by the breath of your mouth all the heavenly hosts.**

You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin  
and store up the depths of the sea.

**Let all the earth fear you;  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of you.**

For you spoke, and it came to pass;  
you commanded, and it stood fast.

**You bring the will of the nations to naught  
and thwart the designs of the peoples.**

But your will stands fast for ever,  
and the designs of your heart from age to age.

*All* **Happy is the nation that worships you, O Most High;  
happy the people you have chosen to be your own!**

*This week's Psalm is from the St. Helena Psalter, used by permission.*

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to him or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Savior from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

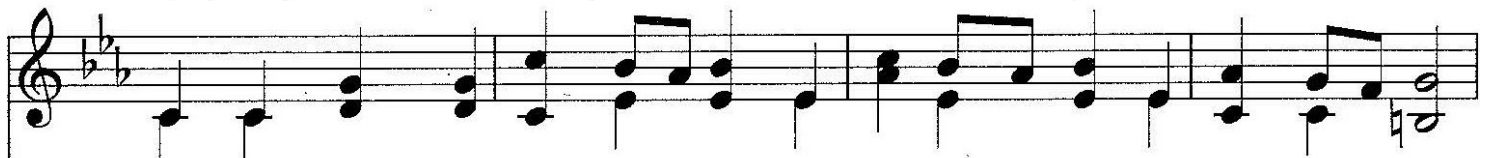
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

# Sequence Hymn

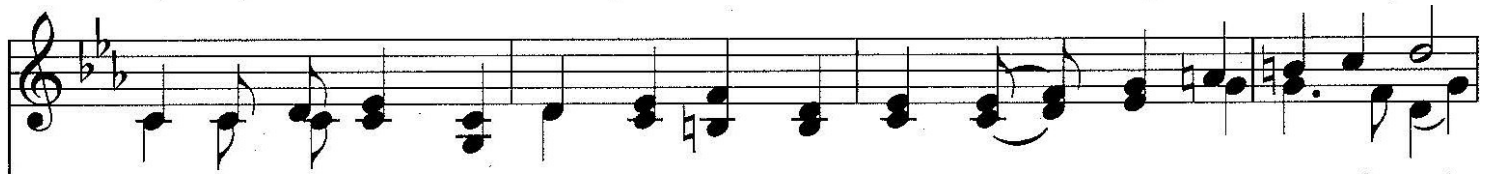
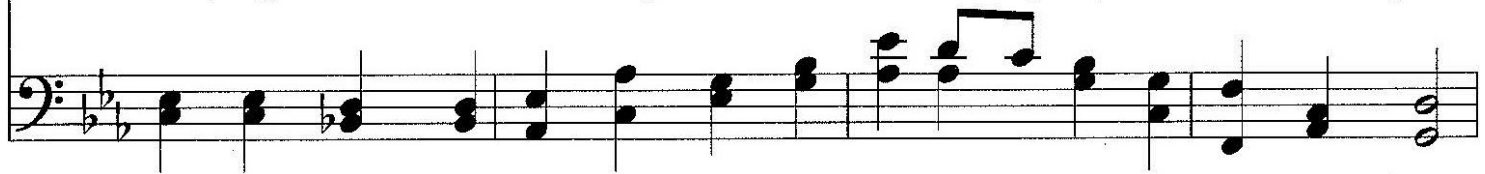
## *New Century Hymnal*, #20 – God of Abraham and Sarah



1 God of A - bra - ham and Sar-ah, God of Mo - ses, Mir - iam's Guide;  
2 God who danc - es in cre - a - tion, spin - ning stars a - bove our heads;  
3 God who loves the poor in spir - it, God who com - forts those who mourn;  
4 In our lives from birth to dy - ing, depth of sor - row, height of joy;



God of Da - vid and the proph - ets, God in Je - sus glo - ri - fied:  
God whose face is scribed in mu - sic, by whose hand the earth is fed:  
Balm for wounds, the friend of sin - ners, tak - ing the side of earth's for - lorn:  
Prais - ing God in ev - ery sea - son, let ev - ery key our hearts em - ploy.



Up from the dust you raise a peo - ple, breathe in the breath of life, of soul;  
Up from the ground you raise the moun - tains, raise our spir - its, lift our eyes;  
Up from the depths you raise your peo - ple, giv - ing them cour - age for the day;  
Praise is the heal - ing, praise, the glo - ry, praise is the fin - al mys - ter - y;



Down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias make them whole!  
 Down through the years your peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias flood the skies!  
 Down through the years the peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias light their way!  
 Down through the years let peo - ple praise you till al - le - lu - ias set them free!

