



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Port Townsend, Washington

Creation Season – Week 3

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 20A



September 24, 2023
8:00 & 10:30 am

Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself
on life's journey, please enter and receive God's blessing.



If you are unfamiliar with worship in the Episcopal tradition
simply relax and let the congregation help carry you in worship.



God's peace be with you this day and always.

8:00 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

We prepare for our worship together with a time of centering silence.

Prelude Music

Gigue

Johann Krieger(1651-1735)

Processional Hymn

All who hunger, gather gladly

Hymn #761

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

1. All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna
 2. All who hunger, never strangers, seek er, be a
 3. All who hunger, sing to geth er, Je sus Christ is
 is our bread. Come from wil der ness and wan d'ring.
 wel come guest. Come from rest less ness and roam ing.
 liv ing bread. Come from lone li ness and long ing.
 Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who
 days of full ness, all a round us is our food.
 lost and scat tered in com mun ion's love have stood.
 from this ta ble live their days in grat i tude.
 Taste and see the grace e ter nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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The First Peoples, the Parish, and the Land

As members of the Communion of Saints of St. Paul's Parish, we acknowledge our debt to the S'Klallam and Chemakum people who thrived on these lands and waters before our town and parish were founded.

We are grateful and offer thanks for their care of this beautiful land through time, a care sustained and continued by their descendants to the present day.

We are grateful for the welcome and friendship the tribal people offered to the settlers who first formed the faith community that we love, and for the work being done by their descendants today to build healthy communities for all.

We lament the blindness of those in our Communion who could not see value, experience, or wisdom that did not match their preconceived notions. We lament the stone-heartedness of those unable to recognize and embrace the humanity of the people of this land.

We pray for eyes to see value, respect experience, and honor wisdom in all people we meet. We ask for the will to look for those qualities even where we might not expect to find them.

We recognize that we have been the beneficiaries of a complicated and often painful history that disrupted lives and displaced whole communities. We seek to do our part to better understand this history and to help repair the breach.



Celebrant **Blessed be the one, holy, and undivided Trinity.**
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

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.

Hymn of Praise

Tune: Salzburg

A musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "God, you call us to this place, where we know your love and grace. Here your bless-ed Spi-rit free makes of us one fam-i-ly, makes our rich... di - ver-si-ty rich - er still in u - ni-ty, makes our man-y voic-es one, joined in praise with Christ your Son." The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and sharp signs on the staff.

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
 continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
 in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
 because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
 and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
 and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
 so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word *
 and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
 his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
 and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes *
 and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson **Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well--since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

Hymn #617

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round
 2 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong,
 3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,

 of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,
 one in the love of all things sweet and fair,
 thy trust - y shield, thy sword of love di - vine;

 guide of the na - - tions from the night pro - found
 one with the joy that break - eth in - to song,
 our in - spi - ra - tion be thy con - stant word,

 in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;
 one with the grief that trem - bleth that are not prayer;
 we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;

 rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be
 one in the power that makes thy chil - dren free
 give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;

(cont.)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel **Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Rev. Gail Wheatley

The Nicene Creed New Zealand

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
 You create our world and give us life.
 Your purpose overarches everything we do.
 You have always been with us.
 You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
 good beyond all measure.
 You came to us before we came to you.
 You have revealed and proved
 Your love for us in Jesus Christ,
 Who lived and died and rose again.
 You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
 You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
 You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
 You are our God. We worship You.
 Amen.

Prayers of the People *(Adapted from Prayers of the People, Church of the Four Winds, Portland Oregon.)*

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance. Make us open our hearts and minds. Make us speak the truth. We pray for your community, the Church, the Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation, for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

We call upon the Earth, our planet home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask:

That it may teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the mountains and deserts, the high green valleys and meadows filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask:

That they may teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask:

That they may teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine and the cedar and we ask:

That they may teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the seas, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and dove, the great whales and the dolphin. We ask:

That they may teach us and show us the way.

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them too...

That they may teach us and show us the way.

We call upon the nations of the world to hear the cry of those who have suffered loss of homes, lives and hope because of climate change. May they hear the cry of those whose schools, churches, hospitals, roads and infrastructure have been damaged. We pray for justice and for peace.

That they may teach us and show us the way.

We pray for all victims of war and violence. We pray for countries where the greed for oil and gas are leading to war. We hold in our hearts those areas where fossil fuel projects have destabilised communities and human rights abuses have occurred. We pray for areas where climate change has led to drought and conflict over water and resources is taking place. May we respond to the cry of the Earth and those living in poverty, as peacemakers who challenge the violence that threatens us all. We ask:

That they may teach us and show us the way.

