St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport, MA Sunday, October 4, 2020

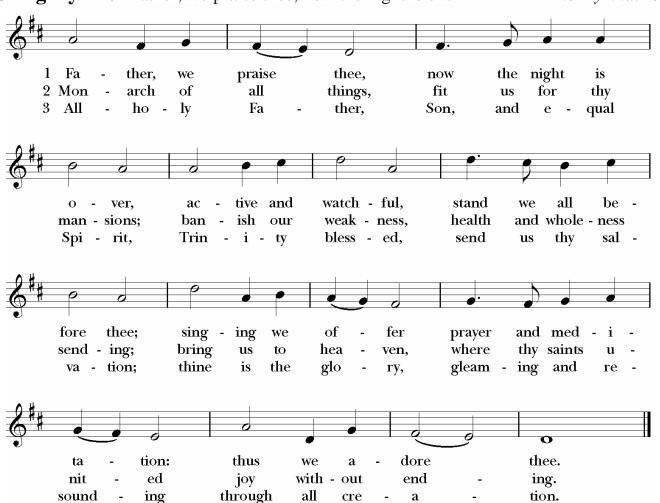
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Liturgical Year A, Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude: "Voluntary in D-Major" John Stanley (1713-1786)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn: "Father, we praise thee, now the night is over"

#1 The Hymnal 1982



Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

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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

BCP p. 234

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1 – 7

Reader: A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

Psalm: "Hear us, O Shepherd of the faithful"

paraphrase of Psalm 80 by Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) *Jane Niebling, soprano; Virginia Meyer, alto*

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b – 14

Reader: A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Church in Philippi.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming

like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

All stand.

Gospel Acclamation

#158 Gather Comprehensive 2



Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33 – 46

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon Fr. Jarred

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

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 V

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Reader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

Reader: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Alan & Gayle our own Bishops, for David, Bishop of El Salvador, for Fr. Jarred our priest, for all bishops, priests, and deacons and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and for our continued faithfulness in giving of our time, talents, and resources for the building of Christ's kingdom, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; especially those who are suffering directly and indirectly from the coronavirus and its economic, physical and emotional effect, for victims of racial injustice, and those threatened by wild fires on the west coast, that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health

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we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For all who have died, for those who have died recently, Kathleen Martin and Joan Russell, and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, especially Marion Bothwell, that they have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of Blessed Mary, Paul, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God in a time of silence. *Silence*

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 fore ever. *Amen*.

Confession & Absolution

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Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence.
Celebrant & 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,

The Celebrant stands and says

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.

Stewardship Thoughts

Karen Spangler

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.

Offertory Hymn: "Mustard Seed" Words: Martha K. Spong; tune: "Amazing Grace" *Stanzas 1-4 will be sung by soloists; all join in stanza 5.*

Oh, once there was a mustard seed
Almost too small to see.
I planted it and watched it grow
Into a spreading tree.

The Tree became a home for birds;
The branches held their nests.
The birds they came from miles around to find a place to rest.

But mustard seeds will never grow Into such spreading trees. We tell the tale so we will know God's kingdom yet to be.

How can we live our lives today to be the mustard seed?
We'll share God's love with all we meet and help the ones in need.

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Almost too small to see.
I planted it and watched it grow
Into a spreading tree.
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Eucharistic Prayer: Form A

The people remain standing.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

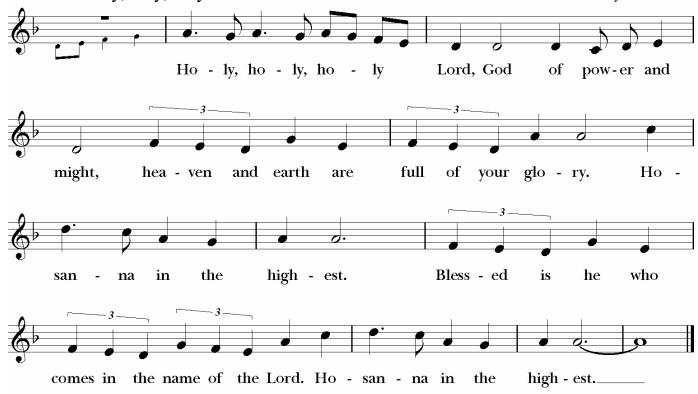
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called 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:



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.

