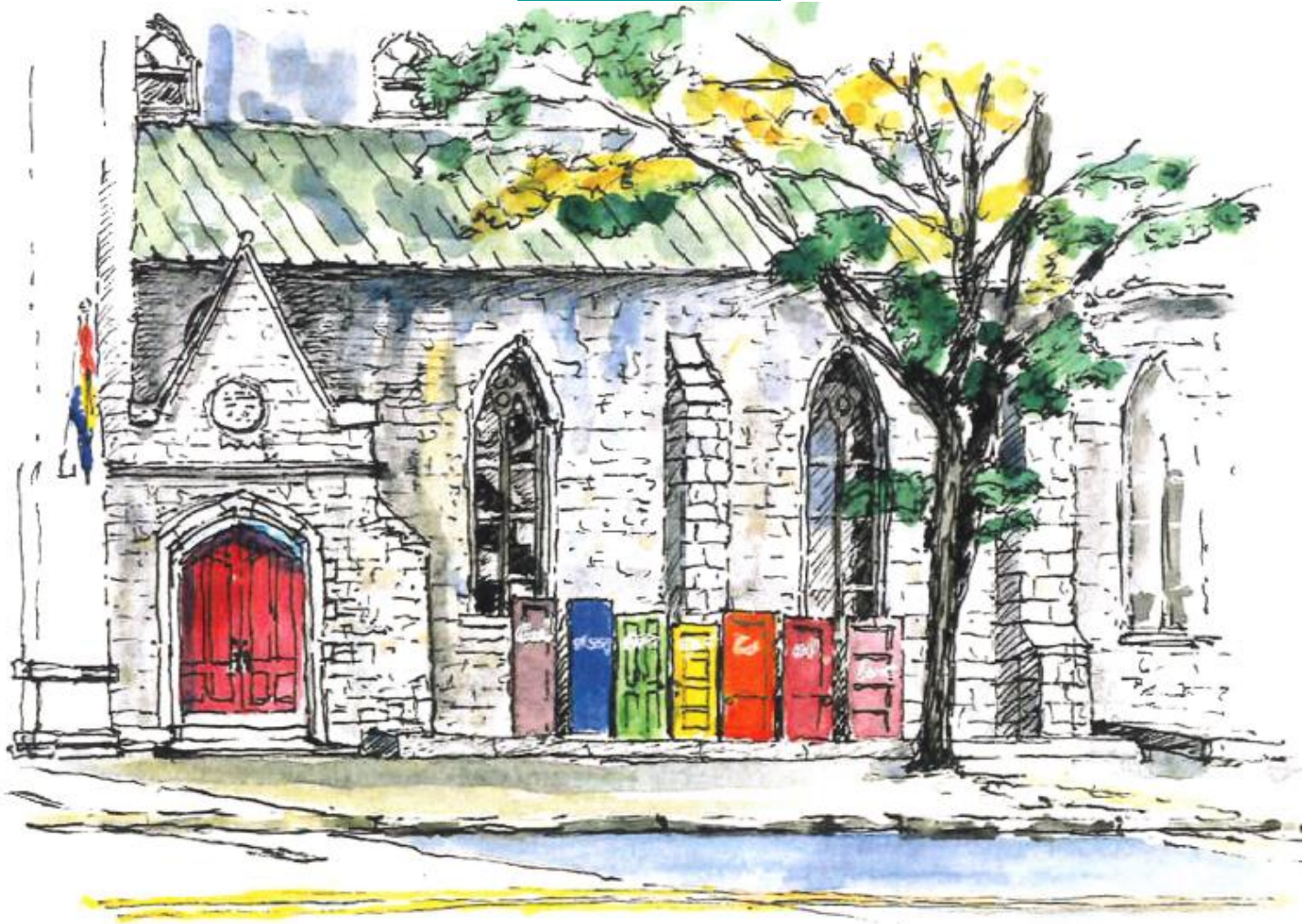


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"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLIWS

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 9, 2024

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY • Psalm Prelude

Craig Phillips (b.1961)

Paraphrase of Psalm 40:1-3 – I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN • 9, “Not here for high and holy things”

Morning Song

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

CANTICLE •

Festival Canticle

1. O all ye works of God now come to
2. O sun and moon and stars of heav'n your
3. O heat and cold, O night and day, O

thank him and a - dore; O an - gels sing and
end - less praise out - pour; O chang - ing sea - sons,
storms and thund - er's roar, O fields and for - ests,

1.- 4.
bless the Lord and praise him ev - er - more.
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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • 1 Samuel 8:4-20

Lector

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People

Thanks be to God.

