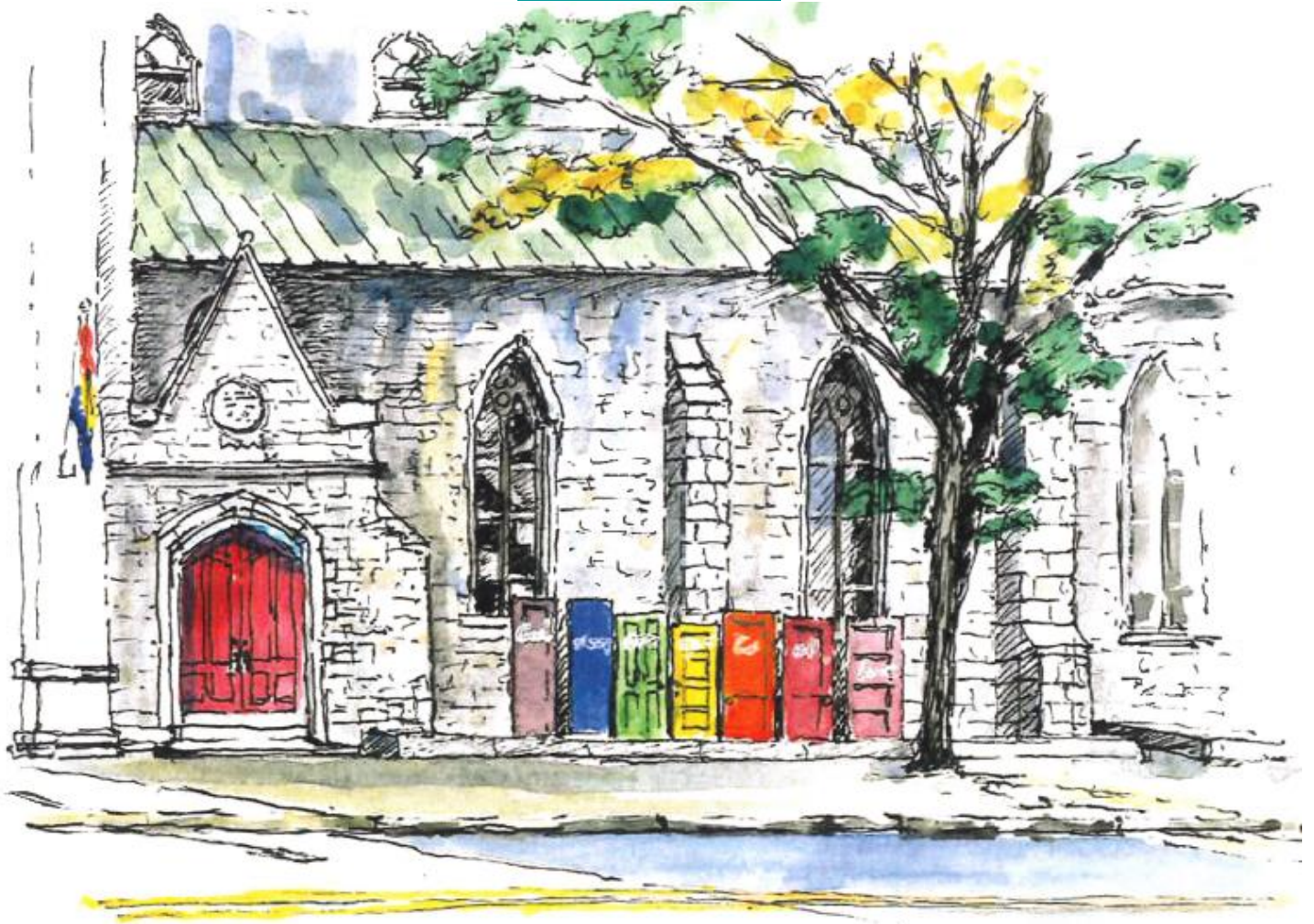


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"GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL. LOVE

W. ELLIENS

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 4, 2024
9:30 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Glenn Kime, Guest Organist

The people are invited to stand.

HYMN • , 699 “Jesus, Lover of my soul”

Aberystwyth

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 • 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Lector A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die;

he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master’s house, and your master’s wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.” David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

Lector
People

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

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 51 *Misereri me, Deus*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

EPISTLE • Ephesians 4:1-16

Lector

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Lector

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

People

Thanks be to God.

The people are invited to stand.

GRADUAL HYMN • 318, "Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face"

Nyack

Please remain standing.

HOLY GOSPEL • John 6:24-35

Celebrant

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which

comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON:

Rev. Georgina Hegney

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.**

The People are invited to stand

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In this time of national and global division, help us to live according to the teaching of Saint Paul, who urges everyone to put away bitterness, wrath, and anger, and to be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving.

