



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church Brookline



## The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 23, 2018

### **Welcome to St. Paul's!**

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy. Any hymns not printed here may be found in the red *Hymnal 1982*, found next to your seat. When the community stands, please join us as you are able.

We are blessed because of your presence here this morning, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. In our celebration of Holy Communion we believe that God welcomes all to Christ's Altar. You are welcome here! You are invited to fill out an information card found next to your seat and place it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher so that we may welcome you more fully into this vibrant community of faith.

### **Nursery/Childcare Available**

Children of all ages are welcome in church. Squirming and the noise of the youngest among us is welcome. For those who would prefer it, a nursery with trained child-care workers is available for infants and toddlers on the lower level. A changing table is located in each restroom. Please speak to an usher if you need assistance.

### **Accessibility**

If you would like assistance with a wheelchair or walker, or if you would like Communion brought to you at your seat, please see an usher for assistance.

# GATHER

Prelude *I stand at the threshold*

J. S. Bach

*All stand as are able for the*

Hymn *Christ is made the sure foundation*

Hymnal #518

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Song of Praise

Hymnal #S 236

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord God of our forefathers; you are  
wor-thy of praise; glo-ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you for the ra - diance  
of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem- ple; on the throne of your  
ma - jes-ty, glo-ry to you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat-ed bet-ween the  
Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for - ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the depths;

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the

in the high vault of hea - ven,

high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to

6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly un - di - vi - ded Trin - i - ty;

you, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly un - di - vi - ded Trin - i - ty; \_\_\_\_\_ we will

we will high - ly ex - alt \_\_\_\_\_ you Glo - ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for - ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

**Collect of the Day**

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Together let us pray.

*Presider and People* **Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

# WORD

*All are seated for the*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Response

Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is God who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O God, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

## Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*All stand to sing the*

**Hymn** *Eternal Spirit of the living Christ*

Hymnal #698

*All turn to face the reader for the proclamation of the*

**Holy Gospel**

Mark 9:30-37

*Deacon or Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

*Deacon or Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*After a brief prayer, all are seated for the*

**Sermon**

The Rev. Elise A. Feyerherm

*After a period of silent reflection, all stand to say the*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Presider and People*

**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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## Prayers of the People

*Presider or Deacon* Let us pray for God's creation, for people throughout the world, and for this gathering. In the silence that follows each prayer, please add your own petitions, either silently or aloud.

*Leader* Let us pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding bishop, Alan, Gayle, Bud, and Barbara, our bishops, and for all who minister in Christ's name. Holy God, receive our prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and reverently serve you. *Those gathered add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.* God of love,

*People* **grant our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us pray for the nations of the earth, for the wellbeing of all people, and for those in authority. God of compassion, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who govern the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love. *Those gathered add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.* God of love,

*People* **grant our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, prisoners, the unemployed, and those in any need. Gracious God, hear the cry of those in misery and need, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them. We pray for those in the Community Prayer Book, and for those we name now, either silently or aloud. *Those gathered add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.* God of love,

*People* **grant our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us pray for the mission of the Church and this community, remembering especially those who celebrate birthdays this week: Heather Flewelling, John Sampson, Gordon McLean, Peter Hopkins, Jordan Fried, Flora Fried, Samantha Hanlon, Ivan Epworth, Emily Gallagher, Richard Rubino, and Julian Zaremba. Loving God, pour out your Spirit on us and on the whole creation. Bless all whose lives touch our own, especially those we name, either silently or aloud.

*Those gathered add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.* God of love,

*People* **grant our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us remember with thanksgiving before God those who have died in Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone. Giver of Life, grant to us, and to all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, a share in the fullness of your joy, and especially we pray for those we name, either silently or aloud. *Those gathered add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.* God of love,

*People* **grant our prayer.**

*The Presider adds a concluding prayer.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Deacon or Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*People* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

*The Presider bids the*

**Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*All are seated for the*

**Welcome and Ministry Announcements**

## TABLE

*All remain seated for the*

**Anthem** *I will not leave you comfortless*

Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless,

I will come to you yet again: Alleluia.

