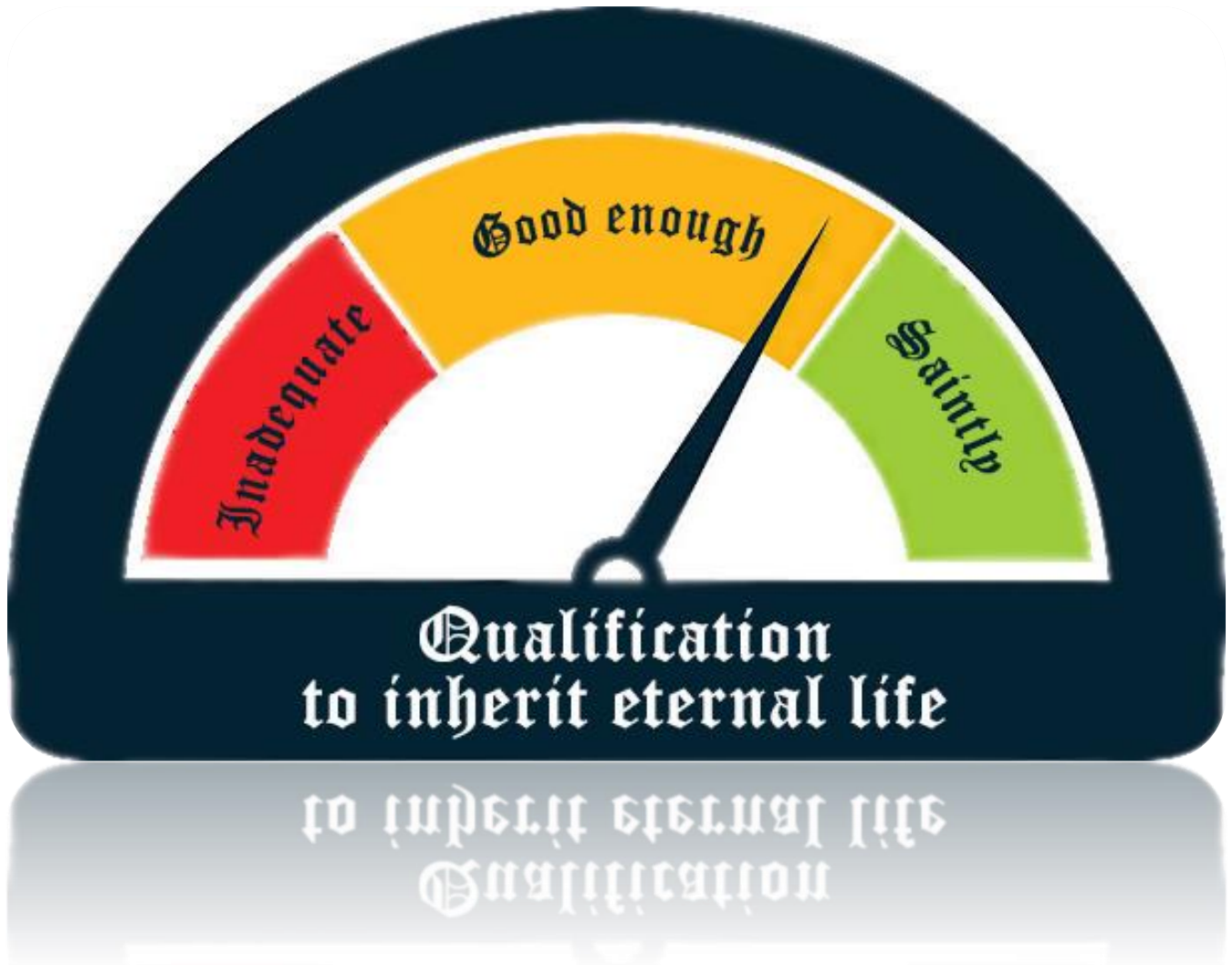


THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Congregation



Saint Paul's Church Kinderhook, New York

A Missionary Outpost of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, year B (Proper 23)
October 10, 2021 • 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Saint Paul's Church

Why is Jesus so demanding, so strict? Isn't it good enough just to keep the Law? Why does a young man — why do we — have to “sell everything and give the money to the poor” in order to “have treasure in heaven”? Why can he — we — only *then* follow Jesus? Doesn't Jesus say, “My yoke is easy and my burden, light” ([Matthew 11:29-30](#))? This doesn't sound easy or light. It sounds draconian, devoid of compassion for someone with aging parents and maybe a family to feed. Jesus “felt love for him.” Does this *sound* like unconditional love?

