

# Saint Paul's Church

(Episcopal/Anglican)

Brookfield, Connecticut

*Sixth Sunday of Easter  
First Holy Communion  
May 6, 2018*



*Preacher & Celebrant  
The Reverend Joseph Shepley  
Rector*

## 10:30 A.M. Worship Service

*When you enter church, talk to God. When you worship, let God talk to you. After church, talk to each other.  
Please be mindful of others' need for silence before the service.*

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203-775-9587 (Office)

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for worship this morning. We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ as we worship together! We invite you to join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in Crocker Hall. Please join us!

**Prelude**

**“Thy Perfect Love”**

**M. Shea**

**Opening Hymn**

**“O Jesus, Crowned With All Renown”**

**Hymnal, 292**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

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.*

## “Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”

All these pieces broken and scattered  
In mercy gathered mended and whole  
Empty handed but not forsaken  
I've been set free, I've been set free

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

Oh I can see You now  
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down  
Raising up the broken to life

You take our failure, You take our weakness  
You set Your treasure in jars of clay  
So take this heart Lord I'll be Your vessel  
The world to see Your life in me

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## Children's Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Shepley

### Collect of the Day (Celebrant and People)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

### First Reading:

Reader: A reading from Acts. (10:44-48)

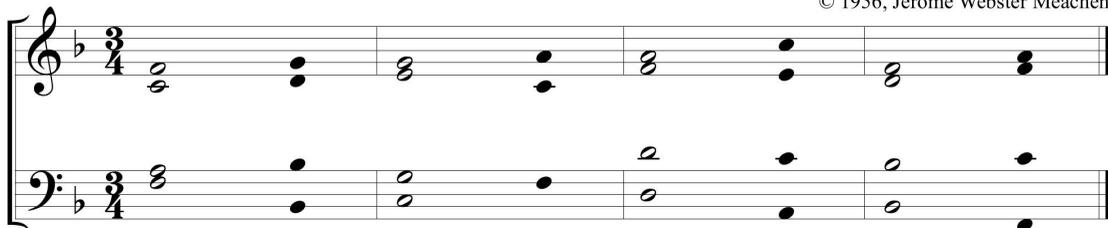
While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 98

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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new **song**, \*for he has done marvelous **things**.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy **arm** \*has he won for himself the **victory**.
- 3 The LORD has made known his **victory**; \*his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the **nations**.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of **Israel**, \*and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our **God**.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you **lands**; \*lift up your voice, rejoice, and **sing**.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the **harp**, \*with the harp and the voice of **song**.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the **horn** \*shout with joy before the King, the **LORD**.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is **in it**, \*the lands and those who dwell there-**in**.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their **hands**, \*and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the **earth**.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the **world** \*and the peoples with **equity**.  
    Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**,\* and to the Holy **Spirit**:  
    As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall be**,  
    \*world without end. **A-men**.

### **Second Reading:**

Reader: A reading from First John. (5:1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## “Help Us Accept Each Other as Christ Accepted Us”

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;

Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.

Be present Lord, among us, and bring us to believe

We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life

We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,

To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

### Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## “Help Us Accept Each Other as Christ Accepted Us”

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved

In living situations to do the truth in love;

To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart

The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,

Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,

We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;

Renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Words: Fred Kaan, 1974; Music: *Munich*

### Sermon

**The Reverend Joseph Shepley**

#### Nicene Creed (Please Stand As Able)

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.

### **Prayers of the People (You May Stand, Sit, or Kneel)**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Universal 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;  
*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.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

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

We remember the faithful departed this day in whose memory the altar flowers are given:  
Barbara Jeanne Hill, Alma and Louis Pendergast, Sr., and Louis Pendergast.

We praise you for 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.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

### **Confession of Sin (Please Kneel)**

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Priest and People.*

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.*

### **Peace (Please Stand As Able)**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People: And also with you.*

### **Offertory (Please Stand As Able) “Reckless Love”**

Before I spoke a word  
You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath  
You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending  
Reckless love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending  
Reckless love of God

When I was Your foe  
Still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth  
You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me  
There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me

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### **Presentation**

#### **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise Him above Ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### **Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand As Able)**

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 him 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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious

resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

### Sanctus

Hymnal, S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues (You may stand, sit or kneel)*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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:

### *People and Celebrant*

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.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### **Agnus Dei**

**John Merbecke, 1549**



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

**First Holy Communion participants and their families will be receiving Communion at the altar first. The ushers will direct the rest of the congregation to begin Communion once they have finished.**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive in one kind is considered full communion. If you choose to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you kneel at the altar rail. For those who wish to intinct the Bread, by dipping it in the Wine rather than drinking directly from the Chalice, you may signify this choice by holding the consecrated Bread between your fingers. Please intinct the Bread in the small Chalice which will come before the larger Chalice. After you leave the altar rail, please know that we have prayer teams in the hallway available to pray with you.*

## Communion Songs

### “In His Time”

In His time, in His time;  
He makes all things beautiful in His time.  
Lord, please show me ev'ry day  
As You're teaching me Your way,  
That You do just what You say in Your time.

In Your time, in Your time;  
You make all things beautiful in Your time.  
Lord, my life to You I bring;  
May each song I have to sing  
Be to You a lovely thing in Your time.

