

# *The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 23, 2009*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer*  
*Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
The Dalles, Oregon

## **The Word of God**

### **The Opening Hymn**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Hymnal 427

When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call, may Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs: may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer, hath more than can compare with, Jesus Christ be praised!

No lovelier antiphon in all high heaven is known than, Jesus Christ be praised!  
There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Ye nations of mankind, in this your concord find: May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be Praised!

Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face, sing, Jesus Christ be Praised!  
God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

**The Acclamation**     *Celebrant*     Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
   *People*             **And blessed be his 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.**

### *Gloria*

Hymnal S 280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**  
**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,**  
**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**  
**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,**  
**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Celebrant*             The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*             Let us pray.

*Celebrant*             *Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 34:15-22*

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- 15      *The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, \* and his ears are open to their cry.*  
16      *The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.*  
17      *The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them \* and delivers them from all their troubles.*  
18      *The Lord is near to the brokenhearted \* and will save those whose spirits are crushed.*  
19      *Many are the troubles of the righteous, \* but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.*  
20      *He will keep safe all his bones; \* not one of them shall be broken.*  
21      *Evil shall slay the wicked, \* and those who hate the righteous will be punished.*  
22      *The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \* and none will be punished who trust in him.*

## The Second Reading

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

I Love thy Kingdom Lord

Hymnal 524

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode the  
Church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,  
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou friend divine, our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from every snare and foe shall great deliverance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

## **The Gospel**

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

**John 6:56-69**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

## **The Sermon**

*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**

Father, we pray for all members of 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; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon. We pray for the retired clergy of this parish; for Rustin, Lewis, John, Norman and Robert. We pray for Noe and for Daniel and the people of Haiti and Sudan, for all members of this parish in their diverse ministries and service; for all who serve in your church;  
*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.*

We pray for members of this parish, especially for. Marilyn Roth, Pam Miller, Charles Hartmann, Don Dickinson, Penny Rutledge. We pray for our newly confirmed members, Brandon Adams, Don Dickinson, Anna Miller and Pamela Miller; for the Haiti Mission Team and for the people of Cap Haitien; give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. Open our eyes to see you in all things;  
*That we may find your peace, blessing and grace in every moment.*

We pray today for Sandy, Megan, Anne, Caroline, Dale, Bob and Aloha.  
Please add your own intercessions at this time.

*(Congregation adds petitions)*

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 John Coburn and all your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*(Congregation adds petitions) The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Confession of Sin**      *Stand or Kneel*

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

**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.**

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

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life*

*The Thank Offerings this quarter are being given for ministry and aid to the people in the Sudan*

## The Holy Communion

The Offertory

No saint on earth

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No saint on earth lives life to self alone or dies alone, for we with Christ are one.  
So if we live, for Christ alone we live, and if we die, to Christ our dying give.  
In living and in dying this confess: we are the Lord's, safe in God's faithfulness.

For to this end our Lord by death was slain, that to new life he might arise again.  
Through sorrow on to triumph Christ has led, and reigns o'er all: the living and the dead.  
In living and in dying, him we bless. We are the Lord's, safe in God's faithfulness.

The Doxology

**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 him 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:

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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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 for ever. **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.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

*The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

## **The Communion Hymn**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:

though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,

shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay!

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,

where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:

Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:

thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:

thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;  
Hark the songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may bless the people*

**The Closing Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation

Hymnal 525

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;  
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war  
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,  
and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

*Deacon* [Dismissal]

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Servers This Morning:** *Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;  
Worship Leader: Lowry Browning; Eucharist Minister: Ron Fullmer; Lector: Jerry Frazier;  
Prayers of the People: Marilyn Roth; Pianist: Rule Beasley; Altar Guild: Anne Frazier, Shirley Bjelland;  
Acolyte: Don Dickinson; Altar Bread: Chuck Miller; Coffee Hour: Sam and Ann Marie Woolsey;  
Greeter: Carolyn Thomas.*

### PLEASE PRAY:

For friends and family, especially Audean, Piper, Dolli, Bill Whitacre, Jill McHale, Arnold Harding, Leslie, Joan, Lynn, Mary Emerson, Jan Jarding, Cathy Dahl, Marilyn Cornwell, Dorothy Wilson, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, Jenni Lyon, Philip Klindt, Bonnie Myatt, Bob and Aloha Despain.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

For Falco in his Guide Dog training: for all service animals as they serve and enrich the lives of the people they are given to serve. God Bless and keep them in His tender loving care.

### CALENDAR:

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm	Tayler Hall
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm	Library
Wednesday	AA "closed" meeting	7:00 pm	Tayler Hall
Thursday	Healing Service	12:00 Noon	
Friday	Office Closed		

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to all our 4-H workers and exhibitors at the fair: particularly Kim McCullough, MaryEllen Lowe, Sally Forster, Carly Lowe, Laura Lowe, and Hannah Olheiser. Good job!

**"Safeguarding God's People"** is the title of the newly released healthy boundaries training from the Church Pension Group. This training is delivered through a format of DVD/video presentations and group discussions. The Rev. Canon Lee Kiefer is presently the only trained facilitator in the diocese for this program. The program is presented in two sessions. The first session is required for all clergy, people in process towards ordination, all church employees, and anyone who does pastoral care of any kind, including Eucharistic Visitors, Stephen Ministers, and parish nurses. Training must be completed prior to licensing or renewal of licensing as a Eucharistic Visitor.

**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: a \$10.00 donation per pack helps support ERD- Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world. Also, vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest to or about our parish family are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

**THE THANK OFFERINGS** this quarter help to support the work of reconciliation, building schools and providing education, health care and community development in Sudan. This support is vital to the recovery of the people who live in the war-ravaged South of Sudan. See <http://www.sudansunrise.org>.

**CHECK** *The Messenger* and the web site for news and committee reports, information about what's going on in the parish, pictures of events, schedules for servers, and all kinds of information our parish family needs to stay in touch!

**THANKS** - To Sam and Ann Marie Woolsey for coffee hour today! Thanks to all who host coffee hour and so generously and graciously feed us and help us grow together in fellowship, faith and love.