We are not alone in chafing. Jesus' own disciples cannot wrap fathom this. The first major internal crisis of the early church will be over economics ([Acts 4:32-6:6](#)), and it will threaten to stall ([6:2-4](#)) the Great Commission.

As I said last week, the problem is larger and deeper than divorce, or greed. Those are *symptoms*. To get to the root problem takes a tool “sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing even to the point of dividing soul from spirit” — in other words, “able to *judge* the *desires* and *thoughts of the heart*,” i.e., the loves, the beliefs, the values that lie at the *core* (heart) of our identity, that we value more highly than God or keeping our own vows to God.

Jesus loves the young man, but *not* because he keeps the Commandments. Jesus loves people who have broken them: prostitutes; tax collectors like Zacchaeus, who confesses extortion ([Luke 19:1-10](#)); a woman caught in adultery ([John 8:3-11](#)); a “criminal” ([Luke 23:32-43](#)). Love is not a reward for good deeds or avoiding bad behavior. Love wants the best for the other (not the same as “what the other wants”). Because of love, Jesus tells this young man that what he lacks — needs — is to get rid of the things that give him security and well-being. As long as *those* are the source of his identity and happiness, rather than the kingdom of God, he is in peril. Until he learns to go without them, unless he allows himself to be disciplined, then, when they disappoint, decay, or disappear, he will have nothing, not even a relationship with God that will see him through. God is not displeased with his wealth; his wealth will make him displeased with God. He does not need to let his treasure go to please God; he needs to let it go so as to be pleased to discover that God is the ultimate, enduring treasure.

Imagine you run a healing spa. The food you serve makes your guests immortal. A guest arrives with a load of deep-fried candy bars and a vat of bacon jam (it's delicious; trust me). Will this guest fit in? be happy? live forever? Some (not all) of your other guests will relapse. What is more important? How will you love them?

Damage from attachments may not be immediate or obvious. The tolerance we build makes it look as if we don't have a problem. And we manage symptoms, which only entrenches more the mistaken beliefs, attitudes, and emotions that are the root cause. This man's attachment can still be broken. He feels no *need* to steal or cheat. Rich and young, he's a chick magnet. He doesn't need adultery. He has a loving family, not enemies he wants to kill. But his good conduct is *circumstantial*, not *virtue*. He has not faced the evil urges that will arise when security and comfort are gone. He has not built strength to deal with them. Jesus asks him to learn this *before* it's too late.

Money is not the only temptation (but don't rule it out!). It may be something clearly unhealthy, like deep-fried candy bars. But we can also get attached to good things: health, sex, comfort, prestige, happiness, self-determination, autonomy, freedom. Relationships can be a danger. It is hard to give up even a damaging relationship; how much more a good one: Eve offers Adam a tasty tidbit; Samson and David do not learn to resist lust; Eli cannot bring himself to discipline his sons; kings of Israel and Judah, out of love for beautiful foreign wives, build altars to alien gods on which children are sacrificed. Pontius Pilate talks to the only good God face to face, yet decides, instead, to please Jesus' enemies, to say nothing of Caesar.

There is more to life *even* than the things we consider to be the highest goods, more even than security and peace, more than freedom, more than friends and family, more than meaningful work, more than a sense of well-being. Let us learn to live without them before they become an occasion of sin. Let us “confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace whenever we need help,” so that we need not forgo what God is grooming us to enjoy forever: “Things that no eye has seen, or ear heard, or mind imagined; the things God has prepared for those who love him” ([1 Corinthians 2:9](#)).

Father Tom

Please wear a mask at all times inside the building, regardless of vaccination status.

Sit in pews marked by green paper.

Please observe distancing when leaving your pew and exiting the door.

Holy Communion will be brought to your seat.

