Welcome to St. Paul’s!

Thank you for joining us. You can worship with us on Facebook Live or on Zoom.

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you’ll need to participate in this morning’s liturgy.

We are blessed because of your presence here this morning, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home.

You are welcome here!

Greeter Welcome

Prelude  Ave verum

Greetings
GATHER

Hymn  Joyful, joyful, we adore thee  Hymnal #376

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea.
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
Officiant     Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People       Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant     Almighty God, 
All           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.

Song of Praise (see next page) Wonder, Love, and Praise #885
Song of Praise

1. Let all creation bless the Lord, till heav’n with praise is ringing.
2. All living things upon the earth, green fertile hills and mountains,
3. Oh men and women everywhere, lift up a hymn of glory;

Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the angels’ singing,
sing to the God who gave you birth: be joyful, springs and fountains,
let all who know God’s steadfast care tell our salvation’s story.

Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make music, day, night, cold and heat:
Lithe water life, bright airborne birds, wild roving beast, tame flocks and herds:
No tongue be silent; sing your part, you humble souls and meek of heart:

alt the God who made you.
alt the God who made you.
alt the God who made you.
Collect of the Day
Officiant    God be with you.
People      And also with you.
Officiant    Together let us pray.
All          Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WORD

The First Lesson

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People      Thanks be to God.
The Response  *(prayed in unison)*

The Holy One is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters.

You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

The Second Lesson  

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader*  

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

*People*  

Thanks be to God.
Hymn  Take my life and let it be  Hymnal #707

1 Take my life, and let it be con-se-cr-at-ed, Lord, to thee;
teak my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy-al throne.

2 Take my voice, and let me sing al-ways, on-ly, for my King;
take my in-tel-lect, and use ev-ery power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long-er mine.
Take my-self, and I will be ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.
Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Nicene Creed

Officiant           We believe in one God,
People               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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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
In the silence between the spoken prayers, please add your own, either silently or by offering them in the Facebook Comments or Zoom Chat.

Deacon or Officiant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world; I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Loving God, you are the Creator of all people of every race, language and way of life. Help us to see each other as you see us: your children loved into being and sustained by your parental care. Keep watch over our hearts so that the sin of racism will find no home with us. Direct our spirits to work for justice and peace so that all barriers to your grace which oppress your children will be removed.

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; during this time of global pandemic, we pray: Loving God, Your desire is for our wholeness and well being. We hold in tenderness and prayer the collective suffering of our world at this time. We grieve precious lives lost and vulnerable lives threatened. We ache for ourselves and our neighbors, standing before an uncertain future. Inspire our leaders to discern and choose wisely, aligned with the common good. Help us to practice social distancing and reveal to us new and creative ways to come together in spirit and in solidarity. Call us to profound trust in your faithful presence, You, the God who does not abandon.
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

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

Leader In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Parishes of the South Shore Deanery: Church of St. John the Evangelist, Duxbury; Society of St. Margaret, Duxbury; St. Andrew’s Church, Hanover; Essex County Community Organization (ECCO); and Global Mission Partnerships Program; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Alan, Gayle, and Bud, our Bishops; for Amy, the Dean of our cathedral; for all bishops and other ministers; for our parish leaders, lay and ordained, for this gathering; and for all people.
People For all who serve in God’s church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, I ask your prayers for those on our Parish prayer list and for those in the Community Prayer Book. 
Silence - the people may add their own petitions.
Leader Hear us Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Jack Elder, Ali O’Brien, Brett Marks, Joseph Robinson, Catherine O’Brien, Elizabeth Laurencot, Michael Smith, and Carolyn Brooke. We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your name for ever and ever.
Leader  We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
         Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People  Who put their trust in you.

The Officiant concludes with a suitable Collect.

Confession & Absolution
Deacon or Officiant  Jesus said, “Love one another as I have loved you.” Let us confess to almighty God our failures to accept God’s love and to share that love with others.
(silence for reflection)

Most merciful God,
All  we confess that we have sinned against you and against one another, in thought, and word, and deed.
We are truly sorry for our pride, and for our lack of faith, of understanding and of love.
We repent of our narrow-mindedness, of our bitterness and our prejudices.

Pardon and forgive us, save us and renew us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

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.

Peace
Officiant  The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People  And also with you.

Welcome and Ministry Announcements
This week’s announcements can be found by clicking here.
If you would like more information about St. Paul's, please click here.
Stewardship Testimonial

Steve, Gwen, and Catherine Kerr

Offertory Sentence

Your offering can be made online by clicking here.

Offertory Anthem  *Improvisation*

The Embers

Presentation of the gifts

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*Officiant*  Lord Jesus,

*All*  we desire earnestly to experience your love

as guests at the heavenly feast

you have prepared for your children on earth

in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

As we are not able on this day to be gathered at your Table,

may we receive you into our hearts by faith,

trusting the word of your promise,

that “those who love me will keep my word,

and my Father will love them,

and we will come to them

and make our home with them.”

Strengthen our faith, increase our love and hope;

and after this life grant us a place at your heavenly table,

where we shall eat of the eternal manna,

and drink of the river of your pleasure forevermore.

Hear us for your own Name’s sake. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Officiant*  Our Father in heaven,

*All*  hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

**SEND**

**Blessing**

*Officiant*  Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, stand with those who are persecuted. Honor all people for they are made in the image of God. Love and serve the Lord always. And the blessing of God Almighty; Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

*All*  Amen.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon or Officiant*  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*  Thanks be to God.

**Hymn**  *O God, our help in ages past* (see next page)  Hymnal #680
Hymn  "O God, our help in ages past"

1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
2 under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
3 before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
4 a thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
5 time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;

1 our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
2 sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3 from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
5 they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Postlude  Improvisation
The Embers

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