*The healing power of praise and the history of God's dealings with humankind are the themes of this hymn, written by a United Church of Christ minister who is the grandson of Armenian immigrants. The tune is named for his father. Tune: CONSTANTINE 8.7.8.7.D. Melody by James Gertmenian, 1986 Harm. Ronald Huntington, 1986; alt.*

## The Gospel

*Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And Matthew got up and followed Jesus. And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when Jesus heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While Jesus was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And

Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, Jesus went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*Priest*     The Gospel of Christ  
*People*     Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

*Regional Canon*

## The Nicene Creed

*The Nicene Creed is the historic statement of faith of the Church. It helps to knit the Church together across peoples and places, time and space. We pray it together as a single body, a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.*

1. We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that  
 2. We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -  
 3. We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-

be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and  
 fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied - True Life there had tru - ly  
 in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from

sea. We be - lieve in God's Child, Je - sus, now for  
 died. We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was  
 sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the

us Rab - bi and Christ, of the Spir - it and of  
 raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God's  
 break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
 right hand. Christ will come to judge and save.  
 last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: Domhnach Trionoide, Gaelic melody; harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

## Prayers of the People

### *Intercessor*

Loving God, you call your Church to reach out to those who experience pain, suffering, and oppression. We pray for the Episcopal Church; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Julia, our Diocesan Bishop, and Ian and Mary, our Assisting Bishops; all ministers, lay and ordained; and we pray for our own Parish of St Paul; St. James' Church, Amesbury; Christ Church, Andover; All Saints' Church, Chelmsford; St. James' Church, Groveland; and for Trinity Church, Haverhill. Embolden your whole Church to be a community of grace, welcoming the tax collectors and sinners of our own day. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else in the Church universal do we pray today? (*You are invited to offer your own prayers.*) God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, look upon our divided world. We pray for leaders of nations and states, cities and towns, and for all people and organizations who work for justice and peace. Guide them in the ways of mercy and truth, that they may defend the oppressed and foster understanding among all people. We pray for the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church. Either in silence or aloud, for what leaders and communities do we pray today? (*You are invited to offer your own prayers.*) God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator of all, you spoke the world into being and call it good. We pray for the stewardship of our earth, and for the specific needs of our local community. We lift up those who are hungry, unemployed, or facing despair. Either in silence or aloud, for whom do we pray today? (*You are invited to offer your own prayers.*) God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Savior, you came as a physician to the sick and a comforter to those who mourn. We pray for all those who are facing physical, mental, or spiritual illness. Stretch out your healing hand, and grant them strength and peace. We pray especially for Mary Lou Montgomery, David Montgomery, and their whole family; Will; Alicia; Jeneffer; John; Gabriel and his family; Phil; Julia; Ryan; Nancy Williamson; Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; and Sean and Jack. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else do we pray today? (*You are invited to offer your own prayers.*) God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all your saints who have gone before us. We pray especially for Charles Montgomery, and we remember James S. and Lois R. Meyer and William K. and Dorothy M. Pandorf, in whose memory today's flowers are given. Rest eternal grant unto them, O God; and let light perpetual shine upon them. Give comfort to those who grieve, and bring us all into your eternal presence. And we pray that all who are making their final journey through death be surrounded by your love and welcomed into paradise. Either in silence or aloud, for whom do we pray today? (*You are invited to offer your own prayers.*) God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we give you hearty thanks for your endless goodness and for the countless blessings of this life. We pray in thanksgiving for Phil and Bailey Whitbeck, who celebrate their anniversary next week. We thank you for the gift of faith and for the life-giving grace of Jesus Christ. We offer our gratitude for the joys of family, friendship, and community, and for the unseen ways you are with us and sustain us daily. Either in silence or aloud, for whom and what do we pray today? (*You are invited to offer your own prayers.*) God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Prayer for the Social Order (*BCP* p. 823)

*Intercessor* Together let us pray.

