



ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL  
E P I S C O P A L

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost:**  
**Proper 21**  
**The Holy Eucharist:**  
**Rite Two**

**The Season of Creation**  
**October 1, 2023**  
**8:00 a.m.**

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Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith,  
we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

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*Masks are no longer required but you're welcome to wear one if you wish.*

*As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.*

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we would like to hear from you: <http://stpaulcathedral.org/im-new/>*



St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land.

*Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023*

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§ *Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.*

## **The Word of God**

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§ *The Presider says*

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

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

*Presider*

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.**

*The Presider and people say together*

**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 Father:  
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 Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*The Presider says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*       Let us pray.

*The Presider says the Collect.*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

§       *Please be seated.*

### **The Lessons**

*The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water

will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer*       **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16   *Attendite, popule (said by all)*

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- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \***  
    **incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \***  
    **I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**
- 3 That which we have heard and known,**  
    **and what our forefathers have told us, \***  
    **we will not hide from their children.**
- 4 We will recount to generations to come**  
    **the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \***  
    **and the wonderful works he has done.**
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \***  
    **in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.**
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \***  
    **he made the waters stand up like walls.**
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, \***  
    **and all the night through with a glow of fire.**
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \***  
    **and gave them drink as from the great deep.**
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \***  
    **and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

*The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*The Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer*

**Thanks be to God.**

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*Please stand as able when the Presider stands.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 21:23-32

*The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

§ *Please be seated at the introduction of the sermon.*

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Allisyn Thomas

§ *After a moment of silence, please stand as able for the Nicene Creed.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Presider*

Let us stand and proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*(Presider and people)*

**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.**

## **The Prayers of the People for the Season of Creation**

*The Deacon bids the prayers.*

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

*During the silence after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Leader*

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**



Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people known to this congregation who desire or need your presence and help, especially...

*The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.*

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, especially...

*The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.*

*Silence*

God, Giver of life,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider says the concluding Collect.*

Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

source: Anne Kelsey

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon says to the People*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon and People together*

**Merciful and sustaining God,  
we have sinned against you.**

**We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation:  
teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.**

**We confess that we have misused your earth:  
grant us amendment of life.**

**We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:  
strengthen us in self-control.**

**We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted:  
make us urgent now for its protection.**

**Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
with whom you live and reign,  
one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*The Presider 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

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

§        *The People offer each other a sign of the Peace.*

§        *Please be seated.*

## Welcome and announcements

### The Offertory

*You may give online now by using your phone's camera to scan the quick response code:*



*or text stpaulcathedral to 73256 using your cell phone. Thank you!*

## The Holy Communion

§        *Please stand as able for the offering to be brought forward and remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving.*

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### The Great Thanksgiving      Eucharistic Prayer C

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*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider continues*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**   *(Presider 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 Presider continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Miriam, Deborah, and Ruth; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the worlds about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

✠ Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Presider and People*)

**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 Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.*

<i>Presider</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
<i>People</i>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</b>

## The Invitation

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed; come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.

- *The Iona Community Worship Book*

*Presider*        **The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

*After the Invitation has been given, please be seated until you are ushered to the communion stations at the Crossing. Please take your purse or valuables with you.*

*At Communion time we will offer the Host with the option to have it partially intincted (dipped) by the Eucharistic Minister into the wine and placed in the communicant's hand. For the time being we will not offer the option of drinking from the Common Cup. You may choose to receive only the dry Host or to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament.*

*As you come forward, please use one of these three gestures to indicate your preference:*

- ❖ *To receive the host with wine, extend both your hands, palm up.*
- ❖ *To receive only the host, extend one hand, palm up.*
- ❖ *To receive a blessing, cross your hands at your shoulders.*

*If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer, please go to the station at the extreme left.*

§        *After a moment of silence following the distribution of communion, please stand as you are able for the following prayer*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Presider*        **Let us pray.**

*All*                **God our Creator,  
you feed your people with the bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
that we may come to that place  
where your people hunger and thirst no more  
and your creation is restored to its full glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Presider may bless the people.*

Go forth confident in the hope in which you have been saved; praise God in all creation; follow Christ through whom all things are made; in the power of the Spirit become a beacon of hope to the world; and the blessing of the Creator God, ✠ the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

**Amen.**

*The Deacon dismisses them with these words*

Let us bless the Lord.

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

§       *The clergy, altar party, and people depart.*

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### **Ministers of the Liturgy**

*Presider:* The Rev. Cn. Richard Hogue, Jr.

*Preacher:* The Rev. Cn. Allisyn Thomas

*Deacon:* The Rev. Cn. Brooks Mason

*Dean:* The Very Rev. Penny Bridges

*Head Verger:* Cn. Lisa Churchill

*Reader:* Anita Martinez

*Altar Servers:* Jerry Coughlan, Dan Love

*Altar Guild:* Rew Carne, Cherie Dean, Almira Fort, Jack Hayman, Todd Hurrell,  
Paula Peeling, Scott Strickland

*Usher-in-charge:* Rich Davis

*Ushers:* Christie Batten, Norm Friesen, Carl Mattina, Mary Rathbun

*Cathedral Audio:* Paul Young

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*In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers, and remain as quiet and calm as possible.*

*Please locate an exit nearest you.*

*The exit doors are:*

- *South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- *North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- *South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- *Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- *West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*

## October 1, 2023 – Pentecost 18 (A)

### Evangelism Grants

Episcopal institutions are invited to apply for evangelism grants to support local and regional efforts to grow Episcopal ministries, resources, and gatherings. The application deadline is **Oct. 13**.

The grant application, criteria, requirements, budget information, and more are available online in English, Spanish, and French: <https://iam.ec/evangelismgrants>.

The grants committee will consider proposals for up to \$2,000 for individual faith communities and up to \$8,000 for multichurch, diocesan, provincial, and other regional collaborations. A total of \$125,000 is available for this funding cycle.

The 2023 grant focus is on evangelism initiatives that minister across barriers. Projects that would fit this theme include the following:

- Collaborative, lay-led ministries that are not clergy dependent.
- Ministries that explicitly support and include communities traditionally underrepresented in The Episcopal Church.
- Ministries that engage new ways of being the church in new spaces.

“Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has noted that evangelism is not about building bigger churches but rather about building a better world,” said Jerusalem Greer, manager of evangelism and discipleship. “The same is true for this evangelism grant cycle; we are looking for applicants and projects committed to sharing the Good News of God in Christ in ways that build relationships, heal brokenness, and invite people to create a better world together.”



The Episcopal Evangelism grants program began in 2017 in response to the 2015 General Convention’s increased investment in evangelism. The program is coordinated by the Executive Council Joint Standing Committee on Mission Within The Episcopal Church in collaboration with evangelism staff. During the 2018-2021 triennium, 12 Episcopal communities were awarded grants, out of 59 applicants.

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