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St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 5, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I
8:00 & 9:30 AM

Music notations for 9:30 service only.

**In the name of Christ,
we are truly delighted to worship together.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering

Whether worshipping in person, online or tv, we are One in Christ. *Please place your offering in the basket as it is passed during the offertory, or give [online](#). You may also scan the [QR CODE](#) located on the back page of the bulletin to make a donation.*

Hymn LEVAS 1 Lift every voice and sing *Lift every voice and sing*

Opening Acclimation **BCP, p. 323**

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

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The following song of praise is sung or said, all standing

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee,

we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
 receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
 have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
 with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

THE COLLECT

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 9, YEAR A

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-15

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Greg Welin

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 326

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

BCP, p. 328

The Deacon or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all

those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Today, we pray for St. Paul's, Plainfield; Christ Church, Pomfret; Trinity, Portland; All deacons & the Archdeacons' Council. The Province I School for Deacons; The Anglican Church of South America; for our Presiding Bishop Sean and our Bishops Jeffrey and Laura.

We pray for peace and justice in our world, especially places of war and conflict. We pray for peace in Sudan, Yemen, Ukraine, and Russia. We pray for peace and an end

to the war in Iran, the Gulf States, Lebanon and Israel. We pray for a spirit of respect and civility in our nation that people may be free to live and speak without fear and with respect. We pray for other concerns mentioned silently or aloud...

We offer other thanksgivings mentioned now silently or aloud...

We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially for Shawn Winberg; and for those named now silently or aloud...

We pray for the departed: For those named now silently or aloud.....

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following,

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Offertory

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Please STAND as you are able as the gifts are brought forward in procession to the altar.

Offertory Hymn 377 All people that on earth do dwell Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I) BCP, p. 333

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender

mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily

receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say 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.

We will be offering communion in both kinds (including wine). Although communion in one kind (bread only) is full and sufficient, those who wish to receive wine as well are invited to do so. You may request gluten-free wafers by turning your palms downward at the altar rail. Grape juice is also available and may be requested in the same way. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come to the altar for a blessing; this is indicated by crossing one's arms over the chest.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP, p. 339

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly

beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 717 **My country, 'tis of thee** *America*

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Life's Milestones

Announcements

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people

The Dismissal

Postlude *Finale from "A Patriotic Suite"* **Charles Callahan**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME – and thank you for your presence and prayers today. Thank you to Darlene James for volunteering to play the 8:00 Prelude: Variations on Melita (Almighty Father, strong to save, #579) and 8:00 Offertory: The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune (#377) today. Thank you to Stephanie Crump (8:00 crucifer), Maura Ryan (8:00 1st reading), MaryLiz Williamson (8:00 2nd reading), Patti Cullen (8:00 intercessor/Minister of Communion), Gene Gervais (8:00 usher), Carol Gervais (9:30 1st reading/Minister of Communion), Chuck Maynard (9:30 2nd reading), and Amy Foster (9:30 intercessor). Thank you to the Tech team for tech support.

Good Book Club - The Forward Movement has an ongoing resource that over different seasons reads through a portion of scripture. This summer, the section is the letters of Paul. The Good Book Club will read the letters of I Corinthians, II Corinthians, and Philippians through June, July and August. If you sign up at the Forward Movement, you will receive daily reading reminders. Schedules of reading will also be left in the church.

Free books (for some summer reading!) - We have been sorting through the church library and have identified a number of books that we no longer plan to keep in the library. These books are on the table in the Common Room and are available to anyone who would like them! So, stop by any time through the end of June and take as many books as you would like. Any books not taken by parishioners will be donated. Enjoy!

Rector's Discretionary Fund - The Church has a small fund to help members in times of need, and we need to replenish it from time to time. On the first Sunday of the month, we will use any loose offering (offerings other than pledge income) to fund the account. There is also a new category for online giving for donations to the Discretionary Fund. It is especially appropriate to make small donations as gifts of thanks, and we often receive gifts for weddings, baptisms, or to give thanks for a loved one.

The Wednesday Fellowship and Joy Club - We meet at noon to worship, share a bag lunch and then join in playing some simple games and conversation. Usually ends by 2pm.



The church is open on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm for prayer & reflection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Memorial Garden Tea Party update from Sharon Turlis - I wanted to share that the turnout for the 30-year dedication of the Memorial Garden was fantastic. Following the 9:30 a.m. service on June 28th, many people visited and enjoyed the event. The hospitality committee did an excellent job in organizing everything and ensuring a smooth transition back inside. Special thanks to Nancy and Chuck Maynard for providing cookies and a variety of tea sandwiches. We successfully filled up many spots on the sign-up sheet for watering. I would like to express my gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who serve on the Memorial Garden and Columbarium Committee.

Borrow Medical Equipment at No Cost - Wheel it Forward is a new kind of community library lending out durable medical equipment at no cost (make an optional donation if you can). Items available to borrow are wheelchairs, knee scooters, canes, shower chairs, commodes, hospital beds and many more. To borrow or donate contact (203) - 652- 8600 or online at WheelitForwardUSA.org <https://www.wheelitforwardusa.org/>.

Contact information for the Rev. Greg Welin - You may reach me in the office on most Wednesdays and Thursdays. It would be best to make an appointment to see me if you can. My email is rector@stpaulswallingford.org. In the event of an emergency, you may call my cell phone at 203 206 4802.

The Summer Parish Office Hours-The parish office is open on Wednesdays and Fridays during the summer from 11:00AM-1:00PM. Please email or call the office at (203) 269-5050 to arrange any additional times to meet. Calls, emails and other matters will generally be addressed during business hours of 9:00-1:00 Tuesday-Friday.

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