*All* Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Silence*

*Presider offers a collect.*

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and ourselves

*Together*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*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.**

"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.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Sentence

### Offertory Anthem

*Choir*

### Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in your name,  
Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.*

*As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So bind our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of you,  
that by caring, helping, giving we may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We we will serve with faith anew!*

Text: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)  
Music: Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

## 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.*

*You are invited to rise or sit as you feel comfortable.*

## The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to God.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Holy One our God.

*People* **It is right to give God 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.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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:

*Sanctus*

*The Hymnal 1982, #S128*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly One, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is the Christ who  
comes in the name of our God. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

*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.

On the night before Jesus died for us, he 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

*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 the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through

whom we are all 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 whatever version of the Lord's Prayer is meaningful for you today*

*Presider*

As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

**Our Loving God in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kindom 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 kindom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

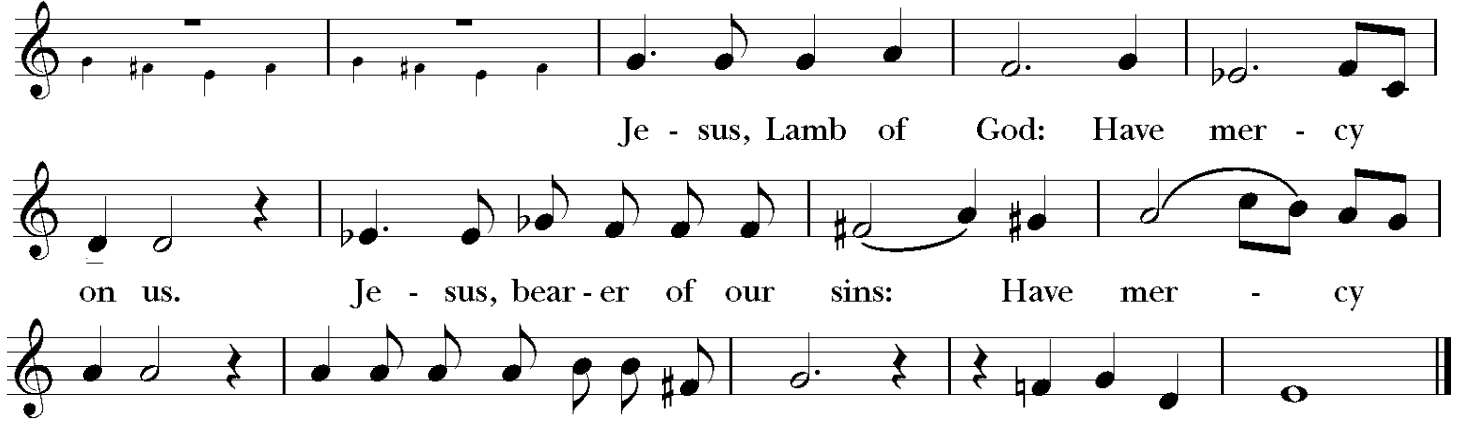
# The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Agnus Dei*

*The Hymnal 1982 #S165*



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy  
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Section: The Holy Eucharist Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei* Music: William Mathias (1934-1992) Copyright: Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

*Presider*

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

## 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.*

### LEVAS, #203 – There Is a Balm In Gilead

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed".

whole; There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. **Fine**

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. It includes the lyrics: "whole; There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul." and ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, — But —  
2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, — You can  
3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged For Je - sus is your friend, — And —

The third system of musical notation provides a three-part setting of the hymn. The lyrics are: "1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, — But —", "2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, — You can", and "3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged For Je - sus is your friend, — And —".

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. \_\_\_\_\_

*D.C.*

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## 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 and breath 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. 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

## 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.

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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; Nothing 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.

# Announcements

## Dismissal

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

*Presider* Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve God and God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



## TODAY'S LITURGY

### Participants

The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – Presider

The Rev. Marissa Rohrbach – Guest Preacher

Kathryn Anderson – Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm

Jack Blay – Lector of Second Reading

Carter Lustig – Acolyte

David Montgomery – Intercessor and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Brenda Carter – Pianist

Ellie Pandorf and Mary Lou Pierron – Altar Guild

Eliza Blay – Usher/Attendance

Lee Hatfield and Kathryn Anderson – Counters

Aaron Montgomery – Tech

### Front Cover Art

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## PRAYERS

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

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan bishop, and Ian Douglas and Mary Glasspool, our Assisting Bishops; all ministers, lay and ordained; and we pray for our own Parish of St Paul; St. James' Church, Amesbury; Christ Church, Andover; All Saints' Church, Chelmsford; St. James' Church, Groveland; and Trinity Church, Haverhill

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

Mary Lou Montgomery, David Montgomery, and their whole family; Will; Alicia; Jeneffer; John; Gabriel and his family; Phil; Julia; Ryan; Nancy Williamson; 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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's flowers are donated by the Pandorf family for the glory of God and in loving memory of James S. and Lois R. Meyer and William K. and Dorothy M. Pandorf.