**We recommend wearing a mask everywhere on our premises,
as physical proximity may be difficult to avoid or judge accurately.**

Preparation for Worship

BCP 833

Deacon Let us pray. O Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that, with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Greeting and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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

People And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

ALL Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

BCP 356

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
ALL and peace to his 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Proper 23, BCP 234

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

Celebrant Let us pray.
 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.

ALL **Amen.**

Please be seated

Reading

Amos 5:6-15

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

⁶ Seek the LORD so you can live! Otherwise he will break out like fire against Joseph's family; the fire will consume and no one will be able to quench it and save Bethel. ⁷ The Israelites turn justice into bitterness; they throw what is fair and right to the ground. ⁸ (But there is one who made the constellations Pleiades and Orion; he can turn the darkness into morning and daylight into night. He summons the water of the seas and pours it out on the earth's surface. The LORD is his name! ⁹ He flashes destruction down upon the strong so that destruction overwhelms the fortified places.) ¹⁰ The Israelites hate anyone who arbitrates at the city gate; they despise anyone who speaks honestly. ¹¹ Therefore, because you make the poor pay taxes on their crops and exact a grain tax from them, you will not live in the houses you built with chiseled stone, nor will you drink the wine from the fine vineyards you planted. ¹² Certainly I am aware of your many rebellious acts and your numerous sins. You torment the innocent, you take bribes, and you deny justice to the needy at the city gate. ¹³ For this reason whoever is smart keeps quiet in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good and not evil so you can live! Then the LORD, the God who commands armies, just might be with you, as you claim he is. ¹⁵ Hate what is wrong, love what is right! Promote justice at the city gate! Maybe the LORD, the God who commands armies, will have mercy on those who are left from Joseph.

Amos 5:6-15

Reader The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17

BCP 718

We will pray the psalm responsively by whole verse.

- 12 So teach us to number our days *
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
 be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
 and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
 prosper the work of our hands;
 prosper our handiwork.

Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

Reader A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

¹² For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing even to the point of dividing soul from spirit, and joints from marrow; it is able to judge the desires and thoughts of the heart. ¹³ And no creature is hidden from God, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴ Therefore since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest incapable of sympathizing with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way just as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace whenever we need help.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Deacon bids a blessing from the Celebrant.

The Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy *** Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Saint Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹⁷ As Jesus was starting out on his way, someone ran up to him, fell on his knees, and said, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ The man said to him, "Teacher, I have wholeheartedly obeyed all these laws since my youth." ²¹ As Jesus looked at him, he felt love for him and said, "You lack one thing. Go, sell whatever you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." ²² But at this statement, the man looked sad and went away sorrowful, for he was very rich. ²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ The disciples were astonished at these words. But again Jesus said to them, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were even more astonished and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and replied, "This is impossible for mere humans, but not for God; all things are possible for God." ²⁸ Peter began to speak to him, "Look, we have left everything to follow you!" ²⁹ Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, there is no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the gospel ³⁰ who will not receive in this age a hundred times as much — homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, fields, all with persecutions — and in the age to come, eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Very Rev'd Tom Malionek, Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Celebrant We believe in one God,
ALL 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.

Prayers of the People

based on Form III, BCP 387

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

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

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

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

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

Deacon Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Lynn; Joey; Pat; Rolando; Jennifer; John; Danielle; Brian; Brendan; Tonya; and Jay.

ALL That they may be delivered from their distress.

Deacon Bless those who are rejoicing over milestones in their life, especially Rob Gelles and Liam Nevins

ALL Shield them in joy.

Deacon Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Deborah Jourdin; Joe Russo; Gladys Smith; Juliana Grosser; Ruth Stock; Elizabeth Lill; Frederick Peterson; and Michael Spagnola.

ALL Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Deacon We give you thanks, O Lord, for all your many blessings: for the life of Chandler Cardwell; for the healings, blessings, and relief you have granted in response to our prayers; for our partners in prayer, worship, discipleship, and evangelism; for all who promote the spread of the Gospel; and for our benefactors.

ALL Thanks be to God.

Deacon We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy, especially the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; Saint Paul; Saint Benedict, Blessed Daniel Nash, Saint Philip, Blessed Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Saint Teresa of Avila, Blessed Hugh Latimer, Blessed Nicholas Ridley, and Blessed Thomas Cranmer.

ALL May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Deacon Let us now also pray in silence for our own needs and those of others.

