

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

Ocean City, Maryland



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 3, 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, #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!  
the God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown him Lord of all!

4 Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
hail him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown him Lord of all!

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
go, spread your trophies at his feet,

and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all!

## 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.*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and 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 Exodus, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter beginning at the first verse.*

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When

the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>5</sup>Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” <sup>12</sup>He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” <sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm** 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.  
<sup>3</sup>Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
<sup>4</sup>Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.  
<sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
<sup>6</sup>O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.  
<sup>23</sup>Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.  
<sup>24</sup>The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;  
<sup>25</sup>Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.  
<sup>26</sup>He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.  
<sup>45</sup>Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading

*A Reading from Romans, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter beginning at the ninth verse.*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

## Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 1982, #439

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM ,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme I will sing!

## 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>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.<sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."<sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.<sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.<sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?<sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.<sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there

are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Gradual Hymn**

Hymnal 1982, #439

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

## **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.

*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, 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.*

# 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.

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.*

*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 #1**

Hymnal 1982, #654

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

## Communion Hymn #2

Hymnal 1982, #707

1 Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

2 Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

*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, #401

1 The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love;  
the Lord, the great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name  
for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn:  
we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face,  
we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace  
for evermore.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King,  
the Lord, our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
the Prince of Peace;  
on Zion's sacred height  
his kingdom he maintains,  
and, glorious with his saints in light,  
for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM,  
we worship thee."

5 The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high;  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost”  
they ever cry;  
hail, Abraham’s Lord divine!  
With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine,  
and endless praise.

*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: Dan Harris

Altar Guild: Kay Ayres, Amanda Cropper

Usher: Kay Ayres

Counters: Shirley Aydelotte, Lynda Azar

### **Saturday—September 9, 2023**

#### **Celebration of a New Ministry**

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray

Preacher: The Very Rev. David Michaud

Reader: Dan Harris

Altar Guild: Kay Ayres, Amanda Cropper

Ushers: Dan Harris, John Knotts, Elsie MacMullin

### **Next Sunday—September 10, 2023**

Celebrant: Pastor Jill Williams

Reader: **Need a reader**

Altar Guild: Kay Ayres, Amanda Cropper

Usher: Dan Harris

Counters: Amanda Cropper, Amy Rothermel

# 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, Andy Diaz, Alan Farley, Liana Wallman, Betty O'Key, Susan Lewis, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Christine Zellner, Brian, Nicoyia, Tom Belle, Cami Rogers, Aaron Call, Christine Bauerdorf, Victims of the Hawaiian Wildfires, Lynn Anstatt

## This Week We Pray For ...

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We remember Bishop Paul Jones, and the vital ministry of the Episcopal Relief and Development – may their work reach those in need worldwide.

Local Faith Communities Prayer Cycle: Zion United Methodist Church, Bishopville.

Birthdays: Cheryl Nottingham, Mary Rutka