

***The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23***  
***October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009***

*Morning Prayer Officiant: Lynne Gill*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles, Oregon

**Opening Hymn**  
LEVAS 219

*This is the Day*

Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made,  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it;  
This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \* let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him  
with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our  
Maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
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**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**The Psalm:** Psalm 90:12-17 Page 718, BCP

So teach us to number our days \* that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.  
Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \* be gracious to your servants.  
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \* so shall we rejoice and be  
glad all the days of our life.  
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \* and the years in  
which we suffered adversity.  
Show your servants your works \* and your splendor to their children.  
May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \* prosper the work of our  
hands; prosper our handiwork.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The First Reading**

Amos

5:6-7,10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!  
They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.  
Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.  
For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins--  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.  
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.  
Seek good and not evil, that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.  
Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

*Answer* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 10 The Second Song of Isaiah** *Quaerite Dominum*

*Isaiah 55:6-11*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \* call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \* and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \* nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \* so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \* and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \* seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \* it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \* and prosper in that for which I sent it.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Second Reading**

Hebrews

4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **Canticle 15 The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

### ***Reflection on the Readings***

**The Apostles' Creed**     *Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant* 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.**

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

*Officiant* May the peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.  
The Peace

Announcements, Thanksgivings, Celebrations of Life

The Offerings and Offertory--

Choir

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**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.**

Suffrages A V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*Collects of the Day* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Nedi our Bishop; for the Convention of the Diocese of Eastern Oregon; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for Gail Shinn, Mary Ellen Lowe, Laurance Kerr, Sandy Liebham, and Sandy Kice; for the Haiti Mission Team; for our Sunday School students and teachers.

Pray for all the members of this parish.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for Brandon, Briana and family, Jane, Sandy, Megan, Anne, Caroline, Dale, Dean and Mary Elinor. Are there others?

*(Congregation adds petitions)*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.  
*Silence*

*Officiant* Let us pray together:

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord!

*All* **Thanks be to God!**

*The Officiant concludes* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen!** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

## **Closing Hymn**

*Amazing Grace*

John Newton

LEVAS 181

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace, my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun.

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*Dismissal: The Children! Response: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Servers This Morning: Officiant: Lynne Gill; Lector: Anna Miller  
Prayers of the People: Denise Beasley;  
Pianist: Rule Beasley;  
Altar Guild: Monte Dickinson and Kim McCullough;  
Coffee Hour: Wanda Olson; Greeter: Lida Beasley.*

*The flowers at the altar are given by Leon and Myrna Kinner  
in memory of our family.*

**PLEASE PRAY:**

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

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 and all animals: May God Bless and keep them and give them safe and loving homes.

**CALENDAR:**

Monday 7:00 pm Tayler Hall

Tuesday Bible Study 1:00 pm Library

Weds AA meeting 7:00 pm Tayler Hall

Thursday Healing Service 12:00 Noon

Friday Estate Sale 9:00 am -3:00 pm *Lewis and Barbee's Sale at 605 Sherman Drive*

Saturday Haiti Dinner 6:00 pm Tayler Hall

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

***Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-***

***Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Please make plans to attend the HAITI DINNER on Saturday October 17, 6:00—It will be great fun, and will help fund the mission trip to Cap Haitien. Tickets are \$15, and are available from the team members, the office, Klindts, and at the door.

**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- Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world.

\*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!

A CARE BOX for Gavin and Amy is now on the shelf in the narthex, just outside the window to the office. Please add to the box books, cards and notes, CD's or anything that makes you think of them.

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! Please submit articles, news, calendar items and any other information for November's newsletter by next Sunday, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> .

THANKS - To Wanda Olson for coffee hour today! Thanks to all who host coffee hour, serve as ministers in the services, help out with the upkeep of the church and grounds—all of these ministries are precious, for they help us grow together in fellowship, faith and love. THANK YOU!

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