

St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport, MA
Sunday, October 25, 2020 – Ingathering Sunday
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, Liturgical Year A, Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn: “Come, let us join our cheerful songs”

#374 *The Hymnal 1982*



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry “to be ex - alt - ed thus”;
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and power di - vine;
4 The whole cre - a - tion joins in one to bless the sa - cred Name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply “for he was slain for us.”
may bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for ev - er thine.
of him that sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Opening Acclamation

Bishop 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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Bishop & 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

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Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Bishop: Let us pray.

Bishop: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1 – 2, 15 – 18

Reader: A Reading from the book of Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm: “Happy is the One” paraphrase of Psalm 1 by John L Bell (b. 1949)

Singers – Elaine Bucher, Virginia Meyer, Jane Niebling

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1 – 8

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

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 22:34 – 46

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

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”?’ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris

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 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, those threatened by wildfires and other natural disasters, and all those caught up in war, conflict and oppression, remembering especially the people of Nigeria, 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 any 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, among them Josiah Welch, and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, 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, Simon, Jude, 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

The Bishop 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 fore ever. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

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

Silence.

Bishop & 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 Bishop 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

Bishop: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

As the altar is set and the offertory hymn is sung, pledge cards will also be brought forward representing those of the whole congregation as we celebrate Ingathering Sunday.

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”

Soloists will sing stanza 1. After a short interlude, please join in singing the remaining stanzas. There will be another short interlude between stanzas 4 and 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.

Oh, once there was a mustard seed
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.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

The Bishop 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:

Sanctus: “Holy, holy, holy Lord”

#S-124 *The Hymnal 1982*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Bishop 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:

Bishop and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Bishop 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 Bishop then continues

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

People and Bishop

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.

Breaking of the Bread

#S-161 *The Hymnal 1982*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

Bishop: As we are not all gathered to receive the sacrament together, we pray this prayer of spiritual communion:

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)

Unison or harmony

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray
 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;
 3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,

that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,
 make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;
 may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say
 draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,
 one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
 by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
 one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,
 more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Prayer

Bishop: Let us pray.

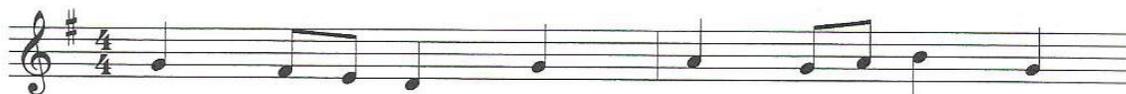
Bishop & People

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: "Lord, whose love in humble service"

#668 *Gather Comprehensive 2*



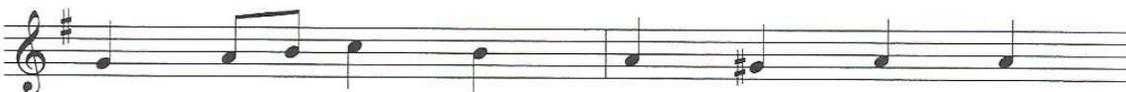
1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice
 2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less;
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion,
 4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice



Bore the weight of hu - man need, Who did on the
 Still the hun - gry cry for bread; Still the cap - tives
 Till your love's re - veal - ing light, Till the height and
 Forth in your great name we go, To the child, the



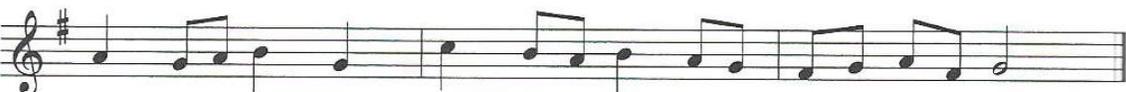
Cross for - sak - en, Show us mer - cy's per - fect deed;
 long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight:
 youth, the a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show;



We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
 Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 Hope and health, good - will and com - fort,



Not of voice a - lone, but heart: Con - se - crat - ing
 Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the love your
 Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring us to
 Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give That your chil - dren,



to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 faith - ful serv - ice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom, May your mer - cy know and live.

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 Tune: IN BABILONE, 8 7 8 7 D; *Oude en Nieuwe Hollanste Boerenliedjes*, c.1710

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: “Lord, whose love in humble service” organ setting by Michael Burkhardt (b. 1927)

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TODAY’S SERVICE LEADERS

Clergy: The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Massachusetts,
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Lay Eucharistic Minister: Tom Hussey

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Cycle of Prayer

Today as we worship we keep in our prayers the *Parishes of the South Shore Deanery*: Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Hingham; St. John's Church, Holbrook; Trinity Church, Marshfield; Church of Our Saviour, Milton; Order of St. Luke and in the local cycle of prayer: Old South Presbyterian Church, Newburyport.

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
Judy Abby – Parishioner
Frances Calkins – Mother of Anne Tuthill
Debby Demopoulos – Sister of Pat Maslen
Marya Toffey – Niece of Ann Winslow
Keetah Life – Parishioner
Stephen Mathis – Friend of Priscilla Bellairs
Talia Duff—Niece of Lorrie and Jeff Jones
Stephen Jones—Nephew of Lorrie and Jeff Jones
Betty Moberger – Sister-in-law of Ingrid Sanborn
Marilyn Diehl – Friend of Ingrid Sanborn
Jill Davila – Niece of Carole Bishop
Tony Broer - Brother of Carole Bishop
Joanne Norris – Friend of Sheila & Jack Butler
Karen – Friend of the Budzyna family
Theresa Winslow – Mother of Ed Winslow
Olin Braids – Brother of Priscilla Bellairs
Karen & Richard Greene – Family of Wendy Colby
Mark Wise – Friend of Donna Northam
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
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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

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John Neale

Alison Novello

Class of 2022

Vanessa Ayersman

Jane Niebling

Sam Walker

Class of 2021

Jenn Mansfield

Michelle Rogers

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