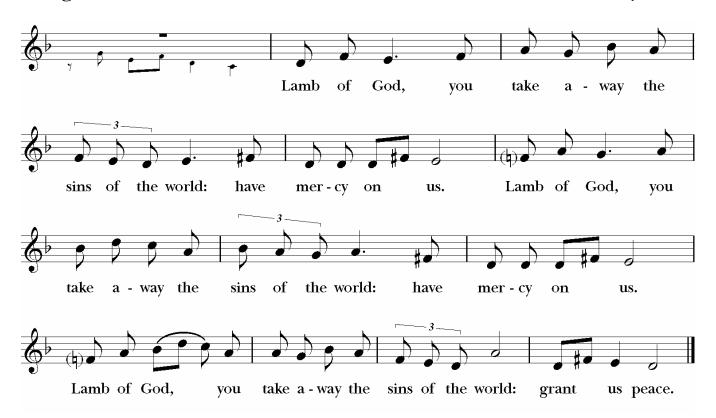
The Celebrant continues

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 from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.



Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: 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 Hymn: "Make me a channel of your peace" #721 *Gather Comprehensive Stanzas 1 & 3 will be sung by the soloist, Elaine Bucher; all sing stanzas 2 & 4.*



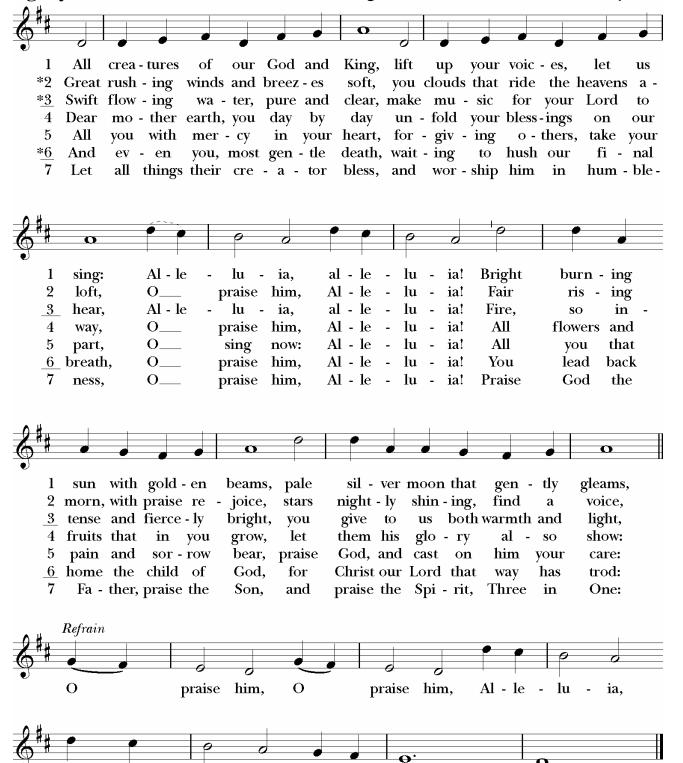
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Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: 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: "All creatures of our God and King" Stanzas 1,4,5 & 7 #400 The Hymnal1982



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "All creatures of our God and King" organ setting by Nancy M. Raabe (b. 1954)

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Cycle of Prayer

Today as we worship we keep in our prayers the *Parishes of the South Shore Deanery;* Emmanuel Church, Braintree; Chapel, Brockton; St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset; Brotherhood of St. Andrew; United Interfaith Action and in the local cycle of prayer: First Parish Church Newbury.

Prayer List

Person to Pray for and Relationship

Allison Flynn – Niece of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins

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Eve Steinberg - Friend of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins

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Betty Trowbridge - Friend of Donna Northam

Marie Buckman – Mother of Linda Davis Siess

Walter Blumenscheid – Father of Richard Blumenscheid

Paul Ingalls – Brother of Brad Ingalls

Lois Schofield – Parishioner

Mary Snowdon – Parishioner

Ken Leistler – Friend of Susan Flint

David Sanborn – Brother of Wayne Sanborn

Laura Hobbs - Friend of Susan Flint

Jeanne Rainoldi - Friend of Ann Staffeld

Vikas Chandhoke – Friend of Alison & Peter Novello

Richelle Stephens – Friend of Susan Flint

Paul Lucas – Parishioner

John Coliano – Friend of Cathleen Williamson

Noel – Friend of Cathleen Williamson

Ann Davis – Friend of Cathleen Williamson

Donna & Bob Northam – Parishioners

Larry Blondin – Parishioner

Josiah Welch – Parishioner Bethany Albritton – Grandniece of Judy Jester Kristin Corning – Parishioner

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

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