

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 13
July 31, 2011

The Word of God

Prelude

Rule Beasley

Opening Hymn

Morning has broken

Hymnal 8

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, spring in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sun light! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation, of the new day!

Eleanor Farjeon, CCLI #2949699

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

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

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.**

Song of Praise

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**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm *Psalm 17:1-7,16*

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- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my cry; *
 listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
 let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
 melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
 I have heeded the words of your lips.
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
 in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
 incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
 O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
 from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
 when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

The Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn *Surely it is God who saves me*

Hymnal 679

Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring;
in the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make his deeds known to peoples; tell out his exalted Name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim.
Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

The Homily
Silence

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

The Nicene Creed

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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

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; for all victims of violence and intolerance;
for the Sudan, Norway, all places of grief, unrest and need;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Nedi, our Bishop, for Janet, our Rector, and Stephen, our Deacon;
for Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters, and Ted Rodrigues, Jane Dey and Roger Fairfield.

For all who serve God in the Church and the world.

In our congregational cycle of prayer, we pray for Janeal Booren, Kasey McCullough, Robert Kirby, Kathleen Martin, and Lloyd Walworth. We also pray for Nadyne, Jane, Paula, David and Oliver, and all special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

We pray for Cassa, and all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with the absolution.

The Peace *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life

This quarter, Thank offerings are designated for HAVEN- Help Against Violent Encounters Now

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

I come with joy

Hymnal 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

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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.*

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.... 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:

The Sanctus 8:00 *Said:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

10:00 *Sung- WLP 858:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

8:00

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia.

10:00- S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia;
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

*We encourage everyone to come forward to receive the bread and wine- grape juice or gluten free bread are available- or blessing.
This is God's Table, and God's food and presence are for all.*

For private intercessory prayer for healing for yourself or others, please go to the station at back of the nave during communion.

The Communion Hymn

I am the bread of life

Hymnal 335

I am bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;
They who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain: And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world, and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live forever, they shall live forever. *Refrain*

Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his Blood,
you shall not have life within you, you shall not have life within you. *Refrain*

I am the resurrection, I am the life. They who believe in me,
even if they die, they shall live forever. *Refrain*

Yes, Lord we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God
who has come into the world. *Refrain*

Suzanne Toolan LicenSing Lic# L22088:

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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.**

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

The Postlude

Rule Beasley

Servers~

Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth; Acolyte; Matthew Kirby;

Worship Leader: Don Dickinson; Eucharist Minister: Gretchen Kimsey;

Lector: Barbee Hodgkins, Jerry Frazier; Prayers of the People: Lewis Hodgkins, Denise Beasley;

Altar Guild: Shirley Bjelland, Anne Frazier; Flowers: John and Janet Mabrey, in memory of John's mother, Velma and Janet's mother, Sarah; Greeters: The Kirby Family; Coffee Hosts: Jerry and Anne Frazier

PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family:

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, for Church of the Transfiguration, Sisters; for Ted Rodrigues, Jane Dey and Roger Fairfield. They ask prayers for the annual Art Show and Country Fair fundraiser, which raises funds for local community aid and support groups; for Ted Rodrigues as he begins his three month sabbatical in August, and for Paul Morton who will be Priest in Charge during this time.

For Healing and Strength for Don Lewis; Nadyne Reynolds; Patrick Martin; Don Grey; Harold Kirby; Margaret Savage; Hyun Joo Yi; Chuck Hartmann; Jack Howe; Doris Abrams; Jane Schafroth, Paula, David and Oliver, and all of the friends and families of those named as they support and care for their loved ones.

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, Joanne 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</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	Eucharist	Noon <i>Diocesan Chapel</i>
	Potluck	5:30 pm <i>Taylor Hall – Potluck followed by Anglican Covenant DVD</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	Healing Service	Noon <i>St. Paul's</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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. This is an important conversation to have as we go forward—so, Please Come!

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!!*

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.

Doesn't that just about nail it?! As we continue the process of growing in Christ, allowing our most generous and loving God to bless us and form us, if we pay attention and turn our wills and hearts to seeing and accepting the graces and blessings we are showered with, we'll be filled with thanksgivings, gratefulness, and joy! So, surely that's a process of growth that we want to attend to with gladness.

As part of that process, Ned Kice and Amy McIlvenna, will be 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. We'll be hearing more from Amy and Ned, and they'll be looking for our participation and support in this great celebration and awareness of God in our everyday lives. Let us join them with enthusiasm!

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, budget information and financial reports, and other sundry items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex, the office, 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.