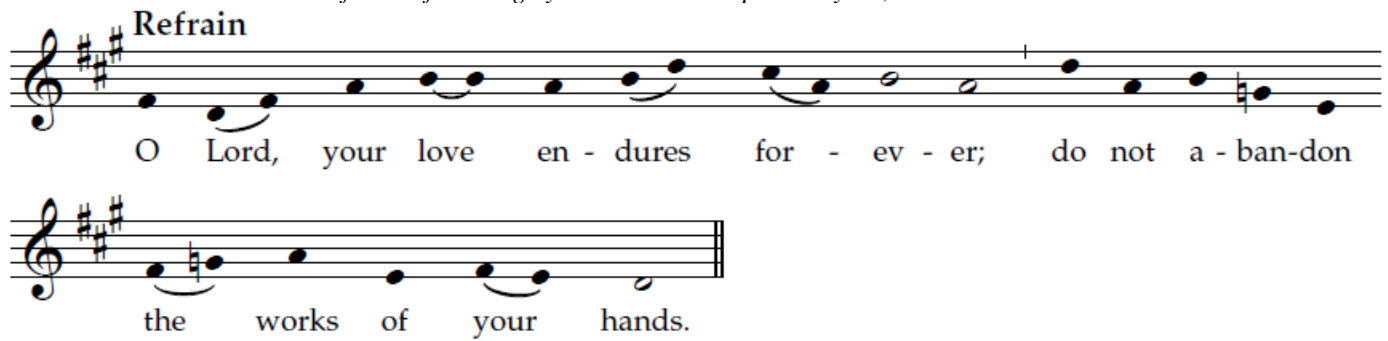
THE RESPONSE

PSALM 138 *Confitebor tibi*

Mode 3

The Refrain is first sung by the Choir and repeated by All, and then as indicated.

Refrain



O Lord, your love en - dures for - ev - er; do not a - ban - don
the works of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;

Refrain

For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things. When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. **Refrain**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth. They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD. **Refrain**

Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. The LORD will make good his purpose for me; O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands. **Refrain**

EPISTLE • 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Lector

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Lector

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

People

Thanks be to God.

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN • 703, "Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace"

Song 22

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • Mark 3:20-35

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Celebrant

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Philip Major

A brief silence follows the sermon.

The people are invited to stand.

NICENE CREED

The word “creed” comes from the Latin credo, translated here as “we believe.” Credo is not simply belief in accurate propositions, but more deeply a sense of relationship or trust—an alternate translation might be “we give our heart,” “we trust,” “we rely upon.” Developed in the fourth century as a means of unifying a divided church, the Nicene Creed has been used by Christians in worship for almost two

thousand years, and connects us to our ancient ancestors in the Communion of Saints. The Creed is used in worship not because it comprises a list of doctrinal statements one must affirm in order to be considered a Christian, but rather as a song of praise and confidence in the Holy Trinity: God in three persons who creates, redeems and sanctifies a holy people.

All

**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.

Please remain standing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Living God, we embrace your presence in our lives. Help us to grow stronger together in the garden of your love. Plant us together in your peace. Root us together in your hope. Transform us into your love.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

As Christ's disciples in this age, we offer our prayers for our world in which we are privileged to live and our neighbors with whom we share it.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your loving guidance and counsel upon our church leaders. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Dede, our Bishop, and Philip, our Rector, and for all who serve and worship at St. Paul's.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We come to you today with hearts heavy with our ill friends and family. We lift up in prayer (*n.*). We ask that you bring healing and restoration to their bodies, minds and spirits.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those left behind at the loss of their loved ones (*n.*), those we name silently or aloud and those whose names have been forgotten. With hollows in our hearts, comfort us, give us hope. Meet us in our loss.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for a renewed commitment to you and your son, Jesus Christ, that we may continue to serve you all the days of our lives.

A brief silence is kept.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

CONFESSION

The people are invited to sit / kneel.

Officiant

Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Officiant

† Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The bread and wine for communion and the offering plates are brought forward at the beginning of the offertory.

