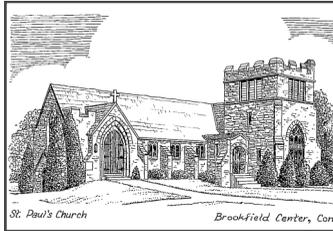


Saint Paul's Church

(Episcopal/Anglican)

Brookfield, Connecticut

Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
September 9, 2018



"Celebrating 233 years in the Spirit"

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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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

Prelude on "Mendon"

F. Ritter

Opening Hymn

"Thou Whose Almighty Word"

Hymnal, 371

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.*

“Draw Me Closer”

My spirit is yearning to be with You
To rest in Your presence to be renewed
My heart is searching for Your chambers
To worship You
One holy passion for communion Lord

Draw me closer to Your heart
Draw me close to You (repeat)

You fashioned within me this thirst for You
To drink of the water which flows from You
And I hunger for the bread of heaven
Your breath of life
I seek Your holy habitation Lord

My Savior I love You I worship You
Redeemer how I long to be with You

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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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading:

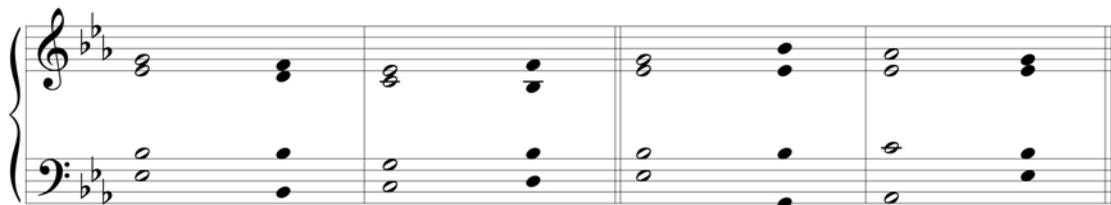
Reader: A reading from Proverbs. (22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23)

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 125



- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount **Zion**, *which cannot be moved, but stands fast for **ever**.
- 2 The hills stand about Je-**rusalem**; *so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for ever-**more**.

- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the **just**, *so that the just shall not put their hands to **evil**.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are **good** *and to those who are true of **heart**.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the **evildoers**; *but peace be upon **Israel**.
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 James. (2:1-17)

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Verses 1-3)

Hymnal, 493

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an

unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Verses 4-6)

Hymnal, 493

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:
Matthew James Williams, and Alfred and Anne Wyant.

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)

Through every battle, through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance I believe

That You are my fortress, You are my portion
You are my hiding place, I believe You are

The Way the Truth the Life
I believe You are

The Way the Truth the Life
I believe (You are)

Through every blessing, through every promise
Through every breath I take I believe

“The Way”

That You are provider, You are protector
You are the One I love, I believe You are

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today

With mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts they can all come too

Because they can't stay long
(When I'm here with You)

(When I believe You are)

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 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. 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

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve

The neighbors we have from you

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,

Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,

Neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love.

All are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we were slaves;

This is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

frain

Words: Ghanaian, tr. Thomas Stevenson Colvin; Music: *Chereponi*, Ghanaian folk song

“Nothing I Hold Onto”

I lean not on my own understanding
My life is in the hands of the maker of heaven
I give it all to You God
Trusting that You'll make
Something beautiful out of me

I will climb this mountain
With my hands wide open
There's nothing I hold onto
There's nothing I hold onto

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“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)” (Please Stand)

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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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

Lord, whose love through humble service bore
the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's
perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship not of
voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you
impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the
hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief
we mourn our dead.

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the
sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and
make us whole.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your
dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in living
deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort, coun-
sel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your
mercy know and live.

Words: Albert F. Bayly; Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

“Postlude on St. Magnus”

H. Willan



Sundays Available for Memorial Flowers

Sundays, September 30 and October 7, are available for anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in memory of loved ones and friends. Please contact Gail Winkley, at 203-775-3343 or gailwinkley@yahoo.com to make the necessary arrangements.

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!

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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!

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 Donna Cennamo, 10:30 All who are available.

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. St. James' Episcopal Church, Danbury and their Daily Bread Food Pantry, is the recipient of our food basket collections for the month of September.

Calendar for the Week

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

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| Sun., Sept. 9 | - | 8:00 AM | - | Traditional Eucharist |
| | | 10:30 AM | - | Sunday School |
| | | 10:30 AM | - | Contemporary Eucharist |
| | | 2:30 PM | - | Youth Group Kick-off |
| Mon., Sept. 10 | - | 10:00 am | - | Christian Caring |
| | | 7:00 pm | - | Men's Bible Study |
| Tue., Sept. 11 | - | 9:15 AM | - | Ladies Bible Study |
| | | 5:45 PM | - | Boot Camp |
| Wed., Sept. 12 | - | 10:00 AM | - | Holy Eucharist and Healing |
| | | 7:00 PM | - | Staff Meeting |
| | | 7:30 PM | - | Vestry Meeting |
| Thu., Sept. 13 | - | 7:30 PM | - | Music Night |
| Sat., Sept. 15 | - | 7:30 AM | - | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| | | 10:00 AM | - | PraiseMoves |

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

The Reverend Joseph Shepley, Rector

Readings

Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

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