

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 18
September 4, 2011

The Word of God

Prelude

Rule Beasley

The Opening Hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymnal 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly.

It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 149

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Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

5

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

6

Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7

To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

8

To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

9

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

The Sequence Hymn

Lead me, guide me

LEVAS 194

*Lead me, guide me, along the way, For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.*

I am weak and I need thy strength and power To help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness thy face to see, Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when satan and sin oppress;
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see;
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

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The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

The Homily
Silence

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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Father, we pray for 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 Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; for Nedi, our Bishop; for Janet, our Rector and Stephen, our Deacon; for Marilyn Roth and her Discernment Committee, and for all members of this church as they minister and care for God's people. In our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Thomas, Canyon City, Dan Gardner.
That we may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for this country; for our president, Barak Obama; for Sudan, Haiti, Palestine, East Africa, and 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 all members of this parish as they live in faith in their work, play, with friends and family. In our congregational cycle of prayer, we pray for Dan Manciu, Ken Leibham, John Adams, Mary Lujan, and Jenny Curtis. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Strengthen and encourage the Rev. Daniel Kuot and Rebecca in Palois, Sudan; the Rev. Noe Bernier and Shirley in Cap Haitien, Haiti; Jerry Frazier, Tara Koch and HAVEN; and all who serve in ministries that enrich and bless the lives of others;

The People add petitions

We give thanks for this Labor Day, for the work you have given us to do, for the strength to serve you daily;
That your love may be known throughout the earth.

Bless and hold all our neighbors who are in need, especially those affected by disasters, war, and poverty;
The People add petitions

Have compassion on all who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to Donald Grey, Dean Van Nice, Chuck Hartmann, Dale Specht, and all the departed, eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us give thanks for all our blessings, and pray for our own needs, and those of others.
The People add their own thanksgivings and petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

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

**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 *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

O beautiful for spacious skies

Hymnal 719

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and 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- 5154

**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.

We encourage everyone to come forward to receive the bread and wine-grape juice or gluten free bread are available-or blessing.

This is the table of the Lord, 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

Make me a channel of your peace

Gather 524

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Paraphrase of a prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi; Text: Christopher West CCLI#2949699

The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Hymnal 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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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; Worship Leader: Don Dickinson;
Eucharist Minister: Gretchen Kimsey; Lector: 8:00-Rustin Kimsey, 10:00-Anne Frazier;*

Prayers of the People: 8:00- Barbara Telfer, 10:00- Diane Adams; Altar Guild: Kaethe Worcester, Joanne Manciu;

*Pianist: Rule Beasley; Flowers: Lowry Browning and Tim O'Neill in loving memory of Lowry's mother,
Elizabeth L. Browning, and brother, Dr. Trip Browning; Greeter: Kaethe Worcester; Coffee Host: Mary Ellen Lowe.*

PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family:

In our diocesan cycle of prayer: for St. Thomas, Canyon City, Dan Gardner.

For Comfort, Healing and Strength: Repose of soul for Jenny Curtis' father Donald Grey, Bill Van Nice's father Dean Van Nice, Betty Hartmann's husband Charles Hartmann, Caroline Barne's friend, Dale Specht; comfort and peace for all the families and friends as they grieve their loss; strength for Jack Howe; Doris and Norm Abrams; Art and 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: Monday -Holiday	Office Closed	Readings for Sunday Sept. 11:
<i>Tuesday</i> Bible Study	1:00 pm <i>Mill Creek-3rd Floor</i>	Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
<i>Wednesday</i> Eucharist	Noon <i>Diocesan Chapel</i>	
Potluck Grill- 1 st Wed.5:30 pm	<i>Taylor Hall</i>	
<i>Thursday</i> Healing Service	Noon <i>St. Paul's</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Potluck this Wednesday:
Bring Something to grill, something to share!

Thanks to all who are contributing supplies and money for supplies for the ST VINCENT de PAUL & THE SALVATION ARMY & 11th ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM. We will bless the supplies and those who use them- on September 4 and 11. Keep the children, teachers, and schools in our prayers as the new year gets underway!

REMEMBERING- September 11th Next Sunday, September 11th is the ten year anniversary of the attacks on this country. We will specially remember those who died, those who were involved in rescue and recovery, and those who continue to this day to remember, grieve, reconcile, forgive, seek solace, and engage in the innumerable range of responses that survivors, rescue and caregivers, friends and family continue to negotiate. If you wish to bring a remembrance of that day and its aftermath, we will bless and honor it, as well.

SUNDAY, September 18, is RALLY SUNDAY! Let us prepare to kick off the fall with a gathering of all the groups and activities at St. Paul's. We'll have food, tables with information and people to answer questions, or point you in the direction you need to find the activity or person you're looking for.

Also Coming up: Sunday September 25- after coffee hour visiting- Plan a Perfect Service! Or, do the next best thing: Dip your toe in the water of **Liturgy 101**. This is a chance to learn the basics of putting together a service, and then put that learning to work to plan a service for fall. You may sign up for a service or a season: Blessing of the Animals; Advent; Lessons and Carols; Christmas Eve; Epiphany; St. Paul's; Lent; Holy Week; Easter; Pentecost;all of these are in need of thoughtful TLC! It'll be fun! And you won't be left in it alone- we'll do it together. All are welcome- Please Come!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- Work is ongoing at Janeal's Habitat House: 2419 E. 16th (16th & Thompson. 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 for photos as the work progresses. See John Adams or Ron Fullmer for more information. So, put on your work clothes and join the very rewarding, and very exciting, fun!

HAITI AND HERE- Or, Rebuilding Haiti.

Haiti continues to struggle to rebuild following the earthquake of 2010. St. Paul's has a strong commitment to Haiti that includes regular mission trips to the School and Church of The Holy Spirit, in Cap Haitien. We also are joining the national and diocesan efforts to demonstrate our support for the people of Haiti by helping to rebuild a symbol of hope, a place that serves as a physical reminder of God's presence and help: the Cathedral complex in Port au Prince.

The Episcopal Church's Rebuild our Church in Haiti campaign says: *The Episcopal Diocese of Haiti- the largest Diocese in the Episcopal Church- is in ruins. While the people of Haiti struggle to rebuild their nation, Episcopalians are uniting to rebuild our Church in Haiti, beginning at the center.*
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/HaitiAppeal/>

The campaign asks each Episcopalian to donate \$10.00 for a brick to rebuild the Cathedral complex. If we all will do that, it can be rebuilt! Please donate as you can, and we will join with other to make this tangible sign of hope a reality.

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 bulletin board, kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

STEWARDSHIP TIP: Counting Your Blessings
Take time each day to reflect on the blessings that God has given you. Challenge yourself to put your change in a jar for each time you feel God blessing you. At the end of the month donate your jar of coins to a project or mission of St Paul's. Start over the next month and pick a new project or mission to support.

Lord, thank you for all of the blessings that I am able to count each day. Thank you for the opportunity to use my blessings to help others.

*For Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports...see the kiosk, check the notebooks in the office and visit the web site.

THIS IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH -So, undesignated offerings go for the Discretionary Funds- Thank you!

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