

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost~Proper 17

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles August 29, 2010

Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth

Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer

The Word of God

The Opening Hymn

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Hymnal 178

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

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

The Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

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 none that 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!

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *Psalm 81:1, 10-16*

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Sing with joy to God our strength * and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, * to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! * that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies * and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat * and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
 and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
 to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
 to turn, turn, will be our delight
 till by turning, turning we come round right.

The Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People***Praise to you, Lord Christ.****The Sermon**

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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
 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, who with
 the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, "God of love, grant our prayer."

For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all.

God of love, grant our prayer.

For the Church of God in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope.

God of love, grant our prayer.

For all who minister in your Church, especially Katharine our Presiding Bishop, for Nedi our own Bishop; in our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Patrick's, Enterprise, for their continued growth to serve their community; for Noe and the Church of the Holy Spirit, Cap Haitien. Are there others?

Please add your own petitions

God of love, grant our prayer.

For our president, Barak Obama, for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, may they work for justice and peace on the earth;

God of love, grant our prayer.

For all members of this parish, and for your blessings as they minister in their work, play and with friends and family; in our congregational cycle of prayer, we pray for Dora Bailey, Cary Lowe, Pat Fowler, Nathan Kirby, Kaethe Worcester; for all who serve this country, and for all who go forth to serve others in your name, that we may do your will in all that we undertake;

God of love, grant our prayer.

For the work you have given us to do, especially for all those who serve in ministries that enrich and bless the lives of others;

Please add your own petitions

Give us strength to serve you faithfully.

God of love, grant our prayer.

For all who are in need: the people of Pakistan; those who are ill, lonely, or in any distress; for those living in countries without food, water, safety or hope; for all who suffer from any grief or trouble;

Please add your own petitions

May your compassion surround and uphold them, delivering them from their distress;

God of love, grant our prayer.

For the departed to come to eternal rest in you, with light perpetual shining upon them.

God of love, grant our prayer.

For all your saints who have entered into joy, and for all to come to share in life in your presence;

God of love, grant our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, and give thanks for our many blessings and joys in life.

Please add your own petitions or thanksgivings. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon In silence before God, we confess our sins.

Silence

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant May our loving God the Creator of all good things, bring you new life, forgive and redeem you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Thanksgivings, Blessings and Celebrations of Life

Thank Offerings this quarter will be used for books for St. Paul's library, L'Ecole St. Esprit, Cap Haitien, Haiti

The Holy Communion EOW Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Offertory

Anne Frazier

The Doxology

Celebration Setting

**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. (Sing three times)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

**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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you have Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed St. Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.
Blessed are you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence to God in the words our Savior gave us.

**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.

The Fraction Anthem *Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

All are encouraged and welcome to receive communion, either in the bread and wine, or a blessing. The Bread and the Cup are given with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

The Communion Hymns *Eat this Bread* Gather 588

Repeat three times: Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Peace is flowing like a river Gather 526

Refrain: Peace is flowing like a river,
*Flowing out through you and me; Flowing out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.*
Joy is flowing like a river... *Refrain*
Faith is flowing like a river... *Refrain*
Hope is flowing like a river... *Refrain*
Love is flowing like a river... *Refrain*

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother.
Go in peace to follow the good road; and the blessing of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, be with you always.

Amen.

[from The blessing of St. Clare]

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through the wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for thy Gospel's joyful sound
may the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found;

so that when thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us, glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with thee in endless day.

Deacon
People

Dismissal
Thanks be to God!

Servers This Morning:

*Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;
Acolyte: Don Dickinson; Worship Leader: Marilyn Roth; Eucharist Minister: Dewanda Clark;
Lector: Rustin Kimsey; Prayers of the People: Rusty Kimsey, Jerry Frazier;
Altar Guild: Shirley Bjelland, Nancy Ramsey; Pianist: Gretchen Kimsey; Altar Bread: Anne Frazier;
Coffee Hour: Ned and Sandy Kice; Greeter: Ned Kice.*

***The flowers at the altar today are given in loving memory of my mother,
Elizabeth Browning, and my brother, Doctor Trip Browning
given by Lowry Browning and Tim O'Neill.***

PLEASE PRAY:

For Doris Abrams, Jack Howe, Marcine, Kelsey, Keely and Jeremy, Darrell Lloyd, Jane Schafroth, Lloyd Walworth, Patrick, Tracey, Caroline, Dale, Jan Copeland, Mark Nelson, Robert Pierre, Anthony Joseph, Angela Delores, Piper, Leslie, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, and Bonnie Myatt.

