

Welcome to Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist

The Episcopal Church of St. Paul, Cambria Seventh Sunday in Pentecost, Proper 10B July 11, 2021

Opening Hymn 365 Come Thou Almighty King

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

Let nothing, O God, be dearer to us than your Son, no worldly possessions, no human honors; let us prefer nothing whatever to Christ, who makes known to the world the mystery of your love and reveals the true dignity of every human person. That by word and deed we may proclaim Christ, in whom you bestow forgiveness and redemption for all, let us confess our sins against you and our neighbor:

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.

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**.

Lord, open our lips

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate: Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;*

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;*

He himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;*

Give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \ast

that his glory may dwell in our land.

- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Lessons

The First Lesson is from the book of Amos (7:7-15)

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Here ends the reading.

Canticle J: A Song of Judith

(Judith 16:13-16)

I will sing a new song to my God,* for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.

Let the whole creation serve you,* for you spoke and all things came into being.

You sent your breath and it formed them,* no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths,* rocks melt like wax at your presence.

But to those who fear you, * you continue to show mercy.

The Second Lesson is from Paul's letter to the Ephesians: (1:3-14).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Here ends the reading.

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed (Revelation 15:3-4)

O Ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done,* surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,*
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of you Name? * for you alone are the holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you,* because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from the Gospel according to **St. Mark** (6:14-29)

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Here ends the Gospel reading.

Gospel Refrain 178:

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Here follows the Nicene Creed,

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; 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.

The Sermon

Canon Mark Hall

Sermon Hymn 441 In the Cross of Christ...

The Prayers of the People

As one people called by God, let us pray, saying: *Hear us, good Lord.*

We say we are not prophets, Lord, nor the children of prophets; yet we are your witnesses. That we may be faithful witnesses, we pray: *Hear us, good Lord.*

You have called us and joined us into one body, the church, to hear the cries of the world and to read the signs of our time, to speak where silence needs breaking, to comfort when terror threatens, to support where courage falters, to risk when fear controls. That you may work in us the prophet's vision and power, we pray: *Hear us, good Lord.*

The world waits in need, O God. When peace seems within grasp, it somehow slips away. When crops in one nation flourish, famine reigns in another. When technology masters a new frontier, old problems rise to plague it. When chemicals serve our human needs, the environment suffers pollution. While medicines cure the gravest ills, diseases still destroy us. That you will help us in our need, we pray: *Hear us, good Lord*.

Help us to understand the complexity of life. Help us to learn from the forces we seek to overcome. Help us trust you. That you will bring our waiting to an end, we pray: *Hear us, good Lord.*

Eternal God, you send us on a journey, as you have sent others before us to anoint, to heal, to comfort. For each person in need this day, we pray for the gentle touch of another's caring hand, and

we pray especially for the needs of: Karen Pearson, Ann Cichowski, Georgianne Jackson, Joan Wilson, Evan Anderson, Jennifer Davy, Emily Nute, Rosalba Kohout, Frank Simmerman, Brittany Kinney, John Helps, Patti Ropp, Michelle Hernandez, Bondé Bliven, Bill DeCarolis, *others*? Lavish the riches of your grace upon them, as you have promised. To you, O Healer, we pray: *Hear us, good Lord*.

Creator of the world, sustainer of the church, hear our prayers, accept the praise and thanks of our worship, and grant us that which makes us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and offered himself for us.

Offertory Music-Instrumental

Prayer over the gifts: Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord, **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial . . .

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 (or **sing**)

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Then may be sung or said
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or other suitable words.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music: Instrumental After Communion, the Celebrant says

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. Let us pray.

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.

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. Amen. The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

-Commissioning of Stephen Ministers-

While we are reminded that caring ministry is a part of the life of every Christian, today we recognize Ann, Stevely, Loretta, and Julian who has prepared themselves over the last several months to minister to hurting people in our congregations and community.

