

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 25th, 2009

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

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Dalles, Oregon

The Word of God

The Opening Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies Robert Seymour Bridges 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!

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The Acclamation

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.**

Gloria

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.

Celebrant Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the
mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and
godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 126 BCP p782

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain:
restore my hope, remove my fear and bring me peace again.

Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin;
dispel the memories of guilt, and bring me peace within.

Fill me, joy of Jesus: anxiety shall cease
and heaven's serenity be mine, or Jesus brings me peace!

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The Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for all members of your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon. We pray for the retired clergy of this parish; for Rustin, Lewis, John, Norman and Robert, and for all who serve in your church;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for members of this parish, especially for Dan Manciu, Betty Hartman, Bill Ketchum, Ken Leibham, and Lynne Gill. We pray for the Haiti Mission Team, our Sunday School students and teachers, and all those who care for the children. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for all those whose ministries enrich the lives of others. We pray today for Bishop Rustin and the Diocese of Alaska; Fr. Daniel and the people of Sudan; the Rev. Ateek and the diocese of Jerusalem; Janeal Booren and Mid-Columbia Community Action and Food Bank; Denise Beasley and Community Meals; Bread and Blessing, and Habitat for Humanity. Are there others? (*Congregation adds petitions.*)

We give you thanks for our many blessings, and we seek your strength to serve you faithfully.

That your kingdom may be made known throughout the earth.

We pray today Cody, Jane, Sandy, Megan, Anne, Caroline, Dale, Dean and Mary Eleanor.

Please add your own intercessions at this time. (*Congregations add petitions*)

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

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(*Congregation adds petitions*) *The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

The Confession of Sin *Stand or Kneel*

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

Silence.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The Peace

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

Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life

The Thank Offerings this quarter are being given for school supplies and education needs.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Choir

The Doxology

Hymnal 380

**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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
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 for ever. **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, forever and ever .Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
 Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

The Communion Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Celebrant may bless the people

The Closing Hymn

I have decided to follow Jesus

LEVAS 136

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back!

Though no one join me, still I will follow, Though no one join me, still I will follow,
Though no one join me, still I will follow, No turning back, no turning back!

The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me, No turning back, no turning back!

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Deacon [Dismissal]
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Servers This Morning: Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;
Acolyte: Jerry Frazier and Denise Beasley; Worship Leader: Dewanda Clark; Eucharist Minister:
Diane Walworth; Lector: Jerry Frazier; Prayers of the People: Shirley Bjelland and Ron Fullmer;
Altar Guild: Anne Frazier and Joanne Manciu; Altar Bread: Verna Browne;
Coffee Hour: Sharon Stewart; Greeter: Sharon Stewart.*

Today's flowers are given by Kaethe Worcester in loving memory of Bob Worcester.

PLEASE PRAY:

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

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Jordan, 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.

CALENDAR:

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm Tayler Hall
Tuesday	Bible Study	1:00 pm Library
	Master Gardeners	4:00 pm – 8:00pm TH
Wednesday	AA meeting	7:00 pm TH
	Knitters	6:30pm – 8:00pm L
Thursday	Healing Service	12:00 Noon

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24;

Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THANK YOU TO ALL for the delicious and celebratory Haiti Dinner. The funds raised will support the mission, education, and continued relationship with the people of Cap Haitien. The airplane in the Narthex has places by the windows to sign your name if you are giving the team prayer and other support, showing you're going with us on that plane!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO HELP CELEBRATE JANET AND RON'S ONE-YEAR

ANNIVERSARY AT ST. PAUL'S: SUNDAY, NOV. 1!! Join us for a joyous coffee hour in thanksgiving for the blessing of Janet and Ron's leadership, love, and caring during their first year with us.

Fellowship of Churches Progressive Dinner: See notice in narthex about a progressive dinner on Sunday, evening, Nov 1st, beginning at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 and a can of food. Tickets are available in the office.

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!

HAITI MISSION TEAM WORK DAY is on Friday, October 30. We will be doing yard work on the grounds of the Diocesan House and Old St. Paul and can use any help you can give. Contact Pam Miller or Ron Fullmer for more information. This is the team's last fundraiser, so if you can help, we'll be very grateful!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY workers from St. Paul's: we have a date for work. It is Saturday October 31, at 8:30 am, and the job is sheet rocking. Contact Ron Fullmer for more details.

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 and might help them feel connected with us. With that box of treats will go all our love and prayers, so please add yours!

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! November 22nd.

THANKS - To Sharon Stewart for coffee hour today!