Morsel for Meditation

Reverence

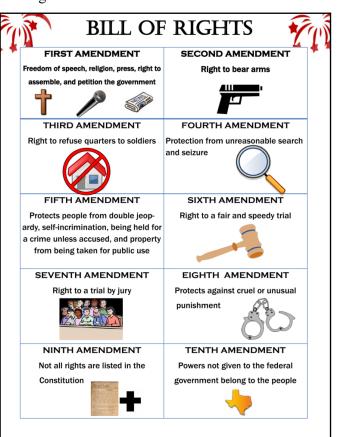
By Julie Cadwallader Staub

The air vibrated with the sound of cicadas on those hot Missouri nights after sundown when the grown-ups gathered on the wide back lawn, sank into their slung-back canvas chairs tall glasses of iced tea beading in the heat

and we sisters chased fireflies reaching for them in the dark admiring their compact black bodies their orange stripes and seeking antennas as they crawled to our fingertips and clicked open into the night air.

In all the days and years that have followed, I don't know that I've ever experienced that same utter certainty of the goodness of life that was as palpable as the sound of the cicadas on those nights:

my sisters running around with me in the dark, the murmur of the grown-ups' voices, the way reverence mixes with amazement to see such a small body emit so much light.



Pray for the Church and the Body of Christ

The Daughters of the King are dedicated to supporting the prayer needs of St. Paul's. They are available in the west corner of sanctuary every Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for private prayer. You can also submit intentions in the prayer box in the narthex. To add names to the prayer list, please contact the church office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise renewed.

Please pray for: Patty Schofield, Rita Woods

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Jul. 8, Mon. 6:30 p.m.-Ladies Night Out at Tony's Italian

Kitchen

Jul. 9, Tues. 6:00 p.m.-School Board Meeting

Jul. 10, Wed. 10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel 10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m.-Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Jul. 13, Sat. NO Sons of the American Revolution Meeting

Windy Hill Birthday Party for Rosa G.

Jul. 16, Tues. 7:00 p.m.-Vestry Meeting

Jul. 17, Wed. 10:00 a.m.-Children's Chapel

10:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m.-Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

Jul. 20, Sat. 8:00 a.m.-St. Joseph's Guild

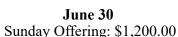
9:00 a.m.-Daughters of the King

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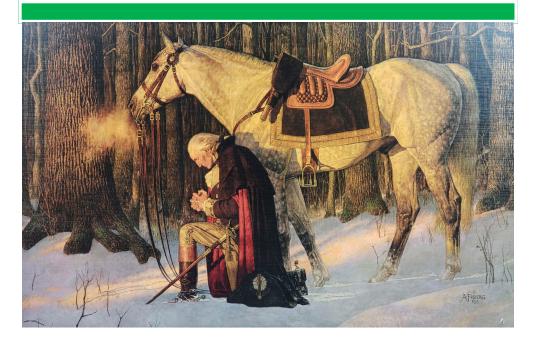




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The Seventh Day after Fentecost - Proper 9

July 7, 2024

Service Times at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m to 10:15 p.m	ADULT CATECHESIS
10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m	NURSERY OPEN
10:30 a.m	. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

MONDAY—FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY

This Sunday, Jul. 7

Lector/LEM: John Shasteen Acolyte: Matt Wolff

Vestry Person of the Day: David Gish, John Stachniak

Intercessory Prayer: Nancy Wyant

Next Sunday, Jul. 14

Lector/LEM: Jacob Scoggins Acolyte: David Stipe

Vestry Person of the Day: Pat Bolick, Suzanne Taylor

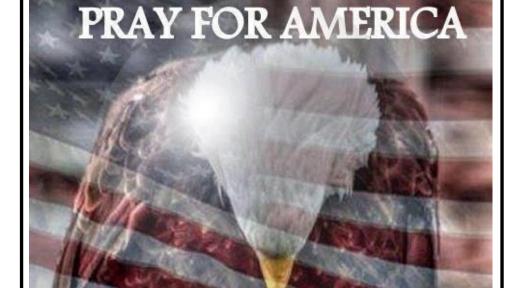
Intercessory Prayer: Elizabeth Porter

Altar Guild: Pat Bolick, Laura Funk,

Georgianna Harrison, Nancy Wyant
Jacob Faunce, Jeff Faunce, Jennifer Faunce,

Georgianna Harrison, Dana Medford,

Alex Stachniak, Chris Wolff



Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Word of God Processional Hymn H #718 God of Our Fathers (National Hymn) Opening Sentence **BCP 355** Gloria in execelsis H #S280 The Collect BCP 230 The Lessons First Reading Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 Psalm The Epistle 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Gospel Hymn H #671 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound Children's Sermon Mark 6:1-9:30 Gospel A Dramatic Reading of the Gospel of St. Mark

Jacob Scoggins
The Nicene Creed
BCP 358
Prayers of the People (Form III)
BCP 387
The Confession
BCP 360
The Peace
Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

Emma Scoggins

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies	
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)	BCP 361
Sanctus	H #S129
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Agnus Dei	H #S157
The Presentation	BCP 364
Communion Hymns	
The Goodness of God (CeCe Winan)	Special Music
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing & Dismissal	BCP 366
The National Anthem (verse 1 only)	H #720
Recessional Hymn	H #717

My Country, Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (black) H = Hymnbook (red) A3 = Alleluia III (yellow)

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist.

The Collect

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

First Reading Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Psalm Psalm 123

Ad te levavi oculos meos

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- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, * to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, * and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, * until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, * for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, * and of the derision of the proud.

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel

Mark 6:1-9:30
A Dramatic Reading of the Gospel of St. Mark