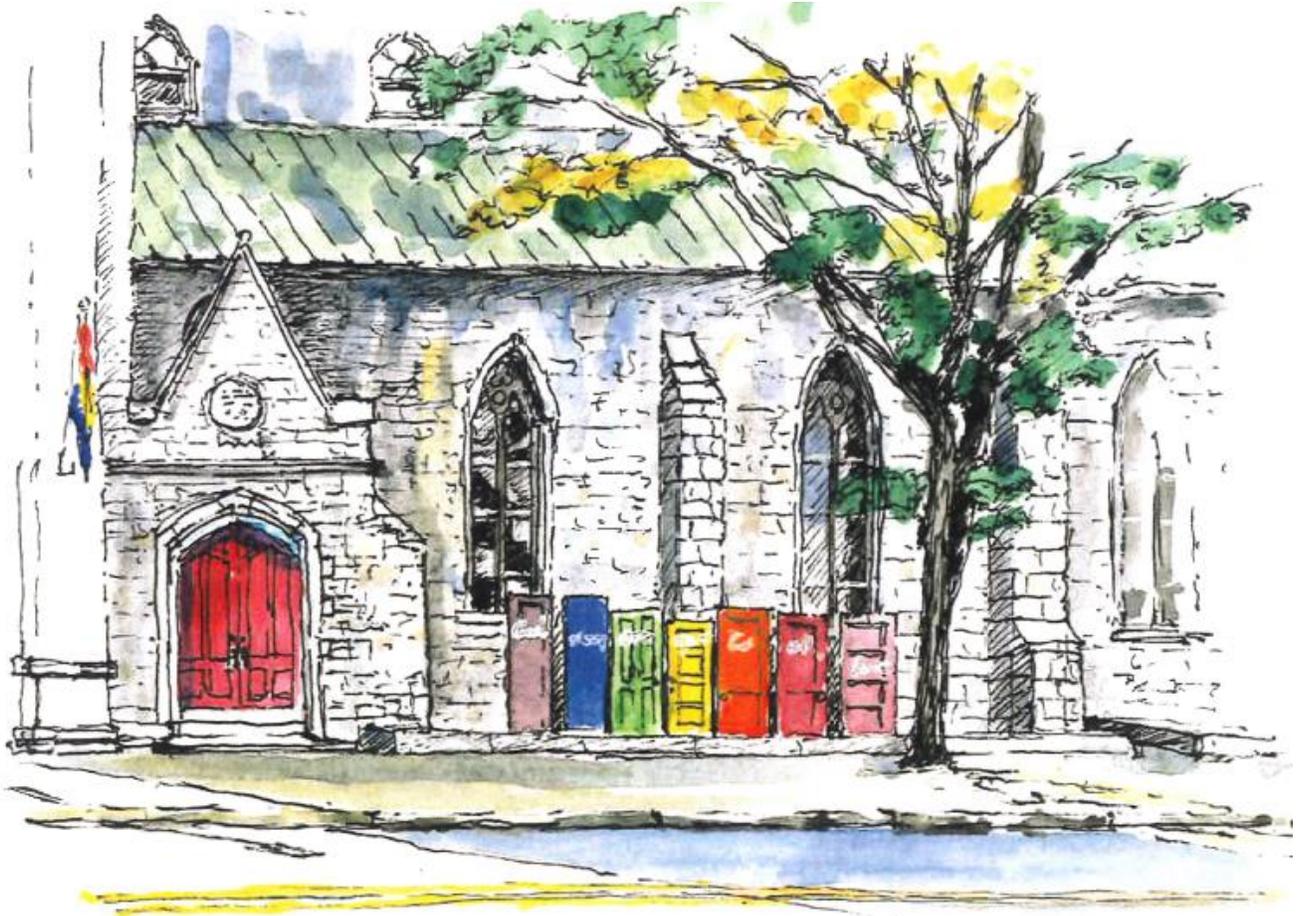




St. Paul's
Syracuse

The Downtown
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELKINS

OCTOBER 2, 2022
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
 give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your
 ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 im - age in the world you died to save. *to verse 3*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

LESSON • Lamentations 1:1-6

Lector A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah.

