

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry, *Priest-in-Charge*



**Rogation Sunday
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5 , 2024
8 & 10 a.m.**

Prelude: Cantilena in G

Arthur Foote

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn: 705 As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

Acclamation:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity:

Celebrant: 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.**

Gloria: S278 Gloria in Excelsis

William Mathias

Spoken at 8 a.m.; sung by all at 10 a.m.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day:

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated. Children proceed to Sunday School.

The Proclamation of the Word of God

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

Read responsively by whole verse

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: 392 Come, ye that love the Lord

Vineyard Haven

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Homily

Jim Mollo

Please stand as able.

Celebrant: Let us stand and profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed (*spoken in unison*)

Prayer Book, page 35

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 Prayers of the People Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life, both seen and unseen.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and those in need.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Carlye our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who have commended themselves to our prayer, including Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Len, Marilyn, Maria, Devon, Vivian, Craig, Phil, Mark, Fred, Tom, Barbara B., Bob, Ann-Mary, Sandy, Helen, Dawn Corrine, Stella, Brandon, Gloria & Hugo, Victoria and Jim, Reid, Esther, Hub, Jessica, Suzanne, Barbara, Debbie and Ed, Henry, Greg, Rosanne, Brian, Cora, Gloria, Michael, Sophia, and John.

Hear us, God;
For your compassion is great.

We pray for all who have died, especially Victoria Ashbrook, mother to Albie Ashbrook and Phil Ankel, grandmother to Tori, Adam and Royce, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Prayer for Rogation Sunday

Loving God, Jesus teaches us through the beauty and abundance of creation to put our trust in you for all things. We ask you now to bless our fields and gardens, our hills and streams, our rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and seas that in all these things we might glimpse a reflection of your glory and your gracious love for each one of us. Bless all the homes in this place. Give us good health, purity of spirit, strength and humility, hospitality, a spirit of forgiveness and firm knowledge of our need to seek you in all things. We ask you to bless the life of all who live and work in the Chatham and this parish of St. Paul's. May your blessing rest upon us all as we live together in your peace. We pray in the name of Jesus our peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem: Pie Jesu from 'Requiem'
Andi Campbell, soprano

Gabriel Faure

Doxology: 380 (vs. 3) Praise God from whom all blessings flow

The Celebration of Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus is fully present in the Sacrament.

All are welcome at God's table.

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer B*)

Prayer Book, page 367

Please stand as able.

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant says a Proper Preface.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S128: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

William Mathias

Spoken at 8 a.m., sung by the Choir at 10 a.m.

**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.**

The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things with Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer (*said together*)

Prayer Book, page 364

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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem: S161 Lamb of God

David Hurd

Sung from the balcony at 10 am

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

*The Ushers will guide the people to the altar for Communion.
Please let the Ushers know if you prefer to receive at your seat.*

Communion Anthem: Deck Thyself, My Soul With Gladness *David Schack*

Post Communion Prayer (*spoken in unison*)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May God, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of creation. May Christ, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as laborers into his harvest. May the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear fruits of love, joy and peace. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 400 All creatures of our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Dismissal

Celebrant: Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, share the fruits of love, going forth in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Postlude: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Johann Walther*

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God.



Thank you for joining us for our service today!

If this is your first time visiting St. Paul's, please fill out one of the cards in your pew and place it in the collection plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to Chris Hatcher for sharing his talents with us today!



Pray, Then, in This Way 11:15 a.m. in the Library

When asked how to pray, Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer, and these words have been uttered for two thousand years across every culture. Here is an invitation to pause and consider why this is the path to prayer. Rev. Danny will lead the study.

About Rogation Sunday

Rogare' is Latin for 'to ask', and Rogationtide dates back to 470 AD when France was in turmoil – the Goths were invading, so the threat of war was constantly looming and communities were experiencing all manner of natural disasters. The Bishop of Vienne, Mamertus turned to prayer and procession starting the official Christian version of Rogationtide, a festival primarily focused on the planting season to ask for an abundant harvest in light of calamities. Way-back-when it included a walk around the boundaries of the parish. There was a tradition of “beating the bounds” whereby processions stopped at boundary marks and other significant parish landmarks for prayers, reading of the Gospel, affixing the cross and marking said boundaries with long sticks. They also took the time to say hello and check in with the neighbors.” The perfect storm of uncertainty existing at the inception of this celebration can feel all too familiar in our current day and age.



Rev. Ellen will be taking a sabbatical! Rev. Ellen's last Sunday with us will be June 9th and she will return September 10th.

**RACIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY
PILGRIMAGE SAT, JUN 8**

**Join Bishop Hughes for
a day-long walking tour
through the racial
history of Madison, NJ.**

Breakfast & lunch included.

Cost: \$20.

**Find out more and
register online:
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*Coordinated by the diocesan
Racial Justice & Healing Commission,
in conjunction with Drew University's
Center on Religion, Culture & Conflict.*



The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes - Diocesan Bishop
The Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry – Priest in Charge

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The Wardens

Phil White - Senior Warden Sarah Meiring - Junior Warden
Jed Evans - Treasurer Ann Lowe - Clerk of the Vestry

The Vestry

Barbara Cheifet
Brad Huke
Andrew Walker

Jennifer Coury
Tom Osucha
Shirly Wu

Dawn Ferguson
Brian Siegel

Ministries of the Laity at this service

Next Week (5/12/24)

Eucharistic Minister	Tom Osucha	Eucharistic Minister	Charlie Foster
Lector 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Sarah Meiring Laurie Romei	Lector 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	Peter Basso Chris Johnson
Ushers	Regan Romei Mark Hipp	Ushers	Phil White Brian Siegel
Greeter	Laurie Romei	Greeter	Susan Yang
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Flower Arranger	Jacque Loughlin	Tech Support	Andy Wang
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Sunday School	Mary Foster Susan Yang	Coffee Hour Host	The Paladini family
Coffee Hour Host	Liz Holler		