A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant concludes with a collect..

The Confession

BCP 359

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Most merciful God,

**ALL 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.

ALL Amen.

The Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Please remain in place and offer a quiet verbal or gestural sign of peace.

Please be seated

Offertory sentence

Ephesians 5:2

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Offertory

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe,
for through your goodness we have this bread to offer
which earth has given, and human hands have made.
It shall become for us ✠ the Bread of Life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe,
for through your goodness we have this wine to offer.
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it shall become for us ✠ our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Please stand as you are able

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

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 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,
*for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord,
to show forth your glory in all the world.*

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:

ALL **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.**

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 362

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

Our Father who art in heaven,

ALL 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 Fraction

BCP 364

Celebrant Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us,
ALL therefore let us keep the feast!

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
ALL have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
ALL have mercy upon us.

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

The Invitation

BCP 364

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Please remain at your pew. Holy Communion will be brought to you at your seat. All baptized Christians of any denomination are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body in Holy Communion. Holy Communion is currently administered under one kind only. The consistent and unanimous teaching of the church since its earliest times has been that all the graces and benefits of Holy Communion are received in either form alone.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Prayed by and on behalf of those who are prevented from receiving Holy Communion in person.

Celebrant I believe in you, Lord Jesus,
**ALL present in the most holy sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things,
and I long to receive you into my soul.
Though I cannot now receive you in the sacrament,
I pray you to come nonetheless into my heart.
I embrace you and I unite myself to you,
for you are already within me, as I am in you.
Let me never be separated from you. Amen.**

Please stand as you are able

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
**ALL 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**

Please be seated

Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Blessing

Celebrant May the God of mercy grant you blessings and peace all the days of your life.
ALL Amen.

Celebrant May he free you from fear, worry, and doubt, and strengthen your hearts in his love.
ALL Amen.

Celebrant May he grant you his gifts of faith, hope, and love,
so that your life may be bountiful and you may find fulfillment in his eternal kingdom.
ALL Amen.

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever.
ALL Amen.

Dismissal

BCP 366

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK

October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, year B (Proper 23)

MASS in person — 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the Church

Celebrant — The Very Rev'd Tom Malioneck, Rector

Deacon — The Rev'd Rick Erickson

Server — Mike Sano (10:00)

Crucifer — Ava Cotsonas (8:00)

Altar Guild — TBD

Usher — TBD (8:00); TBD (10:00)

Music Ministry — Cathy Morris (10:00)

Videographer — Dave Malsan (10:00)

Counters — David Malsan and Wendy Bopp

MONDAY, October 11

Commemoration: Saint Philip, Deacon

We remember the faithful departed who fell asleep in the Lord on this date: *Deborah Jourdin; Joe Russo*

TUESDAY, October 12

Birthdays: *Rob Gelles; Liam Nevins*

We remember the faithful departed who fell asleep in the Lord on this date: *Gladys K. Smith*

WEDNESDAY, October 13

We remember the faithful departed who fell asleep in the Lord on this date: *Juliana Harriet Rose Grosser; Ruth Stock*

THURSDAY, October 14

Commemoration: Blessed Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, Bishop of Shanghai, 1899

We remember the faithful departed who fell asleep in the Lord on this date: *Elizabeth Meade Lill; Frederick Peterson; Michael Spagnola*

FRIDAY, October 15

Commemoration: Saint Teresa of Avila, Monastic, 1582

SATURDAY, October 16

Commemoration: Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops (1555), and Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury (1556), Martyrs, 1555

COMING SOON

October 17, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, year B (Proper 24)

MASS in person — 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the Church

Who's Who

Celebrant — The Very Rev'd Tom Malioneck, Rector

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Usher — TBD (8:00); TBD (10:00)

Music Ministry — Cathy Morris (10:00)

Videographer — Dave Malsan (10:00)

Counters — Jennifer Moore and Roger Leithead

MONDAY, October 18

SAINT LUKE, Evangelist

TUESDAY, October 19

Commemoration: Blessed Henry Martyn, Priest, Missionary to India and Persia, 1812

Birthday: *Patricia Beaver*

We remember the faithful departed who fell asleep in the Lord on this date: *Marie Sundwall; Mary Glyn Thomas; Bertha C. Voss*

WEDNESDAY, October 20

We remember the faithful departed who fell asleep in the Lord on this date: *Marguerite Catherine Curtis; Charlotte White; Paul Wright*

THURSDAY, October 21

VESTRY 7:00 p.m.

