St. Paul’s Church, 166 High St., Newburyport, MA
Sunday, May 24, 2020
The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Liturgical Year A, Holy Eucharist Rite II

Organ Prelude: “Crown him with many crowns”
organ setting by Sondra K. Tucker (b. 1957)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn: “Crown him with many crowns” Stanzas 1,3 & 5 #494 The Hymnal 1982

1 Crown him with man-y crowns, the Lamb up-on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be-fore the worlds be-gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o’er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o-ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en-throned in worlds a-bove; Crown

1 how the heaven-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own; a-
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic-to-rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in-car-nate Word, for ran-somed sin-ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown
Opening Acclamation

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

People
And blessed be his 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.
Hymn of Praise: “Hail the day that sees him rise”  Stanzas 1 & 2  #214 The Hymnal 1982

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glorious triumph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
3 See! he lifts his hands above; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord beyond our mortal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Celebrant & People: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

A Prayer for Memorial Day

Celebrant: Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. When the need was greatest, they stepped forward and did their duty to defend the freedoms that we enjoy, and to win the same for others.

O God, you yourself have taught us that no love is greater than that which gives itself for another. These honored dead gave the most precious gift they had, life itself, for loved ones and neighbors, for comrades and country – and for us. Help us to honor their memory by caring for the family members they have left behind, by ensuring that their wounded comrades are properly cared for, by being watchful caretakers of the freedoms for which they gave their lives, and by demanding that no other young men and women follow them to a soldier’s grave unless the reason is worthy and the cause is just.

Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free. There are times when its cost is, indeed, dear. Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price to ensure that freedom would be our legacy. Though their names may fade with the passing of generations, may we never forget what they have done. Help us to be worthy of their sacrifice, O God, help us to be worthy. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come
in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

From the Psalms: Psalm 68:1-10,33-36 Said in unison

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Reader: Please join in our psalm

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
   let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
   as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at
   the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
   let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
   exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
   YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
   God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners
   into freedom; *
   but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
   when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
   at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
   at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; * 
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; * 
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision 
for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; * 
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; * 
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; * 
his majesty is over Israel; 
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! * 
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! 
Blessed be God!

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*Reader:* A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.
Sequence Hymn: “In Christ there is no East or West”

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fellow-
e’er your race may be! Who serves my Fa-

him meet South and North, all Christ-ly souls are

ship of love through out the whole wide earth.
as his child is surely kin to me.
one in him, through out the whole wide earth.

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Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11  All stand.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”  

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon  
The Rev. Jo Barrett

Nicene Creed  
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All stand and together say  

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.

Prayers of the People: Form III

Reader: The Leader and People pray responsively
Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People: That we all may be one.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest;
People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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The Celebrant stands and says
O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Clergy: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Leader & People

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

The Celebrant stands and says
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:_ The peace of Christ be with you always.
_People:_ And also with you.

All share signs of Christ’s peace.

**MINISTRY OF THE TABLE**

The offering is taken and the altar is set for the Eucharist as the offertory hymn is sung.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** Form A
**The people remain standing.**

_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 him thanks and praise.

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

**Sanctus:**
_Celebrant and People_

_Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory._

_Hosanna in the highest._

_Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord._

_Hosanna in the highest._
The Celebrant continues
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues
And now, as our Savior
Christ has 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
For thine is the kingdom,
    and the power, and the glory,
    for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread
A period of silence is kept.
Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
People: Have mercy upon us
Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
People: Have mercy upon us
Celebrant: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
People: Grant us your peace
A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: 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.
People: Thanks be to God.
Celebrant: The table is set all are welcome.
People: Amen.

After communion the Celebrant continues:
Let us pray.

Celebrant & 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

Closing Hymn: “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing”

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: “In Christ there is no East or West” organ setting by Dale Wood (1934-2003)

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TODAY’S SERVICE LEADERS
Clergy: The Rev. Jo Barrett
Music Director: Mark Meyer
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Flint
Lector: Eric Bucher

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Cycle of Prayer
Today as we worship we keep in our prayers the Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery; Grace Church, Lawrence; Esperanza Academy, Lawrence; St. Anne’s Church, Lowell; St. John’s Church, Lowell; Congregations: Lectors, Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors and in the local cycle of prayer, First Parish, Newbury.

Prayer List
Person to Pray for and Relationship
Allison Flynn – Niece of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins
Les Johnson – Friend of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins
Eve Steinberg – Friend of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins
Wellington Woods – Great nephew of Dale Cavanaugh
Judy Abby – Parishioner
Frances Calkins – Mother of Anne Tuthill
Loren Larson – Friend of Anne & Stu Tuthill
Debby Demopoulos – Sister of Pat Maslen
Marya Toffey – Niece of Ann Winslow
Keetah Life – Parishioner
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Karen – Friend of the Budzyna family  
Kathleen Martin – Mother of Mary Condella  
Michelle Mendez – Daughter of Ann Staffeld  
Theresa Winslow – Mother of Ed Winslow  
Olin Braids – Brother of Priscilla Bellairs  
Karen & Richard Greene – Family of Wendy Colby  
John B. – Nephew of Mary Condella

Statement of Call - St. Paul's Church

St. Paul's is a Christian community where people are met and accepted without judgment for who they are and are adopted into a loving and caring family. Our faith provides a framework within which we explore, honor and celebrate the presence of God in daily experiences, especially in the crises, conflicts and transitions of life, and are thereby equipped to live fully in an increasingly complex and changing world.

We believe we are called to center our life in Jesus Christ through a regular discipline of Eucharistic worship, scripture study and prayer.

We believe our faith leads us to fulfill our mission, which is to share ourselves and our resources with each other, our community and the world.

We believe we are called to discover and affirm our spiritual gifts and be responsible and committed ministers of these gifts in the name of Jesus Christ.
St. Paul’s 2020 Vestry
Bronson de Stadler – Senior Warden
Ed Winslow – Junior Warden
Stu Tuthill – Treasurer
Clare Keller – Clerk

Shepherds
Class of 2023
Kerry Lagueux
John Neale
Alison Novello

Class of 2022
Vanessa Ayersman
Jane Niebling
Sam Walker

Class of 2021
Jay Gamble
Jenn Mansfield
Michelle Rogers

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