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the lakes speaks to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Creator of all to you be praise and glory forever as your dawn renews the face of the Earth bringing light and life to all creation bring hope to your people. May we rejoice in this day you have made open our eyes to behold your presence and strengthen our hands to work for justice for all of creation, that the world may rejoice together and give you praise. **Amen.**

Confession

Celebrant: In God there is forgiveness.

All: Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

Celebrant: God forgives us; be at peace. [Silence]

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection, reconciliation for all the human race and for the whole of creation. **Amen.**

Absolution

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: May the peace of the Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.



Announcements & Blessings

Birthday Blessing

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

God of tenderness and strength, you brought the paths of these people together and led them to this day. May your blessings continue through good times, through times of struggle and through change. Bless their home, their partings and their meetings. Make them worthy of each other's best, tender with each other's dreams, and trusting in your love through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

-adapted from The Book of Common Prayer (Church of Ireland)

Prayer for Travel

God be with you in every pass,
 Jesus be with you on every hill,
 Spirit be with you on every stream, headland and ridge and lawn;
 Each sea and land, each moor and meadow,
 Each lying down, each rising up,
 In the trough of the waves, on the crest of the billows,
 Each step of the journey you go – God be with you.

Offertory Sentence

Your gifts to support the mission and ministry of St. Paul's are greatly appreciated.

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 at the top of the St. Paul's website homepage: www.stpaulspt.org*

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The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn

For the fruit of all creation

Hymn #424

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to
 2 In the just re-ward of la-bor, God's will be
 3 For the har-vests of the Spi-rit, thanks be to

God. done. In the help we give our neigh-bor, God. For the good we all in-her-it,

thanks be to God. For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, In our world-wide task of car-ing that as-tound us,

si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing, fu-ture needs in for the hun-gry and de-spair-ing, in the har-vests for the truths that still con-found us, most of all that

earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God. we are shar-ing, God's will be done. love has found us, thanks be to God.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharist Prayer 3, *Enriching Our Worship*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.



Celebrant: 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing in a three-line staff format below each staff of music. The lyrics are:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho / ly Lord, God of power and
 might, * heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed 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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (New Zealand)

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your communion of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on Earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem

(F) (B \flat) (F) (C) (F)

1. Lord Je - sus come, Good Good Shep - herd come, the the

2. Lord Je - sus come, Good Good Shep - herd come, the the

(B \flat) (F) (B \flat) (F)

bread is on the ta - ble, lead lead me me to to you.
wine is on the ta - ble, lead lead me me to to you.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread. These are the Gifts of God for the people of God.



Sharing the Feast *All are welcome to come to receive communion at Christ's table.*

Notes about receiving Communion: The usher will direct you forward. You may ingest the bread when it is handed to you. The cup will be offered. If you do not wish to receive wine, cross your arms across your chest and the words "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation" will be offered while the cup is held in front of you. If you would not like to receive bread or wine, but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest when in front of the priest. Please do not dip bread into the wine.

Communion Hymn

The eyes of all wait upon you

Hymn #820

The eyes of all wait up - on you, O Lord and you

give them their food in due sea - son. You

o - pen wide your gra - cious hand and

...

Post Communion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer

Most holy God, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

Hymn #383

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

Dismissal

*You are invited to enjoy the gift of postlude music
and then greet your friends afterwards.*

Fellowship to follow in the parish hall.

Postlude

**Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Ann Stadnisky by Sue Cook.**

8:00 Worship Team

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Gail Wheatley
Lector	Tracy Garrett
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Kell
Altar Guild	Team 2
Usher	Jim Richard
Coffee Hour	Last Names: S-Z

10:30 Worship Team

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Gail Wheatley
Music Director	Jennifer Pipia
Lectors	David Neuenschwander Laurie Neuenschwander
EM	Margaret McGee
Bread Baker	Karen Bezanson
Altar Guild	Team 2
Usher	Dwight Nicholson
Tech Support	Beth Cahape
Coffee Hour	Last Names: S-Z

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Today, once again, we welcome into our midst The Rev. Gail Wheatley. After a long career in physical therapy, Rev. Gail began seminary in Tennessee in 2003. She arrived at St. Andrew's Port Angeles in December 2008, after serving a small congregation in Havre, Montana. She retired in May 2020.

Rev. Gail and her husband Doug love the Olympic Peninsula and decided to stay here in their retirement. She enjoys doing Sunday supply work around and beyond the Peninsula. They have a son in Sacramento, CA and one in Auburn, WA with his wife and their two children, Frank (4) and Asa (4 months).