THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn: #390 Praise to the Lord

Lobe den Herren



Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant & People: 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.



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect, a prayer that gathers the people and their prayers together. All

respond Amen.

First Reading: Amos 7:7-17

All sit.

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you ourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 82

Deus stetit

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; * he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, * and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend the humble and needy;

- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; * all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.'
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: #529 "In Christ there is no east or west"

McKee



Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

All stand.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into

the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

CelebrantPeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Canon Chris Wendell

The preacher invokes the Name of the Trinity, all respond "Amen," and then sit for the sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

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;

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, 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.

All stand.

Prayers of the People: Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Julia our Bishop; and

for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray for our Rector, Father Jarred Mercer, during his Sabbatical. May this be a time of rest and inspiration for his spirit; and may he return with a renewed vision for the mission of St. Paul's. We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.

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In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer this week, we pray for churches in the Mt. Hope/Buzzard's Bay Deanery: Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River; St. Luke's Church, Fall River; St. Gabriel's Church, Marion; and St. Philip of Bethsaida, Mattapoisett

Reader: Give rest, we pray, to all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, that your will for them may be fulfilled and that we may share with them and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy People: Hear our prayer

We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Among those who have asked for our prayers, we pray for:

Paul Thiefels Bea Waring
Lisa Ransom Susan S.
Mark B. John Patton

Allison Flynn Cypriana Slosky Coehlo

Jeff KimballAbby ReeseMaren FranksDavid MarsanSusan BentleyJanet Barnes

Dorothy & Jerry

Brink

Andy More

Sue Skinner-Kidd

Nancy Maylott

Chet Brown

Irina *Silence*

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our L
ord. Amen.
All remain standing.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All share signs of Christ's peace with one another, especially seeking to amend any hurts or conflicts.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The altar is set for the Eucharist. Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the Lord's name, bring offerings and come into God's courts. The offering plate is passed. You may also give by scanning this OR code:



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Please stand as you are able.

Eucharistic Prayer: A

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

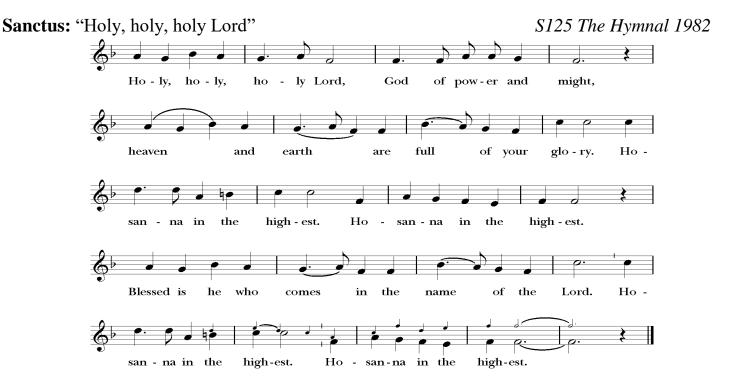
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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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 call 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



Please kneel as you are able.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then continues
Being made one in the power of the Spirit,

Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

Please stand as you are able.

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.

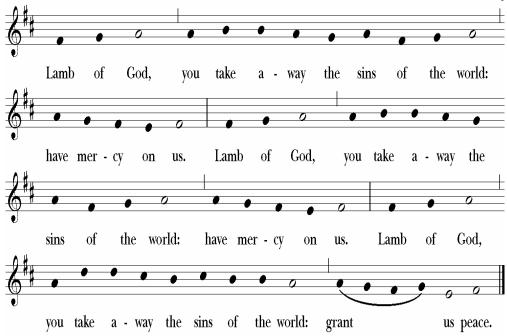
The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God"

S161 The Hymnal 1982



Giving of Communion Please kneel as you are able

Those present come forward to receive communion, released by pew by an usher. There is no requirement to be a member of St. Paul's or Episcopalian to receive communion here. We believe that all are welcome, regardless of tradition or denomination, to be nourished at Christ's table and strengthened to live the faith of their baptism. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than

communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign of this. If you would like communion brought to your seat, please let your usher know.

Prayers for healing and wholeness are offered by going through the door to the left of the pulpit. If you would like prayer for any kind of personal need you are welcome to go that area when you come up for communion.

If one wishes to receive the bread only, this in no way diminishes the sacrament. It has always been the teaching of the Church that the whole Christ is present to us whether we receive both bread and wine together or only one. Please avoid Intinction (dipping bread into the wine). Please take a sip from the common cup to receive. If you are not receiving the wine, cross your arms over your chest in front of the chalice after receiving the bread an acknowledge Christ's presence with us by saying "Amen" after the chalice bearer says, "the blood of Christ." All remain kneeling as they are able upon returning to their seats after communion

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Those unable to be present who are worshiping with us at a distance may pray this prayer of spiritual communion:

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Post-Communion Prayer

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After communion the Celebrant continues:

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.