And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia. *Gospel according to John 14:18*

*All stand to sing the*

**Hymn at the Presentation of the Gifts**

Hymnal #380, verse 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

*Presider* We remember that this is God's table, and not our own. We invite everyone to come forward to receive the bread and the wine, or a blessing. Wherever you are on your journey with or toward God, from any tradition or none at all, know that you are welcome and invited at this table.

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## Sanctus

Hymnal #S 130

*Presider and People*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,  
ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Hea-ven and  
earth are full, full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is the  
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People* **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*Presider* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*People* **AMEN.**

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

**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.**

### Breaking of the Bread

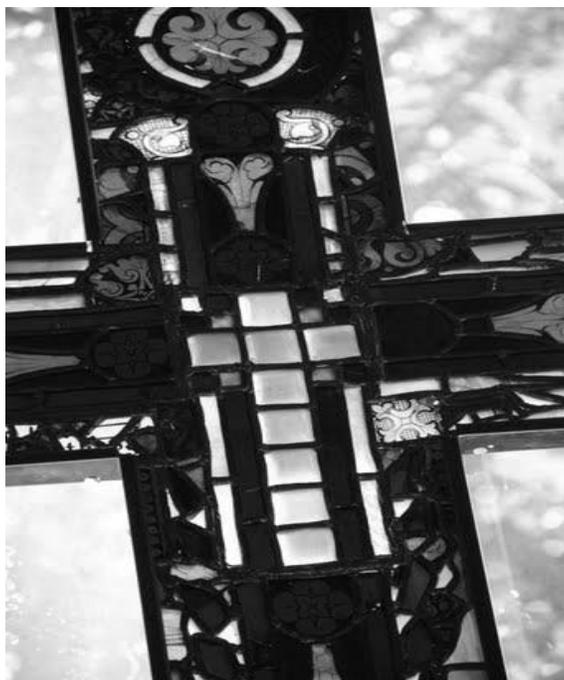
*Presider* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Chalice bearers and healing ministers come forward.*

*All sing the*

Fraction Anthem (see next page)



## Fraction Anthem

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

*The congregation comes forward at the direction of the ushers.*

**All are welcome** to receive Communion by placing one hand over the other to receive the bread, and then help guide the chalice of wine to your lips. Please let the clergy know if you desire a **gluten-free wafer**. **Blessings** are available for those who desire one by placing your arms across your chest in an "X". If you would like prayers for **healing** for yourself or someone you love, please remain in place after receiving communion or a blessing, and members of the healing ministry team will come to you.

Anthem *Eonia*

John Tavener

Eéte vradhiázee ééte féngée  
Ménee lefkò toh ghiasemée

*Whether it's dusk or dawn's first light  
The jasmine remains always white.*

He asked for bread and  
We gave Him a stone...  
Do whatsoever He bids you.

Góspodee poméeloöee.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Remember me...  
The thief exclaimed...  
The house where I was born...  
This night in Paradise.

Eéte vradhiázee ééte féngée  
Ménee lefkò toh ghiasemée

*Whether it's dusk or dawn's first light  
The jasmine remains always white.*

*A member of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team comes forward to receive a communion kit to bring to members of the community unable to be with us this morning.*

Postcommunion Prayer

*Presider* Together, let us pray.

*People* **Gracious God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son**  
**Jesus Christ.**  
**May we, who share his body,**  
**live his risen life;**  
**we, who drink his cup,**  
**bring life to others;**  
**we, whom the Spirit lights,**  
**give light to the world.**  
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**  
**so that we and all your children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# SEND

Hymn *Great is thy faithfulness*

LEVAS #189

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

## Blessing

### Dismissal

*Deacon or Presider* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

Postlude *The emperor's fanfare*

Antonio Soler

References: All worship materials come from the *Book of Common Prayer* unless otherwise noted. Hymns are from *The Hymnal 1982* unless noted. The Confession, Absolution and Eucharistic Prayer are from *Enriching Our Worship 1*. The Fraction Anthem is from *Wonder, Love and Praise* and the Post Communion prayer is from the *Canadian Book of Alternative Services*.

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