OFFERTORY

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God’s blessings in our lives and invite you to place your contribution in the offering plate in the main aisle or give by texting 73256 entering **stpaulsyr** (all lower case) and the amount you want to give.*

Celebrant

All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People

And of thine own have we given thee.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM: “Cum Sancto Spiritu” from GLORIA

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

8:00 **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.**

Hymnal S-130

From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b.1937)

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [_____ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to

come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The breaking of the bread may be seen as the culminating activity of our worship. It is the ritual action symbolizing the activity whereby God emptied Godself of divine power for purpose of reconciling Godself with us. We have no words to accurately describe this divine activity, thus a period of 10-15 seconds of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread and before the singing of the Fraction Anthem.

FRACTION ANTHEM

8:00
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

10:00
Hymnal S-164 Franz Schubert
The people are invited to be seated.

You are invited to consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, drink directly from the cup. We are not dipping the bread into the wine at this time. Our understanding is that the sacrament of communion is complete if the bread or wine is received; it is not necessary to receive both.

During the distribution of communion, Prayers for Healing and Wholeness may be offered at the Peace Altar.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: *Laudamus te* (from Gloria) Antonio Vivaldi
Renee Heitmann & Cassidy Chappini

COMMUNION HYMN • 339 *Schmücke dich*

The People are invited to stand.

Officiant Let us pray.
All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN • 594, "God of grace and God of glory" *Cwm Rhondda*

DISMISSAL

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

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Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

Peter M., Philip B., Steve S., Jim & Mary S., Destany W., Sandi Y., Helen R.F., David V., Scott B., Frank M., Glen V., Mia S.R. and Pamela S.

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

We remember those who have died in recent days:

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Harry & Nancy Lambright and Julia Fine

Lay Readers: Patty Glavin / Tom Cantwell

Ushers: Joe Russo / Derina Samuel and Roy Thomas

Flowers: Sandy Wiley & Harriet Averill

Announcements for June 9

* The June edition of *The Courier* is devoted to the details of the *Open Doors* project: what's included, what's not included, other work being done on our buildings, and more. You can find *The Courier* on our website at stpaulsyr.org, and print copies are available in the back of the Nave.

* The *Women of St. Paul's* will hold their next gathering on Saturday, June 15th. Please contact Ruth Brown for more information.

* Join us two weeks from today, June 23rd, for a presentation given by Andrew Lunetta, executive director of *A Tiny Home for Good*.

* Beginning Sunday, June 30th, and continuing through the summer, we will hold a single worship service at 9:30 a.m.

Construction Updates/Reminders:

- During Open Doors construction, the parking lot spaces marked with an X, which are generally reserved for St. Paul's folks, are available ONLY to construction workers during workdays (M-F) per our contract with Drulyk. The numbered spots are rented to folks in the area during their workdays. This means you will likely NOT find a place to park in our lot if you come to the church during the week. You likely will find a space on the street metered within a few blocks of the church. There should be parking available in our lot on Sundays.
- Please do not enter any area marked construction as it is not safe to do so; we don't want anyone to get hurt.
- There will always be one bathroom available in adjacent to the Sargent Foyer during construction and in the area adjacent to our church offices.
- We expect more activity in the months ahead. Stay strong and patient!

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#52: Why do we have periods of silence during worship?

Our worship service is very expressive: we use lots of words. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul articulates the idea that our words are often insufficient to express what is most important. *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.* So we come to worship to listen, to be receptive to God's message. We set aside some time for silence and listening during worship, including:

- + During the Prayers of the People.
- + Following the Sermon.
- + After the bread is broken during the Eucharistic Prayer.

The main idea behind these periods of silence is that God's ways, God's love, and God's truth are something we need to listen for.

Sometimes we are not quite sure what to do or think during the silence. You might ask yourself a basic question, such as "What is God saying to me, through this worship service?"

If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org.

Fr. Philip +

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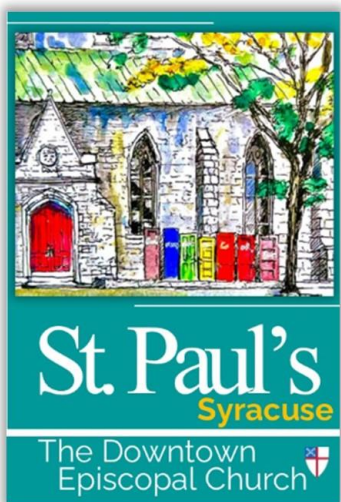
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