



WORSHIP BULLETIN:
AUGUST 9, 2026 **10:00 AM**
Holy Eucharist Rite II **Prayer A**
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Peddlers Fair Sunday

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

(H 488) Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1:

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2:

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Verse 3:

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's
Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PEDDLERS FAIR: REPORT & RECOGNITION



OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living
God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

GLORIA:

The following is sung, all standing.

(S 280) Glory To God- Canticle 20

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p. 357

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate
the dedication of this house of prayer: We
give you thanks for the fellowship of those
who have worshiped in this place, and we
pray that all who seek you here may find you,
and be filled with your joy and peace; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*The people sit.*

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the

long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *

and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *

continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *

his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *

O children of Jacob his chosen.

Then he called for a famine in the land *

and destroyed the supply of bread.

He sent a man before them, *

Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters; *

his neck they put in an iron collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, *

the word of the Lord tested him.

The king sent and released him; *

the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,
To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?
“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

Congregation chants

(A3 218) Veni Sancte Spiritus

Refrain:
Veni Sancte Spiritus

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

All stand.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”
Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

Congregation chants

(A3 218) Veni Sancte Spiritus

Refrain:
Veni Sancte Spiritus

THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz

THE CREED: **BCP p. 358**

All stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

All remain standing

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE CHURCH

*Prayers of the People will conclude with the
litany on p. 578 of the Book of Common Prayer.
Remain standing and respond to each bidding
with: **People: We thank you, Lord.***

After a brief silence, the Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology:

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty;
People: For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;
People: And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

THE PEACE: **BCP p. 360**

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sun., August 16 - Dignity Day Bake Sale -
Directly after our 10 am service at Coffee
Hour!

- Save the Date – Harvest Festival – Sat., September 26 - Help make this year's Harvest Festival a success! We're looking for volunteers to join the event team!

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION:

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: **BCP p. 376**

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.

(A3 18) Bind Us Together

Chorus:

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with
cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord,
bind us together with love.

Verse 1:

There is only one God. There is only one king.
There is only one body that is why we sing.

Verse 2:

We are the family of God. We are the promise
divine.
We are the chosen design. We are the
glorious new wine.

SURSUM CORDA: **BCP p. 361**

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and
praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant
proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always
and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father
Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . .
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:

Celebrant and people

(S 130) Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

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The Celebrant continues. . .

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love
you made us for yourself . . . 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.

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We celebrate the memorial of our
redemption, O Father. . . 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: BCP p. 363

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:
The following is spoken.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

All are welcome to come forward for communion. If you're new to the sacrament, please reference the card in the pews with more information. The bread is given with the words, 'The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.' The wine is given with the words, 'The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.'

COMMUNION HYMN:
The following is sung.

(A3 22) Breathe

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread,
Your very word spoken to me.

And I, I'm desperate for you.
And I, I'm lost without you.

COMMUNION HYMN:
The following is sung.

In Christ Alone

Verse 1:
In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2:
In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3:
There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4:
No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: BCP p. 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living
members of your Son our Savior Jesus
Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual
food in the Sacrament of his Body and
Blood. Send us now into the world in
peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and
singleness of heart; through Christ our
Lord. Amen.

BLESSING:

The Celebrant blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The following is sung.

(LEVAS 105) I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

Verse 1:

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me
singing glory Hallelujah Jesus lifted me.

Verse 2:

Satan had me bound Jesus lifted me
Satan had me bound Jesus lifted me
Satan hand me bound Jesus lifted me
singing glory Hallelujah Jesus lifted me

Verse 3:

When I was in sin Jesus lifted me
When I was in sin Jesus lifted me
When I was in sin Jesus lifted me
singing glory Hallelujah Jesus lifted me.

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



The flowers at today's service are
given in celebration of:
**Our 70th Wedding
Anniversary**

Mark and Jeanne Brown

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



* Sun. August 16 - Dignity Day
Bake Sale - During Coffee Hour!

* Save the Date – Harvest Festival
Sat., September 26 - Help make
this year's Harvest Festival a
success! We're looking for
volunteers to join the event
team. Contact the Parish Office.

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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Donna
Sanderson
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Jim Turner
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Vicky Carr
Dick Bryan
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David Gibbs
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Lolli Hilton
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WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Caroline H.
The Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air
Force Reserves
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U.S. Army
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U.S. Navy

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8/9 Langston Dykzeul
8/12 Jamie Morris
8/12 David Sells
8/12 Linda Tremain
8/12 Debbie Varson
8/11 Mark & Jeanne Brown

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz
10:00 AM	
Music	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Liz Stallings
Intercessor	Barbara Jewell
LEM	Jim Brown & Barbara Jewell
Healing Prayers	
Ushers	Jeff Jarvis & Gerri MacGregor
Altar Guild	Jeanne Brown & Sandy Schipper
Flower Guild	Ann Lindsay
Verger	Leo Harrod

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:

John Partridge, Traditional Music Director
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Eric Foster, Communications Director
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VESTRY:

Ann Lindsay, Senior Warden
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MISSION:

St. Paul's welcomes all people at any stage of their spiritual journey
to worship together, care for the community, and live the message
of Jesus Christ.

VISION:

We strive to be an active, diverse and welcoming community
where people come together to worship and deepen their faith.

VALUES

COMMUNITY:

We support our
neighbors
through service &
compassion. We
are a safe space &
a supportive
community
where members
are cared for by
one another.

INCLUSION:

We are an
inclusive
community
where people of
all identities,
backgrounds &
histories are
welcome to find
& continue their
spiritual journey.

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST:

We believe in
striving to live
the message of
Jesus Christ
every day. At St.
Paul's, we walk
the way of love
together.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

At any point in a
person's
spiritual journey,
there are
opportunities to
learn, grow &
strengthen
one's faith at St.
Paul's.

NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

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an area where photography, audio, live streaming, and video recording
may occur.

CALENDAR

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Peddlers Fair Sunday & Sanctuary Restoration Celebration

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 10 am +Communion
 11 am Coffee Hour (P)
 11 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 11 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 4 pm Meditation (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



MONDAY: 8/10

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
 8 pm AA Meeting (P)

TUESDAY: 8/11

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 1 - 2:30 pm +Organ Practice
 5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P)
 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting (R)

WEDNESDAY: 8/12

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10 am +Communion
 11 am Bible Study (L)
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)

THURSDAY: 8/13

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee **W/out** Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 2:30 - 4:30 pm +Bagpipe Practice

FRIDAY: 8/14

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting (U)
 7- 9 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 8/15

7 am AA Meeting (U)

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 10 am +Communion
 11 am Coffee Hour (P)
 11 am Dignity Day Bake Sale - During Coffee Hour (P)
 11 am Godly Play - *Cancelled*
 11 am Youth Bible Study - *Cancelled*
 8 pm AA (P)



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 P = PARISH HALL
 U = UNDERCROFT
 R = RECTORY
 K = KITCHEN
 L = RECTORY LIBRARY
 O = OUTDOORS