

*Celebrating Christ's Presence
In a Changing World*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 2022
10:30 am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are so happy you are with us today. Everyone is invited to take Holy Communion (the bread and the wine) and we have gluten free bread available. Just follow the congregation up the aisle. If you would like to come up for a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest. Thanks for being here and please come again!

Prelude *O Worship the King*
Benjamin Culli (1975-)

Opening Hymn **The Hymnal 1982 #388**
O Worship the King

Welcome by The Rev. Chip Dischinger

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Celebrant:

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.**

GLORIA **The Hymnal 1982 #S280**
Canticle 20
Gloria in Excelsis

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you**
Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church

throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(The people sit for the readings)

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:27-34

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People **Thanks be to God**

Remain seated.

Psalm 119:97-104

97 Oh, how I love your law! *

all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *

and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *

for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, *

because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *

that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *

because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *

they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; *

therefore I hate every lying way.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy:

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost

patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
People **Thanks be to God**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn **The Hymnal 1982 #285**
What Thanks and Praise To Thee We Owe

The Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to **Luke 18:1-8**

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

The Sermon The Rev. Chip Dischinger

(All stand)

Nicene Creed

BCP 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:
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

(The people may continue to stand or kneel)

Intercessor Brothers and sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Christ in your mercy, refresh our hearts.”

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all the leaders of your Church, Bishop Bonnie and our Vestry. Bless Rev. Chip, and our new interim priest Pastor Jadon, in their ministry to us, and give Your guidance to our congregation as we seek to find a new priest to serve You in the St. Paul’s community.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers the leaders of the nations, May they choose ways of life and not paths of death. Deliver the nations of the world from violence and war. Set our feet on the way of peace.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all of your creation. May we protect the trees, the streams and the fruits of the earth. Forgive us when our choices cause death where you intend life. May we ever celebrate the life-giving aspects of your creation.

(The congregation silently adds their thanksgivings)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers this congregation. We ask you to bless our ministries: especially today the Readers and LEMs, the Altar Guild, the Tech Team, the Hospitality Team, our Musicians, the Sunday School and Acolytes. May we encourage each other to delight in you. Let us appeal to each other on the basis of love and always remember our sisters and brothers in prayer.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all those who are in pain. Heal their bodies, their spirits, and their souls. Bless all with life and prosperity. Especially...

(The congregation silently add their petitions.)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Intercessor We remember in our prayers all those who have died. May all who have carried the cross in the way of Christ also be raised with him to a new life.

(Silence)

Intercessor Christ in Your mercy,
People **Refresh our hearts.**

Celebrant O 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 for ever and ever. **Amen**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

(Silence)

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

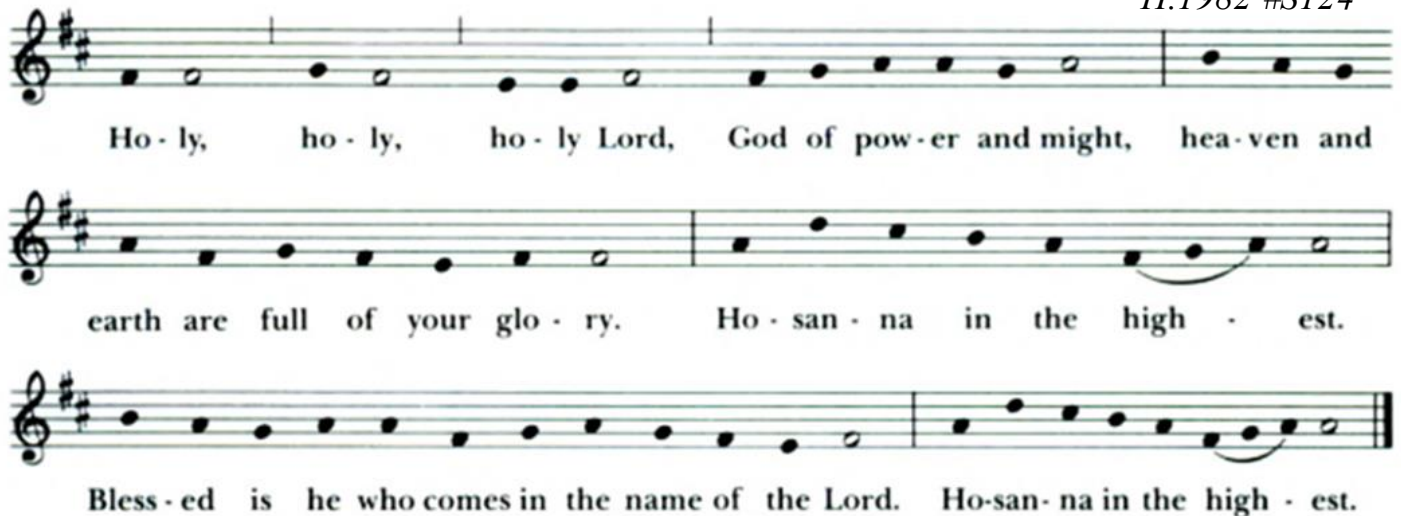
Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Meditation *O Worship the King* Jeffrey Blersch (1969-)