How lonely sits the city
 that once was full of people!
 How like a widow she has become,
 she that was great among the nations!
 She that was a princess among the provinces
 has become a vassal.
 She weeps bitterly in the night,
 with tears on her cheeks;
 among all her lovers
 she has no one to comfort her;
 all her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
 they have become her enemies.
 Judah has gone into exile with suffering
 and hard servitude;
 she lives now among the nations,
 and finds no resting place;
 her pursuers have all overtaken her
 in the midst of her distress.
 The roads to Zion mourn,
 for no one comes to the festivals;

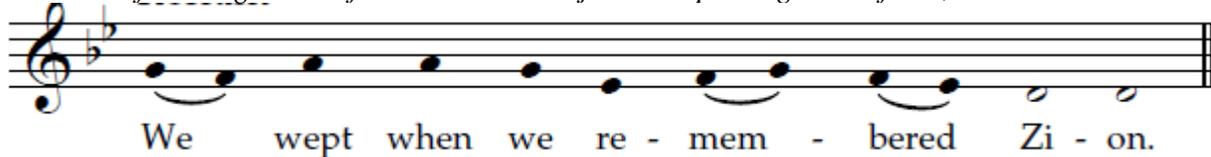
all her gates are desolate,
her priests groan;
her young girls grieve,
and her lot is bitter.
Her foes have become the masters,
her enemies prosper,
because the LORD has made her suffer
for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away,
captives before the foe.
From daughter Zion has departed
all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags
that find no pasture;
they fled without strength
before the pursuer.

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

PSALM • 137 *Super flumina*

Mode 3

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



By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered you, O Zion. As for our harps, we hung them up on the trees in the midst of that land. **Refrain**

For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: "Sing us one of the songs of Zion." How shall we sing the LORD's song upon an alien soil. **Refrain**

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy. **Refrain**

EPISTLE • 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Lector A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us

and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN 617 • "Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round"

Song 1

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • Luke 17:5-10

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

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

Celebrant The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.
"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, Mother God, once more we gather together, grateful for your presence among us. We give you thanks for this day, this week, and the opportunities we are given to share your love with those we encounter in your world.

The congregation adds their own prayers, silently or aloud.

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

Lord, we pray for our community, our country, and our world, asking for healing and peace in countries torn apart by war. For countries struggling with extreme weather conditions. In our own country, we pray for the healing of the divisions among us. Help us to see we are all your children.

The congregation adds their own prayers, silently or aloud.

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

Lord, we pray for those who are suffering, in body or spirit. Today we especially ask prayers for those we love, for *n...* and for those we name either silently or aloud. Lord God, we pray for those who have no one to pray for them.

The congregation adds their own prayers, silently or aloud.

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

Lord, we give you thanks for the love brought to our lives by family and friends who have died. We pray for families and friends who grieve their loss. We remember especially *n.* and for those we name at this time.

The congregation adds their own prayers, silently or aloud.

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

Mother, Father God, we give thanks and pray for those who serve you in the church. We pray for their own self-care, that they will remember to allow time for themselves to be healed and nurtured by you. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, DeDe, our Bishop, Philip, our Rector, and all who serve you in all churches. *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 CONFESSION

The people are invited to kneel or sit.

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.**

THE 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. 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.

AN ANTHEM

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint. O blessed are they, that hope and trust in the Lord.

(Macie Eighmey & Renee Heitmann, soloists)

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.**

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 _____, 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

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

8:00

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

10:00 Hymnal S-155

Gerald Near (b.1942)

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, please 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

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here faith can touch and handle things unseen; here would I grasp with firmer hands thy grace; and all my weariness upon thee lean. Here would I feed upon the bread of God; here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven. Here would I lay aside each earthy load, and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

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

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 • 671, “Amazing grace! how sweet the sound”

New Britain

The people are invited to be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

People:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY • *Allegro di molto con fuoco* (Fantasia in E-flat Major) Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921)

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

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Andrew, June, Jean, Hal Jr. and John.

We remember those who have died in recent days: Beverly Bolton and Miriam Hove Doody

Our thanks today for the...

Altar Guild: Julia Fine

Flower Guild: Harriet Averill & Sandy Wiley

Lay Readers: Margaret Sherwin / John Woodman

Ushers: Mary Hastings / Willson Cummer

What is the Reason for?

I have noticed the congregation stands during the procession at the beginning of worship, and then again during the procession out of the nave at the end of worship. What is the reason the congregation stands during these processions?

We stand as a sign of our respect for the cross which is carried in the procession. The cross reminds us of Christ's saving action. The cross points toward a way of love and a way of leadership based on self-emptying actions, such as setting aside our own agendas in order to do God's work. As followers of Christ Jesus, the cross is our primary symbol. That is the reason we stand when the cross is carried in a procession.



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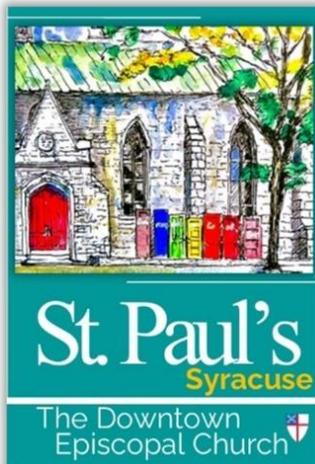
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