

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

Ocean City, Maryland



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

# 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, #48

1. O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness,  
most beautiful, most bright;  
this day the high and lowly,  
through ages joined in tune,  
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"  
to the great God Triune.
2. This day, at the creation,  
the light first had its birth;  
this day, for our salvation,  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
this day, our Lord victorious,  
the Spirit sent from heaven;  
and thus this day, most glorious,  
a triple light was given.
3. This day, God's people meeting  
his Holy Scripture hear;  
his living presence greeting,  
through Bread and Wine made near.  
We journey on, believing,  
renewed with heavenly might,  
from grace more grace receiving  
on this blest day of light.
4. That light our hope sustaining,  
we walk the pilgrim way,  
at length our rest attaining,  
our endless Sabbath day.  
We sing to thee our praises,

O Father, Spirit, Son;  
the Church her voice upraises  
to thee, blest Three in One.

## The Word of God

*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 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.*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

## **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.

## **The First Lesson**

*A Reading from the book of Genesis, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter beginning at the nineteenth verse.*

<sup>19</sup>These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, <sup>20</sup>and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. <sup>21</sup>Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. <sup>22</sup>The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. <sup>23</sup>And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you

shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.” <sup>24</sup>When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup>The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. <sup>26</sup>Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. <sup>27</sup>When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. <sup>28</sup>Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup>Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. <sup>30</sup>Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) <sup>31</sup>Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” <sup>32</sup>Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” <sup>33</sup>Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 119:105-112**

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
and a light upon my path.

<sup>106</sup>I have sworn and am determined \*  
to keep your righteous judgments.

<sup>107</sup>I am deeply troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup>Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
and teach me your judgments.

<sup>109</sup>My life is always in my hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup>O The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

<sup>111</sup>Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup>I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

## **The Second Reading**

*A Reading from Romans, the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter beginning at the first verse.*

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot,<sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

<sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Sequence Hymn**

Hymnal 1982, #512

1 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with light and comfort from above;  
be thou our guardian, thou our guide  
o'er every thought and step preside.

2 The light of truth to us display,  
and make us know and choose thy way;  
plant holy fear in every heart,  
that we from thee may ne'er depart.

## **Gospel**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.<sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow.<sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.<sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!" <sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #512

3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
nor let us from his precepts stray;  
lead us to holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God.

4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share  
fullness of joy for ever there;  
lead us to God, our final rest,  
to be with him for ever blest.

## The Sermon

*Pastor Jill Williams*

*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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
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 IV**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may  
be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal  
your glory in the world.

On the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer this week: We give thanks for our Deacons serving  
our diocese, and for those retired from service: Laura, Melody, George, Donald,  
Penny, Sharon, Norman, Loretta, Katherine, Alisha, Christine, Barbara, Peggy,  
Stephanie and James. On the Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle we pray for  
Church of God of Prophecy, Berlin.

*Silence*

Lord, 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.

*Silence*

Lord, 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.

*Silence*

Lord, 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 he loves us. Bless those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Beverly Cooper and Ellie Tunis; and those celebrating anniversaries.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, 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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Bishop, when present, or 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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*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*

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

*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 people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 to 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 Lord 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 he 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,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,  
O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Blessed Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately  
deliver it to the people.*

*Using the center aisle, proceed to the Altar rail. Once you have received communion,  
return to your seat using the side aisles.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

## Communion Hymn

Lift Every Voice, #151

One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew  
Servant or free  
Woman or man  
No more

One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
We are one body in this one Lord

Many the gifts, many the works  
One in the Lord  
Of all

One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the Earth  
We are one body in this one Lord  
We are one body in this one Lord

*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, #530

1. Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,  
spread the kingdom of the Lord,  
that to earth's remotest bound  
all may heed the joyful sound;

2. word of how the Father's will  
made the world, and keeps it, still;  
how his only Son he gave,  
earth from sin and death to save;

3. word of how the Savior's love  
earth's sore burden doth remove;  
how forever, in its need,  
through his death the world is freed;

4. word of how the Spirit came  
bringing peace in Jesus' name;  
how his never-failing love  
guides us on to heaven above.

5. Word of life, most pure and strong,  
word for which the nations long,  
spread abroad, until from night  
all the world awakes to light.

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **Today's Worship Team**

Celebrant: Pastor Jill Williams

Reader: Debbie Shuster

Altar Guild: Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres

Usher: Dan Harris

Counters: Amanda Cropper, Amy Rothermel

### **Next Sunday—July 23, 2023**

Celebrant: Pastor Jill Williams

Reader: Amy Rothermel

Altar Guild: Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres

Usher: Kay Ayres

Counters: Nancy Knotts, Debbie Shuster

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

All baptized Christians, of any age & denomination, are welcome to receive communion. **\*\*Gluten Free Wafer** are available.

## Prayer List

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Jose Cabrera, Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, Letty Trimper Hurst, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Randy Hastings, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Larry Lorton, Dee Toms, The Lecates Family, The People of Ukraine, Michael Hallett, Hannah Johnson, Hugh Smith, Ralph Hastings, Cathy Wist, Frank Avallone, Mary Wright, Yipsy Noel, Andy Diaz, Alan Farley, Liana Wallman, Betty O'Key, Susan Lewis, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Christine Zellner, Brian, Nicoyia, Tom Belle, Chris Russo, Cami Rogers

## This Week We Pray For ...

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We give thanks for the witness of God's people at St. Paul's, Centreville, and their Rector, the Rev. Mary Friel and her spouse, John.

Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle: We pray for Church of Christ, Berlin.

Birthdays: Viola Candeloro

Anniversaries: Tom & Debbie Shuster