For our Vestry: Andrea Booren; Dewanda Clark, Clerk; Monte Dickinson, Senior Warden; Jill Durow; Pat Fowler; Jerry Frazier, Treasurer; Ava Sue Kerr; Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden; Robert Kirby; Amy McIlvenna; Julie Reynolds; Marilyn Roth; Diane Walworth.

Please Pray: For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Albert South, Mathew Ketchum, Jordan, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

CALENDAR:

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm Tayler Hall	<i>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:</i> <i>Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-5, 13-17; Philemon 1:21, Luke 14:25-33</i>
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm Mill Creek	
Wednesday	Picnic at City Park	5:30 pm	

HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND! St. Paul's will be closed from Wednesday (September 1) through Saturday for resurfacing of the parking lot. We will see you all at church Sunday morning with a brand new parking lot!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Special Thanks to Kathy Scarborough and Gretchen Kimsey for providing beautiful music for our services while Rule is on vacation. Please give them your thanks! And let us give thanks for the amazing and wonderful special music we have had at the offertory this summer while the choir has been on summer break. Haven't we been extraordinarily blessed with such varied and excellent musical offerings? Thank you, musicians, for your gifts and ministry of leading us all in lifting our hearts in prayerful praise and thanksgiving!

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH POTLUCK IS THIS WEDNESDAY~ and it will be at City Park, for the summer's last *Music in the Park*. We will gather and enjoy the music of The Dalles' own Erin Sutherland—blues! Please bring a can or two of non-perishable food for local food banks, chairs or blanket to sit on, your picnic, treats to share if you wish, and a mood to head into the Labor Weekend in style!

THE WARMING PLACE~ Please sign up on the signup sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway if you are interested in finding out about and participating in the very important outreach and mission of helping to provide a warm place for our homeless to sleep on the coldest days of the winter. Those days will be upon us before we know it, and we must have training and a plan in place before then. Thank you for stepping out of your comfort zone to provide comfort for the needy.

CHILDREN'S MURAL ~ Planning for the design and painting of the children's mural which will adorn the Sunday School room across from the kitchen in Tayler Hall is underway. Anya Ballinger Kawka will lead the children~ and all of us~ in discovering our artistic and creative talents, as we create and paint this great addition to the space. Dates for the painting will be coming soon!

NEWSLETTERS, PAMPHLETS, NEWS, EPISCOPAL MINUTE SUMMARIES AND VARIOUS AND SUNDRY OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST: Available in the Narthex- please peruse and pick up any items of interest—the answer to the question you never thought to ask may be waiting for you!

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION will be in Hood River, October 1-3. Materials are on the kiosk, and now is the time to review them. If you would like to serve, or to nominate someone to serve, please consider one of the open positions and give the information to the Diocesan Office.

****Millenium Development Goal (MDG) #1: *Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger*, is the focus of the convention: if you have suggestions about which of our parish projects you think illustrates our response to MDG #1, please pass it on and it will be included.**

****Also, the theme of the convention is "**Being Christ's Hands in the World...[No Excuses]**"**
Have photos of hands at work, play or prayer? Drop them off in the office and we'll send them on!

BIBLE STUDY ON TUESDAYS meets on the third floor at Mill Creek Point at 1000 Vey Way. Please come and join in scripture study that is interesting, provocative, fun, frequently inspiring, and always a help to hearing the lessons on Sunday. You are warmly invited to come and share time with this great group!

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 ERD.

*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

THANKS to Ned and Sandy Kice for today's coffee hour!

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