

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 15
August 14, 2011

The Word of God

Prelude

Rule Beasley

The Opening Hymn

Sing Praise to God

Hymnal 408

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, lo! all is just and all is right;
to God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy Name give God all praise and glory;
let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, the Lord is God, and he alone;
to God all praise and glory.

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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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life:
Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of
his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there-- since there are five more years of famine to come-- so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 133

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- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

The Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people?

By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.

For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither, by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, surely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God.
He, to save my soul from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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The Gospel

Matthew 15: 21-28

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

Jesus left Gennesaret and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

The Homily

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Silence and Reflection

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 those suffering famine in East Africa; for 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 Marilyn Roth and her Discernment Committee; and for St. Peter's, La Grande;

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

In our congregational cycle of prayer, we pray for John Hilderbrand, Laura Lowe, Caroline Barnes, Laurel Kirby, and Tim O'Neill. We pray for Randy McAllister; PaulaKay, David and Oliver; for Jane, Doris, Norm, and Greg; 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 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

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Hymnal 544

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.

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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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Hymns

Pass me not, O gentle Savior

LEVAS 139

Refrain:

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Savior, Savior. Hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief.
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. *Refrain*

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace. *Refrain*

Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me.
Whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heav'n but thee? *Refrain*

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Heal me, hands of Jesus

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Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain:
restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again.

Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin;
dispel the memories of guilt, and bring me peace within.

Fill me, joy of Jesus: anxiety shall cease
and heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!

Words: Michael Perry, Hope Pub. Co. CCLI 29496966

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 Sending of Eucharist Visitor Team

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He speaks; and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven!

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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: Marilyn Roth; Eucharist Minister: Ron Fullmer; Lectors: 8:00- Barbara Telfer, 10:00-Don Dickinson;
Prayers of the People: 8:00-Rustin Kimsey, 10:00-Diane Adams; Altar Guild: Janet Mabrey, Kaethe Worcester;
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Gretchen Kimsey and Jack Thornton; Pianist: Rule Beasley;
Flowers: Jerry and Anne Frazier in loving memory of the Wood Family, Anne's Family;
Greeters: Prudence Muller and Jill Durow; Coffee Hosts: Carol Fisher and Ron Fullmer.
Thanks to all for your service and ministry!*

**PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family:
In our diocesan cycle of prayer, for St. Peter's, La Grande.**

For Healing, Strength and Comfort:for the Reynolds family; Barbee Hodgkins; Randy McAllister, Don Lewis; Patrick Martin; Chuck Hartmann; Jack Howe; Doris and Norm Abrams; Jane Schafroth; and David, PaulaKay and Oliver.

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:			Readings for next Sunday, Aug. 21: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
<i>Tuesday</i>	Bible Study	1:00 pm <i>Mill Creek</i>	
<i>Wednesday</i>	Eucharist	Noon <i>Diocesan Chapel</i>	
<i>Thursday</i>	Healing Service	Noon <i>St. Paul's</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- Work is ongoing at Janeal's Habitat House: workdays are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 8:30 to 12:30. There is a job for all skills and abilities, you can come for an hour or the day, and water and snacks are provided. Check out the web site both for the work schedule and photos as the work progresses. This week, the footing was poured and work on the foundation got underway. Check with John Adams or Ron Fullmer for more information- and, please come! Address: 2419 E. 16th & Thompson

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES: ST VINCENT de PAUL & THE SALVATION ARMY & 11th 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. If you bring supplies to the church to be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul's, we will gather and bless them all on September 4, Labor Day weekend, and if you miss it, the following Sunday, September 11!

WELCOME BACK AND BLESSING OF THE CHOIR, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND NEW SCHOOL YEAR: Sunday September 11- Please join in the celebration of the new year and the return of the choir, Sunday School, all the changes that the fall brings, including a new school year. Bring a memento or symbol of the change, if you wish, and we will bless and commission you to serve and be Christ's presence in all you do, and to all you meet, as we begin again.

THE ANGLICAN COVENANT: What does it say, what does it mean to the Communion, and what does it mean to us? Beginning in Advent at Adult Forum in 2010, continuing to Lent in 2011, and again at the July Wednesday Potluck, many of us at St. Paul's have spent time looking at the proposed covenant itself, discussing its provisions, and imagining its implications. This has been time well spent, as we've become familiar with church history, issues of our life together in the church, and considered what of it all is most important to us. If you missed these times of discussion but still want to engage the issue, DVD discussions by professors at CDSP-the Episcopal Seminary in Berkeley- are available for you to review at your leisure. Just let Janet know.

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.

St. Paul's is a loving, welcoming Christian community gathered to be Christ's hands and heart in the world.

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