



St. Paul's
Syracuse

The Downtown
Episcopal Church



"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE"

W. ELLINS

AUGUST 7, 2022
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN 8 • “Morning has broken”

Bunessan

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

LESSON • Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24 • *Deus decorum*, BCP p. 654

EPISTLE • Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN 605 • “What does the Lord require”

Sharpthorne

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • Luke 12:32-40

Please be seated.

SERMON “The Reason We Are Here”

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, Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

*The People may add their own petitions.
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

The people are invited to sit or kneel.

THE CONFESSION

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

The people are invited to be seated.

*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.*

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 • Eucharist Prayer C

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 him our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**
Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**
Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**
Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.**

10:00 Hymnal S-130

Franz Schubert

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."
 After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
 Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**
Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Ruth and Mary, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**
Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

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-164

Franz Schubert

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.

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 • 583 "O' holy city, seen of John"

Morning Song

The people are invited to be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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

We also welcome our guest organist, Betty Hommel, for filling in for Jim Potts who is on holiday.

Please keep these people in your prayers:

Andrew, Barbara, George, Jean, June, Beverly, Kathy, Sandra, Greg, Pam, Lori, Deniene, Josh, and Kevin

We remember those who have died in recent days: Arthur Hastings

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

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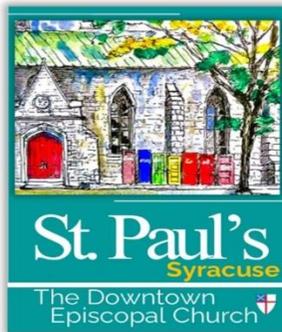
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Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

What is the Reason for?



What is the reason one of the worship leaders carries the big book with the gold cover into worship during the procession?

The book with the gold cover is the Gospel Book. It contains our Gospel readings from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Gospel readings are the primary source for everything we do at St. Paul's. So we carry the Gospel Book into worship in a ceremonial way to remind ourselves of the centrality of Jesus' life and words for us.

At the end of worship we carry the Gospel Book out of worship as a reminder that it is our mission to bring the ideas and example of Christ to the world.