Happy Anniversary Phil and Bailey Whitbeck (June 16)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **The Rev. Canon Marissa Rohrbach**

Canon Marissa Rohrbach has served as the Canon for the Central Region in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts since early in 2025. As a member of Bishop Julia's staff, she works with 63 congregations and worshipping communities in the city of Boston and the surrounding cities and towns. The work of the Regional Canons tends to focus on transitions, collaborations, supporting and strengthening congregations, and is an extension of the Bishop's ministry. Previously, Canon Marissa served two congregations in Connecticut as Rector and as an Assistant in Philadelphia. She believes the parish is the building block of the reign of God and has a deep passion for serving God's people as they do

the work they're called to do to love, serve, and change the world. Canon Marissa is married to Lyn, and they have two amazing and miraculous young children. She has a deep love of cooking, of gathering people around the table, and of all things French, particularly the literature of the middle ages and renaissance. She's also an old school country music fan and a bit of a nerd. She is grateful and humbled every day to do this work with God's beloved people in this region and in this diocese.

### **What's Happening at POSP**

- **Sunday, June 14:** Newton Highlands Village Day - Shared Worship and Street Festival
- **Sunday, June 21 and 28:** The Rev. Dr. David Killian, Guest Priest

### **Sunday, June 14 – Shared Worship for Newton Highlands Village Day**

The Parish of St. Paul joins with the Newton Highlands Congregational Church and NewCity Church at the Newton Highlands Congregational Church (54 Lincoln Street) on **Sunday, June 14 at 10am** for the annual Village Day shared worship.

### **Sunday, June 14 – Newton Highlands Village Day Fair**

St. Paul's will have a table at this year's Village Day fair on Lincoln Street.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, attend, and clean up the table. It's a great way for POSP to be a presence and mingle with neighbors! Please see Kathryn Anderson or Christopher Gruener with your offer to help with the Village Day table.

### **Sunday June 21 and 28 – The Rev. Dr. David Killian**

The Rev. Dr. David Killian will serve as guest preacher and presider while Rev. Meghan is on vacation.

### **Rev. Meghan on Vacation: Friday, June 12 - Sunday, June 21, and Thursday June 25 - Sunday, June 28**

Rev. Meghan will be on vacation for most of June 12 through June 28. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact:

June 12 - June 16: The Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky (617-244-3221; leave a voicemail) or The Rev. Todd Miller (978-886-7214.)

June 17 - June 21: The Rev. Todd Miller

June 22 - June 26: The Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky

June 27 - June 28: The Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky or The Rev. Todd Miller

### **Pastoral Care Support**

Members of the Pastoral Care Committee (currently Christopher Gruener, Margaret Hummel, John McDargh, David Montgomery, Mary Lou Pierron, Phil Whitbeck, and Rev. Meghan) are available to lend an ear, pray with people, and offer support in the ways we can. Please don't hesitate to reach out to a member of the committee, or to Rev. Meghan directly, with pastoral needs.

### **Morning Prayer on Thursdays at Grace Church, Newton Corner**

Grace Church, Newton Corner offers Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings at 8am in the chapel. POSP parishioners are invited to attend.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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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## **Episcopal Leadership**

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth – Bishop Diocesan, The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts (diomass.org)

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas and the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool, Assisting Bishops, The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe – Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church (episcopalchurch.org)

## **Staff and Office Hours at the Parish of St. Paul**

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – 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.

Office Hours (may vary): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-1pm

## **Vestry at the Parish of St. Paul**

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with your vestry. The next Vestry Meeting is on June 24.

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Chris Gruener, crossroadscounseling101@gmail.com

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Kim Koger, mkskoger5@gmail.com

## **Elected Parish Leaders at St. Paul's**

Delegates to the Charles River Deanery: Eliza Blay, Kim Koger, David Montgomery, and Mary Lou Pierron

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Jack Blay and Tricia Tyler; alternate Kim Koger

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