A brief silence is kept.

Out of the depths we call to you: **Hear our voice.**

You teach us to lead a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Help all who are called to leadership, both sacred and secular, to practice humility in service to the people they serve. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop elect; Dede, Our Bishop; and Philip, our Rector.

A brief silence is kept.

Out of the depths we call to you: **Hear our voice.**

You teach us that there is one body and one spirit. Help us to see the face of Christ in all people, whether they be on West Fayette Street or in the Middle East.

A brief silence is kept.

Out of the depths we call to you: **Hear our voice.**

You teach us that the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Help us see your wonder in all that surrounds us -- mountain and valley, river and ocean, field and forest -- and give us the wisdom to nurture our relationship with the Earth.

A brief silence is kept.

Out of the depths we call to you: **Hear our voice.**

You teach us that there is forgiveness within us all. Help us find the path to peace in every corner of the globe to end the suffering of the innocent and the oppressed.

A brief silence is kept.

Out of the depths we call to you: **Hear our voice.**

You teach that each person is given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. We pray for those who are suffering. Help us to display a tender heart in response. We pray especially for *n.*, and those we name silently or aloud.

A brief silence is kept.

Out of the depths we call to you: **Hear our voice.**

You teach that we will be raised up on the last day. With that hope in our hearts, help us to deal with the grief and loss of those who have died, especially *n.*, and those we name silently or aloud.

A brief silence is kept.

Out of the depths we call to you: **Hear our voice.**

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 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

The People are invited to stand as 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 remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING • Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p.361

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 our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**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.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many 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 We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

All **Amen.**

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

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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 HYMN • 321 "My God, thy table now is spread"

Rockingham

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 • 686, “Come, thou fount of every blessing”

Nettleton

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Prayers of the People were written by St. Paul’s prayer leaders.*

Please Keep These People in Your Prayers:

Peter M., Philip B., Steve S., Jim & Mary S., Destany W., David V., Don I., Valerie P., Frank M., Glen V., Mia S.R., Pamela S., Daniella B., Fr. Tom and Fr. Jim

We remember those who have died in recent days.

Today we welcome Georgina Hegney as our celebrant.

Construction Updates/Reminders

- Be sure you read the special issue of the Courier (June 2024) which is totally devoted to Open Doors. It includes many useful details about this exciting project all in one place offering a review and a current update.
- Much construction is happening simultaneously now!
 - The window restoration is ongoing and is almost 60% complete.
 - Construction of the elevator shaft is complete.
 - Masonry work on the outside of the building has begun.
 - Work on the new bathrooms has started (there will always be a bathroom available during construction adjacent to the Sargent foyer.
- As always be very careful as you move around the parish house and do not enter any construction area. No peeking please.
- PLEASE NOTE: The roofing project has started so we have even more contractors here during the week. Consequently, there is **NO PARKING in the church lot Monday through Friday.** Parking on Sunday for services is not a problem!

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#7. What is the reason we recite the Nicene Creed?

In Episcopal and Anglican worship, we recite a later version of the Nicene Creed, adopted in Constantinople in the year 381. The Nicene Creed comes from an era when there was great controversy within the church about Christ Jesus' nature as a divine or human being. At this time, and for many centuries afterward, charges of heresy were brought against individuals who held unorthodox beliefs, and different branches of the church were sometimes literally at war with one another.

For most Episcopalians today, the persecution of individuals for diverse beliefs and church fights over creeds appear to be directly contrary to the teachings of Jesus. Beginning with the Elizabethan Settlement (1559) the Church of England began to embrace a formal position of tolerance for religious diversity. This spirit of generosity and tolerance has become foundational for the Episcopal Church in the 21st century. Our 21st-century understanding is that our unity does not require each member to believe the exact same things about God, or Jesus, or the sacraments. Our unity derives from our communal worship and common use of the lectionary, prayers, and creeds.

So today we recite the Nicene Creed as an act of unity with Christians of many different denominations all around the world.

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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2024

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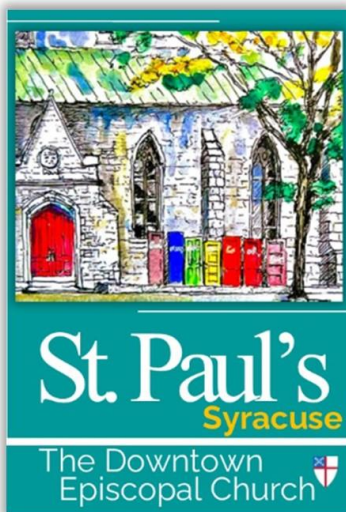
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