

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 2022
9 a.m.

Prelude: Partita on “Darwall’s 148th”

Charles Callahan

Opening Hymn: Ye holy angels bright

Hymnal 625

The Proclamation:

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.

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.**

The Gloria: Gloria in excelsis

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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:

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Proclamation of the Word of God

First Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5,12-17 *Domine, probasti*

sung from the balcony

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; *they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Epistle

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you

in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Rev. Canon Michel Belt

Please stand

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for your whole Church; for all leaders and ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Carlye, our Bishop; Ellen, our priest; and for the mission and ministry of all your holy people. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, all those touched by war and violence, especially Ukraine; and those who have commended themselves to our prayers including Jennifer, Mark, Rosanne, Cooper, Jean, Marcy, T.J., Rosemary, Nina, Caroline, Morgan, Meghan, Rick, Brian, Cora, Martha, Michael, Gloria, Beth, Marilyn, Sophia, John, Mary, and Matt, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Marian Kohn, mother of Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry, and Doris Fung, mother of Pauline Wang, in whose memory the flowers on our altar are given, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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: Prayer of St. Francis

Alan Pote

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Hymnal 380 (verse 3)

The Celebration of Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus is fully present in the Sacrament and all are welcome at God's table.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Please stand

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.**

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

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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**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

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer (*said together*):

Prayer Book, page 36

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei, Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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

Communion Anthem: What a wonderful world

Weiss and Thiele

Post Communion Prayer *(said together):*

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.

Blessing

Choral Benediction: The Lord bless and keep you

Peter Lutkin

Closing Hymn: Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

Hymnal 512

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: March on a theme of Handel

George Frederic Handel

*The flowers on the altar today are given
to the glory of God in loving memory of Doris Fung, mother of Pauline
Wang.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today is Jim Little's last Sunday at St. Paul's! Jim is retiring but will visit next Sunday, 9/11, for a Farewell at our Parish Picnic. Hope to see you there to wish Jim a wonderful retirement!

Welcome!

This morning, we welcome the Rev. Canon Michel Belt as he celebrates with us during Rev. Ellen's time of bereavement.

Welcome Back Sunday!

Please join us on Sunday, September 11th for a Parish Picnic and to bid Jim Little a fond farewell. Sandwiches and salads will be provided; please let us know if you can bring a side dish, dessert or beverage to share.



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

The Staff

Sam Dixon - Sexton
James S. Little - Organist/Choirmaster
Laurie DeBiase - Parish Administrator

The Wardens

Eric Leininger- Senior Warden Simon Mason - Junior Warden
Jed Evans - Treasurer Ann Lowe - Clerk of the Vestry

The Vestry

Amy Evans	Barbara Cheifet	Jennifer Coury
Mary Foster	Chris Johnson	Sarah Meiring
Tom Osucha	Shirly Wu	

Ministries of the Laity at *this* service

Next Week (9/11/22)

Lector	Leslie Morgan	Lector	Charlie Foster
Eucharistic Minister	Rev. Philip Wong	Eucharistic Minister	TBD
Ushers	Brad Huke	Ushers	Brian Siegel
Greeter	Leslie Morgan	Greeter	Kavita Mathew
Altar Guild	Ann Lowe Martha O'Connor Patti Hanley Martha White Sarah Meiring	Altar Guild	Helen Gardner
		Flower Arranger	Dawn Ferguson
		Tech Support	Tom Osucha
Flower Arranger	Martha O'Connor	Coffee Hour Host	TBD
Tech Support	Tom Osucha		
Coffee Hour Host	Liz Holler		