Your wondrous love, your tender love,  
Oh how patient and gentle is your love.  
It's a love that's calling us,  
To a place of peace and trust,  
Oh dear Lord be real to us, in this time.

And heal our hearts, heal our minds,  
Heal relationships and hurting of ev'ry kind.  
Make our love for You brand new,  
And for each other a new love too,  
Oh dear Lord we're trusting You, in this time.

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### “No Longer Slaves”

You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

From my Mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins  
You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God

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### “More Than Conquerors” (Please Stand)

When my hope and strength is gone  
You're the One who calls me on  
You are the life  
You are the fight that's in my soul

Oh Your resurrection pow'r  
Burns like fire in my heart  
When waters rise  
I lift my eyes up to Your throne

We are more than conquerors through Christ  
You have overcome this world this life  
We will not bow to sin or to shame  
We are defiant in Your name  
You are the fire that cannot be tamed  
You are the power in our veins  
Our Lord our God our conqueror

I will sing into the night  
Christ is risen and on high  
Greater is He  
Living in me than in the world  
No surrender no retreat  
We are free and we're redeemed  
We will declare  
Over despair You are the hope

Nothing is impossible  
Ev'ry chain is breakable  
With You we are victorious  
You are stronger than our hearts  
You are greater than the dark  
With You we are victorious

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## **Postcommunion Prayer (Remain Standing)**

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.

## **Blessing**

### **Closing Hymn**

**“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

**Hymnal, 376**

### **Dismissal**

Lay Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

### **Postlude**

**“Hymn to Joy”**

**L.V. Beethoven/  
arr. E. Broughton**



## **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the following children who will receive their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 service today: Nathan Brennen, David Greeley, John Guglielmo, TJ Rubsamen.

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### **Pray It Up!**

Notice the Red and White prayer request cards in the pew? Each Sunday, fill out your request, put it in the red bowl on the table on the way to communion. Then take a card from the bowl either right then or after service. Pray for that request for one week. How comforting to know that your request is being prayed for and that you are praying for someone else's! You might just be praying for the person sitting next to you! Or, if you'd prefer - please send your request to St. Paul's at [prayingnow2@gmail.com](mailto:prayingnow2@gmail.com)!

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**Upon entering the church, please turn off your cell phone or switch it to a worship respectful setting. Please be sure to dispose of all food and drinks before entering the church. Thank You!**

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### **Synthesis CE Study Guide**

You may pick up a copy of the week's Synthesis CE Study Guide, as well as the following week's, for your personal use. They are located at the back of the church. Thank You!

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### **Prayer Servant Teams**

Prayer for any need or request is available at each service. After you have received communion, please see one of our trained Prayer Servant Teams (with the Blue Name Badges) who are available at the open side door at the entrance to the Vesting Room. Prayer is available in the Vesting Room, Hallway or Back Room as space is available. Our Prayer Servants are ready to confidentially take your request and pray for you and with you. Should you wish to schedule a private prayer time, please let Fr. Joe or Mary Perry, Prayer Ministry Leader ([maryperry2@me.com](mailto:maryperry2@me.com)) know and we will work with you to schedule a convenient time. Your Prayer Servants today are 8:00 Pat Brought and Donna Cennamo, 10:30 Pam Altemus and Walter VonEgidy.

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### **Hopeline**

The Hopeline Baby Bottle Campaign begins today and will continue until Sunday June 3rd. Amy Spallino, Hopeline Center Director for Danbury will speak about the Mission of Hopeline as part of the Mission Minute at both services today. Baby bottles will be available in the back of the Church, and in Crocker Hall. Checks may be made out to St. Paul's, with Hopeline noted in the memo line. Please contact Bonnie Wanzer or Lois Hunt for more information.

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### **Mother's Day Memorials**

Mother's Day is May 13. Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in loving memory of a mother, please make your check payable to Saint Paul's Church, with the name or names of those to be remembered written on the memo line. All memorials are due by **Today**, in order to be included in the Mother's Day bulletin. Please contact Gail Winkley, at 203-775-3343 or [gailwinkley@yahoo.com](mailto:gailwinkley@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. All the ladies worshipping with us on Mother' Day will receive a flower.

## Calendar for the Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

Sun., May 6	-	8:00 AM	-	<b>Traditional Eucharist</b>
		9:30 AM	-	Rector's Forum
		10:30 AM	-	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	-	<b>Contemporary Eucharist/First Communion</b>
Mon., May 7	-	10:00 am	-	Christian Caring
		7:00 pm	-	Stephen Ministry
		7:00 pm	-	Men's Bible Study
Tue., May 8	-	9:15 AM	-	Ladies Bible Study
		5:45 PM	-	Boot Camp
Wed., May 9	-	10:00 AM	-	<b>Holy Eucharist and Healing</b>
		7:00 PM	-	Staff Meeting
		7:30 PM	-	Vestry Meeting
Thu., May 10	-	7:30 PM	-	Music Night
Sat., May 12	-	7:30 AM	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast
		10:00 AM	-	PraiseMoves
		10:00 AM	-	Jericho Food Pantry

**Next Sunday — Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.**

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

### Readings

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19; Psalm 1

### **Saint Paul's Staff**

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