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

Ocean City, Maryland



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 2022

Holy Eucharist—Rite II

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #551

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things, give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long: Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.

3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

The Word of God

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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 Lord. Amen.

The following hymn is sung, all standing

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: 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 God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

A Reading (Lesson) from Lamentations, the 1st chapter beginning at the first verse.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations!

She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her;

all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.

Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude;

she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place;

her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;

all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;

her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper,

because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions;

her children have gone away, captives before the foe.

From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty.

Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

After each Reading, the Reader may say The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 137

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, * when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up * on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: *
 "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song * upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, * let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, * if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD, against the people of Edom, * who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, * happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, * and dashes them against the rock!

The Second Reading

A Reading (Lesson) from 2 Timothy, the 1st chapter beginning at the first verse.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God~ whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did~ when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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Sequence Hymn

1 O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4 in hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

Gospel

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, `Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Pastor Blake Wamester

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.

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He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

On the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for the witness of God's people at St. Paul's, Marion Station, and for their Rector, the Rev. Mike Lokey, and his wife, Bunny. On the Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle, we pray for Taylorville United Methodist Church, Berlin.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Santosh our Bishop; and for all bishops, ministers, especially Pastor Blake, and deacons;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Ian Bresnahan; and for those celebrating anniversaries.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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.

Bishop's Prayer for Peace, said in unison

God of timelessness,
From chaos and disorder
you brought forth the beauty of creation;
From the chaos of war and violence
Bring forth the beauty of peace.
God of compassion
You saw the humanity of the outcast and the stranger;
Help us to see the evils of our hatreds and suspicions
and to turn them into the embrace of your Beloved Community.
God of peace, Through your love on the cross
You overcame the power of violence and death;
Turn us away from the love of power
That we may transform a warring world through the power of your love.
Amen

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

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

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion

Offertory

The Celebrant says to the people

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Doxology

Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people receive the Sacrament in one kind. Proceed to the altar rail and exit by the side aisles.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #498

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
A home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day.

2 Upon that cross of Jesus mine eyes at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me; and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love, and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross. After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
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 his 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #607

1 O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

2 From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and nation and blindness to your way, deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray!

3 Lord, strengthen all who labor that we may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

All baptized Christians, of any age & denomination, are welcome to receive communion.

**Gluten Free Wafers are available.

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, Dolores Rothermel, 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, Richard, Brad, Larry Lorton, Betty Merenda, Dee Toms, The Lecates Family, The People of Ukraine, Lakelyn Draheim, Christopher Riley, Meredith Cobb, Alan Farley, Jennings Whittington, Michael Hallett, Hannah Johnson, Gordon Clark, Hugh Smith, Paul Rogers

This Week We Pray For ...

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Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle: Taylorville United Methodist Church, Berlin

Birthdays: Ian Bresnahan

Sanctuary Candle: Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Himes by his daughter, Nancy Himes.

October 2nd – October 22nd, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 2 XVII Pentecost Holy Eucharist w/ Pastor Blake Wamester In-Person & Facebook	3	4	5	6	7	8
October 9 XVIII Pentecost Holy Eucharist w/ Pastor Karen Wamester In-Person & Facebook	Vestry Meeting 5:30pm SPBTS	11	12	13	Parish Gathering at Windmill Winery 5-7pm	15
October 16 XIV Pentecost Holy Eucharist w/ Pastor Karen Wamester In-Person & Facebook	17	18	19	20	21	22
October 23 XV Pentecost Morning Prayer w/ our Lay Worship Leaders In-Person & Facebook	Finance Comm. Zoom Meeting 5:30pm	25	26	27	28	29

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.