Birthday: *Gavin Boland*

FRIDAY, October 22

We remember the faithful departed who fell asleep in the Lord on this date: *Thomas ("Tom") Bogart; Francis Shields Woods*

SATURDAY, October 23

SAINT JAMES (JAMES THE LESS), Bishop of Jerusalem, Martyr, 62

We remember the faithful departed who fell asleep in the Lord on this date: *William Lester Losee, Jr.; Margaret Sangster*

SHORT-TERM ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALBANY DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2021

The Diocesan Convention this year will be virtual, held on October 23. The Vestry has elected Dave Malsan to serve as our Deputy to Convention.

View the Pre-Convention book at

<https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pre-Convention-Book-2021.pdf>. The book contains the Convention agenda, information on offices, nominees, the proposed budget, and resolutions.

For more information, contact Dave Malsan or Father Tom.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, October 29-30

HEALING PRAYER SEMINAR

Learn to pray with others for the healing of moral injury and post traumatic stress. Seminar conducted by the Christ the King Healing Ministry. For more info and to register, visit <https://ctkcenter.org/events/9-events/213-prayer-seminar>

SATURDAY, November 6 BIBLE SYMPOSIUM

At the Cathedral of All Saints. Dr. Garwood Anderson, Dean of Nashotah House Seminary, will give a series of talks on I Peter titled, "Aliens, Strangers, and Citizens: A First Century Vision for Twenty-first Century Christians." This is a topic of crucial interest for Saint Paul's. All are encouraged to attend.

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID NEWS

We will err on the side of caution in our practices at Saint Paul's. Attentiveness and generosity in complying with infection control practices costs us nothing but humility and love for others, which are the key to our spiritual health as we continue to gather in person. See the [HEALTH](#) section below for details.

HOW CHEERFUL DO YOU WANT TO BE?

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." ([II Corinthians 9:7](#))

Through E-Z-Tithe, you can make, modify, and discontinue recurring donations or make one-time gifts. [Click here](#) to be cheerful now!

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

To donate flowers for the altar on Sunday, read and act on [Matthew 5:21-26](#), then contact the office. The customary donation is \$40. You may bring your donation in person, mail it in, or use our secure on-line giving service at <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/St.Post579>.

VALATIE ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY

The disciples of Jesus came to him and said, "Send the crowd to buy something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat" ([Mark 6:35-37](#))

The Valatie Ecumenical Food Pantry needs prepackaged, sealed, non-perishable foods. Please leave your donation in the basket in the McNary Center atrium. Expired items and previously opened packages are **not** accepted.

Thank you for your generosity. If you have questions, contact Wendy or Dan Bopp (dwbopp@hotmail.com) or by phone at 518-758-8767.

USHERS

Please consider prayerfully whether you are called to this order of ministry at Saint Paul's, especially at the 8:00 Mass. Without a reliable team of ushers, the start of Mass will be delayed, Mass may have to be cancelled, and the schedule of Masses may have to be adjusted. Usher duties are listed in detail below.

AT THE ALTAR

A deep eagerness, a hunger and thirst to be with Jesus in the context of the Holy Eucharist, key to our identity and witness. Beauty, reverence, and devotion to small details train us to enjoy the eternal glory. The "Altar Guild" prepares our worship space, décor, and other materials. Your help is needed. Contact Joan Yannacone at 518-929-3570 or joanchristmascarol@gmail.com.

MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION

"Let requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanks be offered on behalf of all people, even for kings and all who are in authority. Pray in every place without anger or dispute" ([I Tim. 1:2-4, 7](#)). Please use the weekly prayer list in your daily prayers. We pray for, not (even subtly) against anyone and anything.

At Mass and in the Daily Office we lift up those with acute, severe, or urgent needs. Others are listed separately and are commended to your private prayers.

