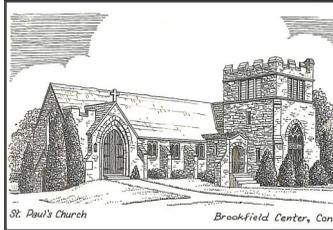


# Saint Paul's Church

(Episcopal/Anglican)

Brookfield, Connecticut

Day of Pentecost  
May 20, 2018



"Celebrating 233 years in the Spirit"

Preacher  
Stephen Nagy, Seminarian  
Celebrant  
The Reverend Joseph Shepley  
Rector

## 8:00 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.*

[www.saintpaulsbrookfield.com](http://www.saintpaulsbrookfield.com)

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 in the Parish Hall for a special coffee hour to honor Stephen Nagy's ministry. Please join us!

**Prelude**

**"Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid"**

**C. Callahan**

**Opening Hymn**

**"Hail Thee, Festival Day!"**

**Hymnal, 225**

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.*

# Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal, S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading:**

Reader: A reading from Acts. (2:1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalms 104:25-35, 37**

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*which you have made for the sport of it.

- 28 All of them look to you \*to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; \*I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*Hallelujah!

### **Second Reading:**

Reader: A reading from Romans. (8:22-27)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### **“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”**

Word of God, come down on Earth, living rain from heaven descending;  
 Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
 Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,  
 Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation,  
 Saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.

## **Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

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

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"**

Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness;

Deaf we are: our healer be; loose our tongues to tell your kindness.

Be our Word in pity spoken; heal the world, by our sin broken.

Word that speaks your Father's love, one with him beyond all telling.

Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,

Word of truth, to all truth lead us, Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

Words: James Quinn (1919-2010); Music: *Liebster Jesu*, Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

## **Sermon**

**Stephen Nagy**

### **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 Willis.

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.*

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

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

People: *And also with you.*

## **Offertory**

### **“Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us”**

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
In the truth that Christ makes known;  
We have faith and understanding  
Through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
Come yourself to make us live;  
Holy through your loving presence,  
Holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,  
Come as advocate to plead;  
Loving Spirit from the Father,  
Grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,  
You the love of Three in One,  
Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.

Words: Brian Foley; Music: Stuttgart

## **Presentation**

### **Doxology**

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

Praise Him above, ye heavenly 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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.

*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. 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 healing teams in the hallway available to pray with you.*

## **Communion Songs**

**“Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”** **Hymnal, 512**

**“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”** **Hymnal, 508**

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

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** **“Praise the Spirit in Creation”** **Hymnal, 506**

## **Dismissal**

Lay Reader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Postlude** **“Toccata in E Minor”** **D. Buxtehude**

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## **New Testament Scholar to Visit**

Dr. Greg Beale will visit St. Paul's on June 15th-17th for a teaching mission. Please join us Friday evening and Saturday morning as Dr. Beale opens the Bible for us with newfound depth, understanding and insights. Please sign up in the back of the church and indicate which days you will attend.

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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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## **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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**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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## **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 for Healing Sunday are: 8:00 Ken Perry and Mary Perry, 10:30 Dave Williams and Walter VonEgidy.

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## **Food Pantry**

As part of our outreach, St. Paul's donates gift cards and non-perishable items to six area food pantries. Donations for the food pantry can be left in the basket at the back of the church or the collection bins in Crocker Hall. Town of Brookfield Food Pantry, is the recipient of our food basket collections for the month of May.

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## Hopeline

The Hopeline Baby Bottle Campaign will continue until Sunday June 3rd.

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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## Calendar for the Week

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

Sun., May 20	-	8:00 AM	-	<b>Traditional Eucharist</b>
		10:30 AM	-	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	-	<b>Contemporary Eucharist</b>
Mon., May 21	-	7:00 PM	-	Men's Bible Study
Tue., May 22	-	9:15 AM	-	Ladies Bible Study
		5:45 PM	-	Boot Camp
Wed., May 23	-	10:00 AM	-	<b>Holy Eucharist and Healing</b>
Thu., May 24	-	7:30 PM	-	Music Night
Sat., May 26	-	7:30 AM	-	Men's Prayer Breakfast
		10:00 AM	-	PraiseMoves

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

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

### Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17; Psalm 29

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

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