

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 12
Morning Prayer Officiant: Dewanda Clark

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Hymnal 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only Light.
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Officiant
People

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; * let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things
temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Psalm

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

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- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; * **make known his deeds among the peoples.**
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * **and speak of all his marvelous works.**
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; * **let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; * **continually seek his face.**
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, * **his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, * **O children of Jacob his chosen.**
- 7 He is the LORD our God; * **his judgments prevail in all the world.**
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, * **the promise he made for a thousand generations:**
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, * **the oath that he swore to Isaac,**
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, * **an everlasting covenant for Israel,**
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan * **to be your allotted inheritance."**
- 45 **Hallelujah!**

The First Reading

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me."

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country-- giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord.

Answer

Thanks be to God.

9 The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus* Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; * I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, * and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, * Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; * see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, * and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, * for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Answer

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary *The Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, * for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

Reflection on the Readings

The Reverend Stephen Schafroth

Officiant and People together, all standing

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Thanksgivings, Celebrations of Life

Thank offerings this quarter designated for HAVEN- Help Against Violent Encounters Now

The Offertory

Sing Praise to God who reigns above

Hymnal 408

The Doxology 8:00: *All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.*

10:00: Hymnal 380 *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Prayers *The People stand or kneel*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collects

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

In our congregational cycle of prayer, we pray for Ann Marie Woolsey, Kyle McCullough, Jan Newson, Cary Lowe, and Norman Abrams. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen!*

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

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The Dismissal*Deacon*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People***Thanks be to God!****Postlude***Servers~**Officiant and Worship Leader: Dewanda Clark; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;**Lector: 8:00 Ron Fullmer, 10:00 Skip Fisher; Prayers of the People: Verna Browne, Diane Adams;**Altar Guild: Kim McCullough, Kaethe Worcester; Piano: Kathy Scarborough;**Flowers: Ken and Sandy Leibham, in thanksgiving for grandparents; Coffee Hosts: John and Janet Mabrey***PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family:****In our diocesan cycle of prayer**, St. James, Milton-Freewater: Rebecca Hendricks.**For Repose of Soul** for Cassa Logan and all who have died.**For Healing and Strength** for Mike Telfer; Janet Probstfield, friend of Pat and Mike Fowler;

Don and Karen Lewis; Tona, Karen, Piper, Lynn; Nadyne Reynolds; Patrick Martin; Don Grey; Harold Kirby; Margaret Savage; Hyun Joo Yi; Chuck Hartmann; Jack Howe; Doris Abrams; Jane Schafroth.

For our Vestry and work groups: Building and Administration: Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden; Jill Durow, Pat Fowler, Jenny Curtis, Jerry Frazier, Treasurer; Relationship/Serving: Andrea Booren, Amy McIlvenna, Julie Reynolds, Diane Walworth; Worship/Education: Diane Walworth, Joann Manciu, Robert Kirby, Julie Reynolds, Monte Dickinson, Senior Warden; and Deb Hucke, Deputy Clerk.**For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country** and for all those who serve and protect us, especially: Kelsey Neubauer, Albert South, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Kevin Gross, Travis Kennedy, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna.**CALENDAR:**

<i>Tuesday</i>	Bible Study	1:00 pm	<i>Mill Creek Point, 100 Vey Way, 3rd floor lounge</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	Eucharist	Noon	<i>Diocesan Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	Healing Service	Noon	<i>St. Paul's</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THANK YOU KATHY! As Rule Beasley is traveling to California, Kathy Scarborough once again has graciously stepped up to provide us with beautiful music! Thank you, Kathy, you have enriched our worship as well as all of our live together, and we truly appreciate this service.

COMING UP: First Wednesday of the Month Potluck- August: What does the Anglican Covenant Say; What does it Mean; and What does it Mean to Us?! These are all questions that will be up for discussion and consideration at our potluck on August 3, beginning at 5:30 pm as usual. We'll have a DVD with thoughts and insights from people who have studied the Covenant, lived and taught many places in the Anglican Communion as well as at Episcopal seminaries. So, we'll screen a conversation with three professors- including John Kater, the professor who came and preached at St. Paul's- from CDSP, Church Divinity School of the Pacific. This will be a casual and informal screening, popcorn for snacking provided! We can share thoughts, hopes, fears, confusion... anything and all, that we think and feel. Please Come!

