

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 19

September 11, 2011~ A Day of Remembrance, Hope and Prayers for Peace

Prelude

Rule Beasley

The Word of God

The Opening Hymn

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come

Hymnal 680

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while troubles last, and our eternal home!

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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

S280

**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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all
things direct and rule our hearts; 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 First Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 114 Page 756, BCP

- 1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, * the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary * and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; * Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, * and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? * O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? * you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, * at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water * and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

Precious Lord, take my hand

LEVAS 106

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light, Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand, lest I fall, Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone; At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

Words: Thomas Dorsey, LicenSing# L22088

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily
Silence

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

Litany of Peace and Prayers of the People

adapted from The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them the peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house...Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly." (Isaiah 58: 6-8)

Silence

For peace in the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Churches of God and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the strength and desire to, "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it." (Psalm 34: 14)

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence and the fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Rowan, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; for Nedi, our Bishop; for all clergy and all the people who minister in your name, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our civil authorities and all in service of our country, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of The Dalles, for every city, country, and for all-living therein with faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have asked for our prayers, for all those for whom we have promised to pray; especially today, for all the victims, families and friends, rebuilders, and the firemen, police, rescue and first responders to those whose lives were taken or changed forever by the terrorist attacks on 9.11, 2001, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34: 18)

Please name those for whom you offer your prayers

That all may be delivered from grief, sadness, affliction, wrath, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace to be our way of life, that, "The palaces will be forsaken...until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever." (Isaiah 32: 15-16) Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For opposing your will in our lives;
For denying your goodness in each other- **We repent, O Lord.**
For the evil that enslaves us;
For the evil we have done;
For the evil done on our behalf- **We repent, O Lord.**
For our greed and selfishness;
For our blindness to human need and suffering;
For our indifference to injustice and cruelty- **We repent, O Lord.**
For our waste and pollution of your creation;
For our reliance on militarism, coercion and war- **We repent, O Lord.**

Celebrant God shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. (Isaiah 2: 4)

We give you thanks, O Lord Our God.

Celebrant Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I: send me!" (Isaiah 6: 8)

We ask your strength, O Lord Our God.

Celebrant Remembering all those who have died, and renewing our commitment to God and to God's will that we live in love, justice and peace and harmony, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life, to Christ, our God.

To You, O Lord Our God. 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

Peace is flowing like a river

Gather 526

Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you and me;
flowing out into the desert, Setting all the captives free.

Joy...

Faith...

Hope...

Love...

The Doxology 8:00: *All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. 1 Chronicles 29:14*

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,

8:00 **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 today our daily bread.
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.**

10:00 LEVAS 264 - *Our father, which 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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.,
For thine is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **Grant us peace.**

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.

*All are welcome to receive the bread and wine, or a blessing: This is God's Table, and God's food and presence are for all.
The Bread and the Cup may be 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.]*

Gluten free bread and grape juice are available for communion, so please ask.

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

Prayer of Peace

WLP 791, Gather 527

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.
Love before us ...
Light before us ...
Christ before us ...
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Peace before us...

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

When Peace like a river

LEVAS 188

When peace like a river, attendeth my way. When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
Refrain: It is well, (it is well)...with my soul,(with my soul)...It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though satan should buffet, thought trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And has shed His own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sins—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—My sin—not in part, but the whole—
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so"-it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

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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 this day~

*Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Georgia Giacobbe; Acolyte; Matthew Kirby;
Worship Leader: Ron Fullmer; Eucharist Minister: Marilyn Roth; Lector: 8:00- Harriet Langfeldt, 10:00-Skip Fisher;
Prayers of the People: 8:00-Verna Browne, 10:00-Denise Beasley; Altar Guild: Kim McCullough, Janet Mabrey;
Flowers: Barbee and Lewis Hodgkins in honor of their birthdays; Greeter: Janeal Booren;
Coffee Hosts: Ron and Dewanda Clark*

PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family:

In our diocesan cycle of prayer: for St. Paul's, The Dalles, for continued growth and joy in our outreach and mission to the local community as well as Haiti, Sudan, and the many needs of the world, as well as in our gatherings to worship, pray and praise the Lord.

For Comfort, Healing and Strength: for repose of soul for Dale Specht and Chuck Hartmann, and comfort for their families and friends; for Randy McAllister; PaulaKay, David and Oliver; Barbee Hodgkins; Don Lewis; Patrick Martin; Jack Howe; Doris Abrams; Art and Jane Schafroth.

For our Vestry and work groups: Building and Administration: Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden; Jill Durow, Pat Fowler, Jenny Curtis, Jerry Frazier, Treasurer; Relationship/Serving: Andrea Booren, Amy McIlvenna, Julie Reynolds, Diane Walworth; Worship/Education: Diane Walworth, 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:

<i>Tuesday</i>	Bible Study	1:00 pm	<i>Mill Creek-3rd Floor</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	Eucharist	Noon	<i>Diocesan Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	Healing Service	Noon	<i>St. Paul's</i>

Readings for next Sunday, Sept. 18:

Exodus 16:8-2:15; Psalm 105:1-6,37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

WELCOME BACK AND BLESSING OF THE CHOIR, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND NEW SCHOOL YEAR: Next Sunday September 18-

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 for your year, 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.

JANEAL'S HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

HOME HAS WALLS! You can see photos of the work progressing on the web site, or stop by to check it out live at the worksite-2419 E. 16th & Thompson)! Work Schedule: Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday 8:30 AM ~ 12:30 PM.

Work is ongoing and all skills and abilities are welcome. Check with Andrea Booren for a day to take snacks to the site, and check the web site, or talk to John Adams or Ron Fullmer, for more information about the particular work that will be done each week. Thank you for your help!

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.

Please check out the poster in the narthex- you'll see that 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 feel you can, and we will join with other to make this tangible, visible, material and vital sign of hope a reality.

VESTRY NEWS: The latest financial information is posted on the kiosk and in a binder in the office. A new chart showing the vestry organization and the church groups that fall under the vestry subgroups is on the bulletin board, and new pamphlets with basic information about the contacts and organizations within St. Paul's are in the pews.

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

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