St. Paul’s Episcopal Church

Spreading the Word of God Since 1827

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For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Matthew 18:20

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Communion will be served at the base of the first set of steps.

The handicapped entrance is through the Parish Hall.

A wheelchair is available.
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist Rite II, Year A

Organ Prelude  Evening Prayer (from the Organ Suite “In A
Medieval Monastery”)  by Walker Baylor

OPENING HYMN  (See Insert) “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”
(Seated) You may read, hum or lightly sign.

Entrance and Acclamation
The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Prayer

The Celebrant may say  (standing) (said by all)

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 mag-
nify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis  (all standing) (Said by all)
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on
earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we
worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us: you are seated at the right hand of the Fa-
ther: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, 
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy 

The Liturgy of the Word

Collect  (all standing)

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People  And also with you.

Celebrant  Let us pray.  (standing)

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you 
always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you 
ever forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through 
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy 
Spirit, one God, now and for ever  Amen

First Reading  Exodus 12:1-14  (seated)

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This 
month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the 
first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of 
Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for 
each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too 
small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of 
people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-
old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You 
shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole 
assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 
They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts 
and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the 
lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with 
unleavened bread and bitter herbs.
Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.
Psalm 149  (Seated)

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
   let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
   let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
   and adorns the poor with victory.
5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
   let them be joyful on their beds.
6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
   and a two-edged sword in their hand;
7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
   and punishment on the peoples;
8 To bind their kings in chains *
   and their nobles with links of iron;
9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
   this is glory for all his faithful people.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.
The Second Reading  Romans 13:8-14 (seated)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.  (Response) Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (See Insert) “All hail the power of Jesus’ Name” (Remain Seated) You may read, hum or lightly sign.
Then, all standing, the Priest reads:

**The Holy Gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 18:15-20

*People*  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

Fr. Bob

The Nicene Creed (Standing—Said by all)

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 to the People Form IV  

(Kneeling)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in our mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially Justin The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Audrey the Bishop of the Diocese of Central PA, Robert our Celebrant; the ministries of our local Episcopal Churches—St. Paul’s, Good Shepherd, Holy Trinity, St. Laurence and St. Andrew’s;
The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa and the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Memorial Church in Danville.

We give thanks for the Birthdays of Nicole Flaitz (7th), Aiden Parkes (7th) and Bill Condo (11th). And for the Anniversaries of: Wes and Regan (Lucas) Schemp (6th) and Kevin and Vickie Fink (12th). Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Isaac Conklin, Stephanie (Conklin) Beauvais, Bob Colyer, Jamie Roos Settles, Anna Jean Barnard, Teddy Conklin, Betty Dobson, Rhoda Ferrier, Betty Dzwonkowski, Christine Williams, Danael Osewalt, Fr. Bill Walker, Ron Shanafelt, Evelyn Melius, Caroline Crain, Kathy Hockenburry, Denny Dixon, Patty Crot, Kathy Walker, Mona Wood, Carl & Mary Sprankle, Sally Grove Ferrier, Walt Myers, Gertrude Clyde, John Kelly, Hunter Sallurday, Raymond Oncea, Cathy, Barb, Carol, Jean Melius Lance, Denny McDonald, Diane Hoover, Bill Housley and Terry Dobson. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died especially the Altar Flowers in the Glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth Myers by Nathan & Kathy Myers, Geri Scott, Linda Myers, and Mary Sprankle; and the Sanctuary Candle in the Glory of God and in loving memory of John and Georgena and Dot Burchill by Bill Burchill that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution The Celebrant says
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

(Minister and 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 Priest 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 (all stand) *The Celebrant says to the people:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People And also with you. (Exchange in place)*

**Announcements:**
Offertory Organ Music

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

Here a Preface of the season is said by the Celebrant.

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:

Chimes

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 people stand or kneel. Then 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 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 arm 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.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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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,
  the power and the glory
  for ever and ever.
  *Amen*
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(All baptized people are welcome to partake in Holy Communion)

**The Breaking of the Bread & Holy Communion**

(Center aisle in front of steps)

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

**Celebrant**  Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People**  Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**The Celebrant continues**

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.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

Communion Organ Music
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (See Insert) “How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds” (Seated) You may read, hum or lightly sing.

The Benediction and Dismissal
The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Be amongst you and remain with you always. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Organ Fantasia Theodore DuBois
We thank the people who make our worship possible:
Celebrant: Father Robert McKay IV
Organist: William Burchill
September Ushers/Greeters: Lora Gauss and Sally Radomsky
September Altar Guild: Nancy McDowell and Vicki Condo
Eucharistic Assistant: Fred Lucas
(1st L) Susan Wykoff (Ps) Kolene Parkes (2nd L) Diane Twist
There will be no Sunday School at this time.
There is no Coffee Hour after the service.
The Choir will not meet until further notice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Sept. 10-6 to 8 PM Altoona Convocation Zoom Meeting
Sept. 13-9AM 15th Sunday after Pentecost w/Fr. McKay
Sept. 20-9AM 16th Sunday after Pentecost w/Fr. McKay
Sept. 21-7PM Vestry Meeting
Sept. 27-9AM 17th Sunday after Pentecost w/Fr. McKay

The next Newsletter will go out the middle of September. Please have announcements and schedules given to Weezie as soon as you can.

Thank you for coming to Church today!

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