Blessing

The celebrant pronounces a blessing, after which all respond **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God

Closing Hymn: #657 "Love Divine"

Hyfrydol



Organ Voluntary: Gigue

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TODAY'S SERVICE LEADERS

Clergy: The Rev. Canon Chris Wallace

Music Director: Mary Jodice

Lay Eucharist Minister: Doug Peck

Lector: Carole Bishop

Broadcast Team: Vanessa Ayersman,, Cathleen Porter and Lan Wong

Ushers: Susan Torpa and Stuart Tuthill **Coffee Hour:** Dale and Meryl Longval

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Sunday Parish Eucharist: 10AM

Weekday Eucharist: On hiatus for the Summer; Morning Prayer: On hiatus for the summer,

First Saturday Eucharist: On hiatus for the summer. **Church Office Hours** Tuesday – Friday, 9AM – 1PM

DESPERATELY NEEDED!! Coffee Hour Hosts Our Coffee Hour time after the Service is a great time of fellowship each week which is hosted by volunteers each week We have no volunteers for August. Please consider helping out so that we can continue this lovely time together. Sign up here or send an email to alison.novello@gmail.com who will sign you up. Thanks for doing your part!

Garden Flowers for the Altar If some of our stellar gardeners in the parish have something that can be used on the altar, please let me know. It saves us a bit of money and will showcase the beautiful seasonal flowers. Call or text Anne Tuthill at 978-376-3284 or email atuthill@comcast.net. Hope to hear from you!

Parish Planning Study to Be Conducted at St. Paul's

At our recent parish-wide meeting, we shared an overview of several important capital improvement needs. These include restoration of our church organ, repairs and updates to the parish hall—such as roof work and restroom improvements—enhancements to our air conditioning system, and upgrades to our church offices. To move forward faithfully and responsibly, we are seeking your input to help shape a plan that addresses these needs. Your feedback is essential in developing a plan that reflects the priorities of our whole parish and stays within our financial means. To assist with this process, we've retained Cornerstone Fundraising, a professional firm specializing in religious fundraising, to lead a Planning Study for our parish. The Cornerstone staff will be conducting a series of Focus Groups over the next few weeks. You are invited to participate in one of these Focus Groups so this study can include your valued input. There are only two meeting times left.

Focus Groups:				
□ Today, July	13,	at	12:30	p.m.

☐ Monday, July 14, at 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

RSVP helpful but not required: stpauls@stpauls-nbpt.org

Please make every effort to take part in this important process. Your open and honest input will be invaluable as we plan for the future of St. Paul's.

Thank you in advance for your participation and support.

The St. Paul's Chorister Choir is for children ages 7 to 18, beginning September 2025. This is an opportunity for children to obtain a free musical education. The choir will rehearse Thursday afternoons from 4-5PM. The first rehearsal will be September 11th. Please contact Mary Jodice, the Director of Music to find out more about this program and to set up an audition. The deadline to make an appointment for an audition is August 1st. All are welcome, auditions are simply to assess entry skill level. maryjodice1@gmail.com

Among Friends Needs Your Help! Each month we will be asking for a donation of certain items for Among Friends. In July we would like cake and brownie mixes. You can leave your donations in the basket at the front of the church or drop them off in the parish hall during the week. Thanks! Help Needed! We are in desperate need of volunteers with medical training to assist the Afghan families with doctors' appointments. It is extremely difficult for them to navigate our health care system. They need advocates to help them make appointments, understand medical testing and the results, go to some of the more serious appointments with them and arrange the follow ups. It could be as much time or as little time as you are willing to give. We are also in need of volunteers who are willing to drive to Lexington, Boston, Waltham and Peabody for Boston Children's Hospital appointments. Please email Mary Condella at mcondella@icloud..com or Betsy Marshall at betsy.marshall@gmail.com

Drivers needed for our Afghan Families We need drivers to help transport the Afghan families to/from medical appointments and sport related events. Please note that this may require additional driving now that our families reside in Amesbury. For sports, even being able to provide transportation one way – either 'drop off' or 'pick up' would be welcomed. A CORI check is required for all volunteers. We are pleased that members of both families are in the process of obtaining their driver's permit licenses and we look forward to them being able to assume more of this responsibility in the coming months. Until then, we would greatly appreciate your help! Please contact Mary Condella (mcondella@icloud.com) or Deirdre Budzyna (deirdrebudzyna@gmail.com) if you would like to help!

Do you like music? Please consider joining our Arts and Culture Team and serve as an usher at our upcoming plays and concerts. Email dbudzyna@necc.mass.edu if you are interested.

Do you enjoy working with children? Please consider joining our Children's Formation Team. Email dbudzyna@necc.mass.edu if you are interested in joining this important ministry.

Confirmation, Baptism, and Reception into The Episcopal Church. If you are new to Christianity, or come from another Christian tradition and have never been baptized or confirmed, get in touch with Fr Jarred to discover how this is an important step in your faith and life. Baptism

and Confirmation are for all ages. If you have been baptized and confirmed in another Christian tradition or denomination and would like to be received into The Episcopal Church, also reach out to Fr Jarred.

SSJE Workshops and Retreats The Brothers at the monastery in Cambridge are offering several workshops and retreats. Check out the schedule at https://www.ssje.org/programs/ Copyrights:

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Katie, Brian & family	Susan Flint	David Marsen
Paul Thiefels	Ethan & Family	Dorothy & Jerry
Lindsey Leitko	Grace Novello	Allison Flynn
Sue Skinner-Kidd	Kate Prescott	Cypriana Slosky Coehlo
Gail Bishop-Davis	Nancy Maylott	Chet Brown
Cecile Novelle	Susan Bentley	Andy Moore
	John Patton	Brink

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