Saint Paul's Church

(Episcopal/Anglican)

Brookfield, Connecticut

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 3, 2018



Freacher & Celebrant
The Reverend David Pople

"Celebrating 233 years in the Spirit"

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.

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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 followed by The Rector's Forum in the Guild Room at 9:30 A.M. Please join us!

Prelude

"We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit"

D. Buxtehude

Opening Hymn

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Hymnal, 7

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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 in Excelsis Hymnal, S280



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, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; 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 First Samuel. (3:1-20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said. "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; *they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Reading:

Reader: A reading from Second Corinthians. (4:5-12)

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

"O Christ, The Word Incarnate" (Verses 1-2)

Gospel Reading: Mark 2:23-3:6

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

"O Christ, The Word Incarnate" (Verse 3)

Hymnal, 632

Sermon

The Reverend David Pople

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. (Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. (*Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.*)

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. (Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. (*Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.*)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. (Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We remember the faithful departed this day in whose memory the altar flowers are given: The altar flowers today are given in the greater glory of God.

(Please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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 (Please Stand As Able)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Presentation

Hymnal, 490

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!

Great Thanksgiving (Please Stand As Able)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

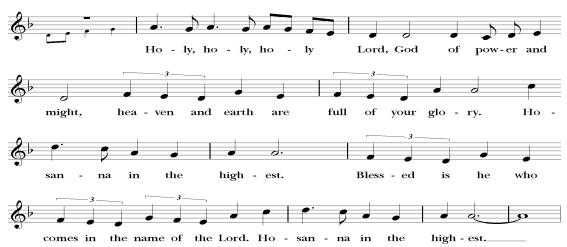
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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 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



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, 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. 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

"God of Mercy, God of Grace"

God of mercy, God of grace, Show the brightness of thy face. Shine upon us, Savior, shine, Fill thy church with light divine. And thy saving health extend Unto earth's remotest end.

Let thy people praise thee, Lord; Be by all that live adored. Let the nations shout and sing Glory to their Savior King; Let all be, below, above, One in joy, and light, and love.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night: Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Words: Verses 1-2, Henry Francis Lyte; Verse 3, Charles Wesley; Music: Dix, Conrad Kocher, arr. William Henry Monk

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Hymnal, 383

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

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Hymnal, 655

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Postlude in D" J.K. Fischer



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!

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!

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!

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) 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 Walter VonEgidy.

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. Bethel Community Food Pantry, is the recipient of our food basket collections for the month of June.

Hopeline

The Hopeline Baby Bottle Campaign will end on June 17th. 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.

Father's Day Memorials

Father's Day is June 17. Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in loving memory of a father, please make your check payable to St. Paul's Church with the name or names of those to be remembered written on the memo line. All memorials are due by Sunday, June 10, in order to be printed in the bulletin. Contact Gail Winkley, with any questions, at 203-775-3343 or gailwinkley@yahoo.com. All the gentlemen worshiping with us on Father's Day will receive a boutonniere.

Calendar for the Week

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

Sun., June 3	-	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:30 AM	- - -	Traditional Eucharist Rector's Forum Sunday School Contemporary Eucharist
Mon., June 4	-	10:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	- - -	Christian Caring Stephen Ministry Men's Bible Study
Tue., June 5	-	9:15 AM 5:45 PM	-	Ladies Bible Study Boot Camp
Wed., June 6	-	10:00 AM	-	Holy Eucharist and Healing
Thu., June 7	-	7:30 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	- - -	Music Night Mission Committee Property Committee
Sat., June 9	-	7:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM	- - -	Men's Prayer Breakfast PraiseMoves Jericho Food Pantry

Next Sunday — Third Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist at 8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

Readings

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

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