



St. Paul's  
Syracuse

The Downtown  
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLINS

MAY 22, 2022

9:30 AM

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

*Our morning worship begins with the first note of the organ prelude and your silent prayers. Please refrain from conversations during this time.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**VOLUNTARY • Aria**

Charles Callahan (b.1951)

*The people are invited to stand*

**HYMN 490 • “I want to walk as a child of the light.”**

*Houston*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**HYMNAL S-236 • A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine***

John Rutter (b.1945)

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord

God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the  
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to  
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,  
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 • Acts 16:9-15**

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM • 67 *Deus misereatur***

*The choir first sings the Refrain and then all join in repeating the Refrain, and then as indicated.*

**Refrain**

Let the peo- ples praise you, O God; hal - le - lu - jah:

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us. Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. **Refrain**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. **Refrain**

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing. May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **Refrain**

**EPISTLE • Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

*Lector* A reading from the Revelation to John.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people are invited to stand.*

**GRADUAL HYMN 487** • "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"

*The Call*

*Please remain standing.*

**HOLY GOSPEL** • John 14:23-29

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant* Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON** • "Seek God's Strength"

The Rev. Philip Major

*This is the fifth in a five part series of sermons inspired by the Gospel of John. You can find the first four sermons at [stpaulsyr.org](http://stpaulsyr.org).*

*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**

Faithful God, long ago your people proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our leadership as deep, and our faith as true.

*The congregation adds their own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbors. As Christ's disciples in this time, we offer our prayers for our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and all victims of war and injustice.

*The congregation adds their own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Suffering God, giver of life and health, bless those who suffer, especially *n.*, and those we now name. We also pray for those who minister to them, that they may be restored to health of body, mind and spirit.

*The congregation adds their own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, from whose love we will not be parted by life or death: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for those who have died whom we remember in prayer, especially *n.*, and those whose names have been forgotten. Bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy.

*The congregation adds their own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray that you help the Church be in the world, without being of the world. Especially as divisions grow in our society, we pray that your church may be a force for healing, present and open to all. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, DeDe, our Bishop, Philip, our Rector, and for all clergy and lay leaders who serve you.

*The congregation adds their own prayers, silently or aloud.*

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*

*Celebrant* God of our salvation, you have endowed us with gifts of mind and heart and strength; so strengthen in us the gifts of curiosity and openness, the gifts of honesty and compassion, that we may respond to the great doubt of the world with resounding love, through your Spirit, working among us, we pray.

*All* **Amen.**

*The people are invited to stand.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

# LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## 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.*

*Please be seated.*

**AT THE OFFERTORY, AN ANTHEM:** *Let the peoples praise you* (Psalm 67) Bruce Neswick (b.1955)

*The people are invited to stand as the offering is brought forward.*

*Celebrant* All things come of Thee, O Lord.

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING • The Eucharist Prayer is from the Church of South India

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

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

*Celebrant*

Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image.

Through your Holy Spirit you brood over the chaos we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspire prophetic voices to speak the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new.

In Christ Jesus you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to be his disciples and friends. By his death he destroyed the power of death. By his resurrection he opened the way of eternal life.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim your glory:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

10:00 Hymnal S-129

Robert Powell (b.1932)

*Celebrant*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which he was betrayed, took the bread and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

*All*

**Lord we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection, and we await your coming.**

*Celebrant*

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him.

May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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

10:00 Hymnal S-155

Gerald Near (b.1942)

*The people are invited to be seated.*

*You are invited to remove or lower your face mask and consume the consecrated bread immediately after you receive it. If you choose to receive the wine, please remove your mask and 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.*

**AT THE COMMUNION, AN ANTHEM:** *The Call*

David Ashley White (b.1944)

## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*If you are participating in our service from home we invite you to take a few minutes during the distribution of communion to say the prayer for spiritual communion:*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of the Altar, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me in your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*The People are invited to stand.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Officiant*  
*All*

Let us pray.

**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 • 705**, “As those of old their first fruits brought”

*Forest Green*

*The people are invited to be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

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

**VOLUNTARY •** *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

arranged by Hal Hopson

Based on the hymn tune *Nöel nouvelet* for handbells.

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*Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul's parishoners.*

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***Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:***

Andrew, June, Beverly, Laura, Sharon and Greg

***We remember those who have died in recent days, including Albert Millette and Robert Nagel.***

**The flowers on the altar are given by Jim and Ieva Doyle in memory of their daughter, Erika Doyle; and in memory of Bettina Castle, Margaret Marsellus and The Very Reverend William M. Hale by Candace and John Marsellus.**

**Our thanks today for the...**

***Altar Guild:*** David Morgan

***Flower Guild:*** Marion Greenhalgh

***Lay Readers:*** David Morgan / Betsy Elkins

***Ushers:*** Jean Stanton / Derina Samuel & Roy Thomas

## **Welcome to St. Paul's Church!**

We are especially concerned for your health and the health of our members and staff as we enter the third year of the Covid Pandemic. The current wave of cases is the result of the most contagious variant seen so far, the BA.2 variant. You can help us slow transmission of the Coronavirus by adhering to these rules:

1. Follow the guidance of the CDC regarding the right time to receive Covid-19 vaccines and booster shots.
2. Wear a mask in our worship space.
3. Do not enter the church building if you have tested positive for Covid in the past 10 days.
4. Most people in the parish house building are not wearing masks. Please do not enter the parish house building if you have had a significant exposure to a person who has tested positive for Covid. Wait 4-5 days after exposure and take a Covid-19 test at the end of the waiting period.

Fr. Philip +

## Officers

Senior Warden: Dick Pilgrim  
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## Vestry & Team Leaders

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