

St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Ocean City, Maryland



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

A Service of Morning Prayer Rite II

Welcome to St. Paul's by-the-Sea. Today we are worshipping according to the Order for Daily Morning Prayer Rite II, led by our Licensed Worship Leaders Tom Shuster and Debbie Shuster. We are joined by our Lectors, Mark West and Andy Diaz.

Today is the 7th Sunday of Easter. Enjoy the service and thank you for worshipping with us.

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #542

1. Christ is the world's true light,
its Captain of salvation,
the Day-star clear and bright
of every man and nation;
new life, new hope awakes,
for all who own his sway;
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

2. In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
all shall forsake their fear,
to plough-share beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

3. One Lord, in one great Name
unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

THE GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL

Opening Sentences

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The Officiant(s) begin the service:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession of Sin

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The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

The Officiant, kneeling, says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

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All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Alleluia. Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven: Come let us adore him.

Alleluia.

Jubilate

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Psalms 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Psalm of the Day: 97

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The leader to announce manner of recitation

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the earth rejoice; *
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

- 3 A fire goes before him *
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, *
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight in false gods! *
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD,
most high over all the earth; *
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; *
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, *
and give thanks to his holy Name.

Please be seated for the Readings

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for

many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities.

²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Primera Lectura: Hechos 16:16-34

¹⁶ Sucedió una vez en Filipos de Macedonia, cuando íbamos al lugar de oración, que encontramos a una muchacha poseída por un espíritu de adivinación. Era una esclava que, adivinando, daba a ganar mucho dinero a sus amos. ¹⁷ Esta muchacha comenzó a seguirnos a Pablo y a nosotros, gritando: —¡Estos hombres son servidores del Dios altísimo, y les anuncian a ustedes el camino de salvación!

¹⁸ Esto hizo durante muchos días, hasta que Pablo, ya molesto, terminó por volverse y decirle al espíritu que la poseía: —En el nombre de Jesucristo, te ordeno que salgas de ella.

En aquel mismo momento el espíritu la dejó.

¹⁹ Pero cuando los amos de la muchacha vieron que ya no tenían más esperanza de ganar dinero por medio de ella, agarraron a Pablo y a Silas y los llevaron ante las autoridades, a la plaza principal. ²⁰ Los presentaron a los jueces, diciendo: —Estos judíos están alborotando nuestra ciudad, ²¹ y enseñan costumbres que nosotros no podemos admitir ni practicar, porque somos romanos.

²² Entonces la gente se levantó contra ellos, y los jueces ordenaron que les quitaran la ropa y los azotaran con varas. ²³ Después de haberlos azotado mucho, los metieron en la cárcel, y ordenaron al carcelero que los vigilara con el mayor cuidado. ²⁴ Al recibir esta orden, el carcelero los metió en el lugar más profundo de la cárcel y los dejó con los pies sujetos en el cepo.

²⁵ Pero a eso de la medianoche, mientras Pablo y Silas oraban y cantaban himnos a Dios, y los otros presos estaban escuchando, ²⁶ vino de repente un temblor tan fuerte que sacudió los cimientos de la cárcel. En el mismo momento se abrieron todas las puertas, y a todos los presos se les soltaron las cadenas. ²⁷ Cuando el carcelero despertó y vio que las puertas de la cárcel estaban abiertas, sacó su espada para matarse, pues pensaba que los presos se habían escapado. ²⁸ Pero Pablo le gritó: — ¡No te hagas ningún daño, que todos estamos aquí!

²⁹ Entonces el carcelero pidió una luz, entró corriendo y, temblando de miedo, se echó a los pies de Pablo y de Silas. ³⁰ Luego los sacó y les preguntó: —Señores, ¿qué debo hacer para salvarme?

³¹ Ellos contestaron: —Cree en el Señor Jesús, y obtendrás la salvación tú y tu familia.

³² Y les hablaron del mensaje del Señor a él y a todos los que estaban en su casa. ³³ A esa misma hora de la noche, el carcelero les lavó las heridas, y luego él y toda su familia fueron bautizados. ³⁴ Los llevó después a su casa y les dio de comer, y él y su familia estaban muy contentos por haber creído en Dios.

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

Answer: Thanks be to God

Canticle N
A Song of God's Love
1 John 4:7-11

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Beloved, let us love one another, *
for love is of God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, *
for God is Love.
In this the love of God was revealed among us, *
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.
Beloved, since God loved us so much, *
we ought also to love one another.
For if we love one another, God abides in us, *
and God's love will be perfected in us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Segunda Lectura: Apocalipsis 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹² «Sí, vengo pronto, y traigo el premio que voy a dar a cada uno conforme a lo que haya hecho. ¹³ Yo soy el alfa y la omega, el primero y el último, el principio y el fin.»