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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant continues,

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. +

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon

these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

H. 1982 #S154

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Celebrant,

Become what you see, receive who you are, the body and blood of Christ.

Communion Hymns

(The Congregation is welcome to sing these hymns during communion)

Worship & Rejoice #711

Seek Ye First

Worship & Rejoice #343

Shepherd of Souls

All are invited to receive Holy Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray. We pray with those worshipping online and here present:

Celebrant and People,

Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying,

Life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind...and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **The Hymnal 1982 #594**
God of Grace and God of Glory

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude *God of Grace and God of Glory* Paul Manz (1919-2009)

❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of my friend Elaine Fogel-Falck by Sandra Kilian; And IN THANKSGIVING for Alice & all others that help keep our church in working order by Sue Hammett.



Worship Ministers:
The Rev. George “Chip” Dischinger
Julie Baglien, Director of Music and Organist
Sandra Kilian, 1st Reader & LEM; Loren Swanson, 2nd Reader
Sue Hammett, Intercessor; Joe Lathrop, LEM & Acolyte;
Dana Burkey, Bob Duke, Kyle King, Jan Osborn, Ushers
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Announcements

- **The St. Paul's Search Committee** now has an email that you can use to ask questions or share your thoughts. If you would like to contact one of the members on the Search Committee, you can email: searchcommittee@stpauljxmi.org
- **During the month of October**, Mission & Outreach will be focusing on support of the Jackson H.S. Community Closet, helping students who struggle with basic necessities. A list of items needed is posted on the bulletin board in the glass narthex. Cash and/or check donations are also accepted. Please note "J-High Community Closet" in the memo line. For more info, please reach out to Dana Burkey or Heidi Lathrop. Thank you!
- **Altar flowers needed:** We have several Sundays available for altar flower dedications in the months of November and December. The cost is approx. \$45. Please call Cheryl Gumper at 517-789-7982, or contact the church office if you would like to help.



TUESDAY	6:00 pm	Toastmasters
	6:00 pm	Search Committee (Zoom)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:30 am	Bible Study
SUNDAY	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 am	Adult Forum
	9:15 am	Church School
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour

The Hymnal 1982 #388

O Worship the King

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838). Music: *Hanover*, att. William Croft (1678-1727).

The Hymnal 1982 #285

What Thanks and Praise To Thee We Owe

1 What thanks and praise to thee we owe, e - ter - nal
2 O hap - py saint! his sa - cred page, so rich in
3 His - to - rian of the Sa - vior's life, the great a -
4 So grant us, Lord, like him to live, be - loved on

God and Word di - vine, for Luke, thy saint, through
words of truth and love, pours on the Church from
pos - tle's chos - en friend, through wear - y years of
earth, ap - proved by thee, till thou at last the

whom we know so man - y gra - cious words of thine.
age to age the heal - ing unc - tion from a - bove.
toil and strife was still found faith - ful to the end.
sum - mons give, and we, with him, thy face shall see.

Words: William Dalrymple Maclagan (1826-1910), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).



Worship & Rejoice #711

Seek Ye First

1

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.
Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.

Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

13. 11. 7 with Alleluias

Worship & Rejoice #343

Shepherd of Souls

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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The Hymnal 1982 #594

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. By permission of the author. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).