

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 14*  
August 7, 2011

**The Word of God**

**Prelude**

*Rule Beasley*

**The Opening Hymn**

*O worship the King, all glorious above*

Hymnal 388

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

*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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot  
exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel

said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" -- that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Psalm** **Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 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.
- 16 Then he called for a famine in the land \* and destroyed the supply of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them, \* Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
- 18 They bruised his feet in fetters; \* his neck they put in an iron collar.
- 19 Until his prediction came to pass, \* the word of the LORD tested him.
- 20 The king sent and released him; \* the ruler of the peoples set him free.
- 21 He set him as a master over his household,\* as a ruler over all his possessions,
- 22 To instruct his princes according to his will\* and to teach his elders wisdom.
- 45b Hallelujah!

**The Second Reading**

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Word of the Lord.

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

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth food;  
He formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known;  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

**The Gospel**

Matthew 14:22-33

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

**The Homily**

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

*Silence***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.**

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 all places of 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 Adult Education Camp;

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

In our congregational cycle of prayer, we pray for Carolyn Choate, Leon Kinner, Denise Beasley,  
Jane Schafroth, and Don Dickinson. We pray for 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 Nadyne 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

*Many and great, O God, are thy works*

Hymnal 385

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

*Hymnal 380- 10:00: 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**

*Let us break bread together on our knees*

LEVAS 152

Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

*Traditional Negro Spiritual*

## **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**

He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole world, in His hands.  
He's got the whole world, in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands!

He's got you and me sister.....  
He's got you and me brother.....  
He's got the pretty little baby....  
He's got everybody here....

Repeat verse 1- He's got the whole world....

### 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. Georgia Giacobbe; Acolyte: Jerry Frazier;  
Worship Leader: Dewanda Clark; Eucharist Minister: Ned Kice; Lector: 8:00- Jeff Krier, 10:00- Jerry Frazier;  
Prayers of the People: 8:00- Shirley Bjelland, 10:00- Skip Fisher; Piano: Rule Beasley;  
Altar Guild: MaryEllen Lowe, Monte Dickinson; Greeter: John Mabrey; Flowers: Andrea Booren,  
"In loving memory of my father Andrew who died August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1964 and of my Mom Dorothy who died July 1, 2009."*

### PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family:

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, for Adult Education Camp.

**For Comfort, Healing and Strength:** for Nadyne Reynolds' family and friends; for Don Lewis; 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 Huccke, 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:

Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm	Mill Creek
Wednesday	Eucharist	Noon	Diocesan Chapel
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon	St. Paul's

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MEANS TODAY'S UNDESIGNATED OFFERINGS WILL BE USED FOR THE RECTOR AND DEACON DISCRETIONARY FUNDS.** Thank you for providing funds to help people who have needs ranging from emergency housing, to assistance with gas or food, or medical care.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS READY FOR US!** Janeal's house is now underway, with the foundation set and a shed to store tools. It is ready for our help- hooray! John Adams will be keeping us informed about the progress and what jobs will be tackled, so you will be able to gauge when your particular skills might be most needed. Work days are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 8:30 to 12:30 at 16<sup>th</sup> and Thompson. Many skills are needed, and all help is welcomed, all the time! And remember...help includes providing snacks, drinks, as well as labor and expertise in house building. SO... this is great- let's get going!

**ST VINCENT de PAUL & THE SALVATION ARMY & 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM** is underway! As in previous years, supplies and cash are needed. Please check out the flier and help as you are able!

## **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, 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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