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: SOWING AND HARVESTING IN THE AGE OF THE QUICK FIX!
The Gospel parables we've been living with these last few weeks have brought our attention to sowing seeds, growing weeds and wheat, and harvesting of the good and the bad.

Probably for all of us who are gardeners, orchardists, or farmers of any kind, these parables have brought to mind all kinds of issues associated with the cycle of life that is evident in sowing seeds; watering, weeding and nurturing plants; waiting for and then harvesting the fruit of the plants; gathering from the plants the seeds to be kept and tended and protected over the winter, so that they may be used again for the next year's crop. It's a process that is neither fast nor easy, even if we can buy seeds in packets, and sometimes we now buy plants nearly full-grown. It's a process that takes time, attention, care, patience, and an eye to the future.

So, what does this have to do with stewardship? Consider 2 Corinthians 9:6-12: *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Cheerful and patient and generous. The sower's heart should be our hearts. For the fruit we want to bear is the fruit of love and thanksgiving, isn't it? Consider how Eugene Peterson puts it in **The Message**:

Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving. God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out.

This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God.

We'll be hearing more from Ned Kice and Amy McIlvenna, who are leading our intentional efforts to inform and develop our stewardship of St. Paul's and all that God has given us. They will help us to sow seeds with generous and patient and thankful hearts, and to rejoice as we tend and harvest the fruits God brings. Let's join them!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- From John Adams, Re: Janeal's House: The temporary water and electricity are being hooked up. We are waiting for the city's final clearance and building permits, before we can start the foundation. Stay tuned, and be ready to jump in when the time is ripe!

From Gretchen Kimsey:

The Adult Education Retreat at Ascension School is offering this year a unique experience of "nourishing your body, soul and mind". After four days at beautiful Ascension School, you will return home feeling refreshed and cared for, having experienced courses in prayer, tai chi, yoga, guided meditation and labyrinth walking. This is your chance to pamper yourself just a bit and learn age old techniques in knowing a life of balance, good health and wholeness. Look in the narthex for information or go to the web - coveascensionschool.com - and sign up. You will not be sorry you did!!

PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE AND THE VISITS TO PARISHES: By the end of July, every parish will have received a visit from the Standing Committee, as we did on July 6. The hope is that these visits will be instrumental in our discernment of where we, as a diocese, are to go, and what we are to do. The Diocese has asked our prayers for all of these meetings- please keep each meeting, parish and all of the members of the Standing Committee, Council, the Bishop and all of our leaders in your prayers they participate in these visits.

Here is a prayer from the diocese that you may wish to use:

Gracious God, We thank you that we are part of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, the Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Communion.

We thank you for the abundant gifts you have bestowed upon us and our congregations, empowering us to continue the ministry to which you have called us. May your Church pursue with greater zeal the mission given to us by Christ that men and women, young and old, may draw closer to God and one another. Inspire us to be a prophetic voice in a bewildered world. Give us the courage to be Christ's hands, in a saddened world.

At this time guide those bearing responsibility for this Diocese as we engage in the process of visioning a model for our next bishop that will allow us to develop an infrastructure that truly supports and encourages mission and ministry.

Give us understanding, courage and wisdom as we seek your vision for your Church and for our Diocese and grant us all that we need to live into that vision. Help us to listen to one another and to you as we seek to partner with you in transforming the world with love. Amen.

As we pray for the diocese and the visits, please also pray for the convention which will be held in Hermiston, October 14-16. There is a notice in the narthex about the preparations for the Annual Convention, and some of those preparations are properly begun now. In particular, please note that Resolutions for consideration by Convention are due by midnight on August 15, 2011; Candidate nominations for open positions on Diocesan committees and commissions- e.g. Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Commission on Ministry, Ecclesiastical Court- are due by August 30, 2011.

*Please note that in addition to the election of Standing Committee and Diocesan Council members at Diocesan Convention, Convention will also be electing Lay Deputy Alternate(s) for the 2012 General Convention. Posted on the kiosk in the narthex is an additional Call for Candidates and Candidate Information Form specific to this position.

VESTRY ORGANIZATION- Vestry news including an organizational chart and *Who's Who* for information, committees, etc; a church *Calendar at a Glance*; pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and other sundry items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD

*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles;

*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support Episcopal Relief and Development as they respond to emergencies throughout the world;

*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex, the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the office, and the web site.

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