Dear sisters and brother, you have been equipped to serve as a Stephen Minister at the Church of St. Paul and in the deanery. Listen to these words we find in Scripture: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Colossians 3:23-24)

Friends, you have been comforted by God with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ask you now to join in serving our Lord and those in this congregation and the deanery who need to be comforted. As the Lord Jesus Christ has responded to your needs, we ask you to strive to be responsive to the needs of others.

As the Lord Jesus Christ took the burdens of the world on his shoulders and has been a friend to you in troubled times, we ask you to be a friend to those who are burdened under the stress of daily life.

As the Lord Jesus Christ patiently listens when you turn to him, we ask you to be a patient listener in a hurried world.

As the Lord Jesus Christ has broken down the barriers that separated you from God, we ask you to heal divisions wherever you find them and strive to make people whole.

As the Spirit of Christ has given you gifts for service, we ask you to use your skills and talents to help those people whom you serve and to pray for them.

As the Lord Jesus Christ has shown his care to you, we ask you to help our congregations grow as caring communities through your own caring ministry.

As the Lord Jesus Christ has revealed his presence to you through faith, we ask you to share your personal experiences of faith with those around you so that they too may celebrate the presence of Christ in our world today.

Are you prepared to meet those requests that we ask of you? **Yes, with the help of God.**

Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others—to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in all their needs? Yes, with the help of God.

Now, we ask you, members of the Church of Saint Paul and representatives of the deanery, to open your hearts to the ministry of these persons and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request? Yes, with the help of God.

We also ask you to accept Stephen ministry when you need help, to allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters. Are you prepared to meet this request? Yes, with the help of God.

You who have been trained, are you prepared to serve as Stephen Ministers at the Church of Saint Paul and the deanery? Yes, with the help of God.

Come forward now and receive a blessing. (Stephen Ministers come forward for a blessing, given by Canon Mark and other Stephen Leaders.)

Because you have promised faithfully to serve the Lord Jesus and his people as a Stephen Minister, I commend you to the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit as you in turn care for others. Use the skills you have learned, releasing the gifts and talents the Spirit of God has given you, so that you might be a blessing to the people you meet and care for. Continue to study. Reflect upon the situations you encounter. Pray for the people whose lives you are privileged to share. Be free to share your own personal frustrations and needs with others so that you might receive the same kind of care and love you offer others. Act boldly and without fear, for Christ is with you. And "may the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Let us now welcome our new Stephen Ministers.

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the People
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Parting Hymn 344 Lord, Dismiss Us...Blessing

Announcements

-Anniversary/Thanksgiving Prayer-

We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. Amen.

Dismissal

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Celebrating the Life of

JAMES WILSON

MAY 22, 1930-JULY 26, 2020

Service to be held
SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2021
1:00 PM
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Reception to follow at FOG'S END BARN 2735 Main Street, Cambria

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ST. PAUL'S CALENDAR

July 11-17, 2021

Sunday	We gather to worship
10:00 am	St. Paul's
2 pm	Safe Harbor Pres worship
	(via Zoom, temporarily)

Monday Office CLOSED
3:00 pm No ACA this week.

Tuesday Office OPEN
5:00 pm Book Study

WednesdayOffice OPEN8:30 amGrounds and Garden Mtce.11:30 am-1:15 pmWomen's AA

Thursday Office Open by Appt.
To schedule 805.927.3239
(24 hours notice req.)

Friday Office CLOSED
4:30 pm Campus Cleaning

Saturday Office CLOSED
9:15 am-10:45 am Women's AA- Parish Hall
9:45-11:15 am Al-Anon- Library/Chapel

Mon-FriSenior MealsHome delivery only805.927.1268

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Next Sunday

July 18, 2021 10:00 a.m. Worship

Followed By Coffee Hour

Check out our website: www.stpaulscambria.org



Today's Flowers
Are Offered By
Barbara Marks
In Loving Memory
Of
Bill Marks