¹⁴ Dichosos los que lavan sus ropas para tener derecho al árbol de la vida y poder entrar por las puertas de la ciudad. [...]

¹⁶ «Yo, Jesús, he enviado mi ángel para declarar todo esto a las iglesias. Yo soy el retoño que desciende de David. Soy la estrella brillante de la mañana.»

¹⁷ El Espíritu Santo y la esposa del Cordero dicen: «¡Ven!» Y el que escuche, diga: «¡Ven!» Y el que tenga sed, y quiera, venga y tome del agua de la vida sin que le cueste nada. [...]

²⁰ El que declara esto, dice: «Sí, vengo pronto.»

Amén. ¡Ven, Señor Jesús!

²¹ Que el Señor Jesús derrame su gracia sobre todos.

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SERMON – *Today's Sermon, from "Sermons that Work" is entitled **Liberated**, by Rev. Whitney Rice.*

THE CREED AND THE PRAYERS

The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together say, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again,
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The people stand or kneel

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Officiant and People

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.

Suffrage A

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V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant and People then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day, *said in unison*

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

La Colecta:

Oh Dios, Rey de la gloria, que con gran triunfo exaltaste a tu único Hijo Jesucristo a tu reino celestial: No nos dejes desconsolados, mas envíanos tu Espíritu Santo para fortalecernos y exaltarnos al mismo lugar, adonde nuestro Salvador Cristo nos ha precedido; quien vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios, en gloria eterna. Amén.

The Diocesan Collect, *said in unison*

Gracious God, through the movement of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us here at St. Paul's by-the-Sea and in the Diocese of Easton as an inviting and welcoming people; receive our worship, nurture our life in Christ that we may evermore faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Clergy Search Prayer, *said in unison*

Gracious God, we are reminded of your gifts in and for all the children of the Church. Call on us now; use us, in service of your whole Church. As we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, may your Holy Spirit lead us to discern the gifts we seek and see those gifts clearly in candidates you are sending us. In our communications, interviews and meetings with them, may we find ourselves once again who we surely are in Christ Jesus, stewards of your many gifts. Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

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Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Hymn

Hymnal 495

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor:
life is given through thy Name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven

through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven,
reconciled are we with God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading:
there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding,
till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing
thou art worthy to receive;
highest praises, without ceasing,
right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits,
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,

that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.
Amen.

Then may be said

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

DISMISSAL

Officiant

“Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.”

— Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #450

1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2 Crown him ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!
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and crown him Lord of all!

Today's Worship Leaders

Officiants: Debbie & Tom Shuster

Music Director: Shirley Hailey

Readers: Mark West, Andy Diaz

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Usher: Dan Harris

Welcome to St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Prayer List

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Jose Cabrera, Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, David Warren, Letty Trimper Hurst, Rev. Penny Morrow, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Delores Rothermel, Ronnie Skinner, Randy Hastings, Gary Ballard, Hugh, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Melvin, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Francisco Hector Diaz Diaz, Richard, Brad, Larry Lorton, Betty Merenda, Dee Toms, Bob Rothermel, The Lecates Family, Hunter Berry, The People of Ukraine, Lakelyn Draheim, Christopher Riley, Meredith Cobb, Alan Farley, Jennings Whittington, Michael Hallett, Judy Brady

This Week We Pray For ...

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We give thanks for the witness of God's people and ministry at Bayleigh Chase, For Deacon Sherry Snyder, and her spouse, John, and all caretakers that minister to its residents

Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle: Showell United Methodist Church, Bishopville

Birthdays: Kevin Ball, Lawrence Barrett

May 29th – June 25th, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 29 VII Easter Morning Prayer w/ Lay Worship Leaders In-Person & Facebook	30 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	31	June 1	2	3	4
June 5 Pentecost Holy Eucharist w/ Pastor Blake Wamester In-Person & Facebook	6	7	8	9	10	11 OC Air Show
June 12 I Pentecost Holy Eucharist w/ Pastor Blake Wamester In-Person & Facebook OC Air Show	13 Vestry Meeting SPBTS 5:30pm	14	15	16	17	18
June 19 II Pentecost Holy Eucharist w/ Pastor Blake Wamester In-Person & Facebook	20 Book Club Zoom 7pm	21	22	23	24	25

Shepherds Crook is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in DeWees Hall from 10am to Noon, serving free dry food goods. On Saturdays the NOEL Community will provide free carry out lunches.