We also owe God the debt of gratitude. Let Fr. Tom know when prayers have been answered so we can give thanks.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS NOTIFICATIONS

Please use one of the intake forms to report maintenance issues, or call the office (518-758-6271), or send an e-mail to saintpaulskinderhook@gmail.com. Only repairs and scheduled preventive maintenance are being handled at this time. Please defer suggestions for improvements and enhancements.

FATHER TOM IS AVAILABLE

to pray with you; to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation; to answer questions; to listen for God with you; to help you sort through your faith; to learn the Church's teachings, practices, and heritage; to help you deepen your faith and prayer life; or simply to accompany you as God shapes you into a more perfect icon of Jesus in the world. Call or send text to 518-755-9716, or e-mail FatherTom15@gmail.com.

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE HAPPY TO PRAY FOR YOU. PLEASE USE THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS located in the narthex or outside the office door, or contact Father Tom with prayer requests by e-mail (FatherTom15@gmail.com) or by phone or text (518-755-9716).

We lift up in prayer Lynn Adriance; Joey Andriano; Pat Armstrong; Rolando Barrel; Jennifer Browe; John Buchanan; Danielle Mashtare; Brian Morris; Brendan O'.; John Plested; Tonya V.; Jay Stephen Wood.

We continue to pray for Deborah A.; Steve Arnold; Vincent Beaudoin; Dan Bopp; Joyce Borrill; Jimmy Calhoun; Elijah Cavagnaro; Susan Cotsonas; Paul & Karen Cullen; Casey Dewey; Jared Dewey; Mary Eckel; Dale Fisher; Carmen Gutto; Hayden Hadwin; Maret Halinen; Jim Hollister; Margie Howe; Genie Keegan; Sylvia Kelly; Laura Lane; John Langenback; Dan Malione; Keith Malione; Alex Malsan; Bonnie Malsan; Dave Malsan; the Manginelli family; Cynthia Meili; Jennifer Moore; Cathy Morris; Chrissy Nelson; Dave Nordick; Tricia O'.; Dick Ouellet; Rosemary Palmquist; Elizabeth Papazoglakis; Julie Racquet; Julie Racquet; Euphema Reynolds; John Rinehardt; Jen Smith; Anne Soika; Kyle Stickles; Cathy Ploss Trevett; Nancy White; John Wilson; Joan Yannacone; Elexis; Greg.

We pray for all who are serving in the military, especially Mackenzie Curtin; Bob Kelly; Hannah Kline; Kevin Roth; Jeremy Ryan; Joseph Charles Schaeffer; Adrianna Therrien, III; Gold Star mothers; and all families of those in military service.

For an end to the COVID pandemic, and for healing in body, mind, emotions, soul, circumstances, and relationships of all who have been affected.

We pray for all who are at risk by virtue of their labor or travel, and especially for those who work to secure our comfort and safety: health care workers, first responders, the military; and those who work alone, anonymously, or in obscurity.

Pray for our associated clergy:

the Rev'd Cn. Judith Malione (Saint John's, Troy) and the Rev'd Anne Curtin (Healing a Woman's Soul).

We keep in our prayers those who are celebrating milestones, especially

- *Rob Gelles (born October 12)*
- *Liam Nevins (born October 12)*

We pray for all who have suffered in violence and catastrophes, especially

- *refugees*
- *all who are affected by fires and extreme weather*

We pray for our relatives, friends, and all our departed brothers and sisters in the Lord, especially

- *Deborah Jourdin (October 11)*
- *Joe Russo (October 11)*
- *Gladys K. Smith (October 12)*
- *Juliana Harriet Rose Grosser (October 13)**
- *Ruth Stock (October 13)*
- *Elizabeth Meade Lill (October 14)*

- *Frederick Peterson (October 14)*
- *Michael Spagnola (October 14)*

** Remains in the Garden of the Resurrection (Saint Paul's Columbarium).*

In the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, we are praying

- *for the Standing Committee*
- *for Bishop Michael Smith, who is assisting our Diocese*
- *for the Lord to raise up missionary-minded deacons*
- *for the Beaver Cross Young Adult Day of Prayer, Study & Fun October 16*
- *for a heart for the unchurched in our communities*
- *for the students, leadership, and faculty of the Deacon Formation Program*
- *for widespread use of the Daily Office among our people*
- *for Diocesan Priests' Retreat (November 2-5)*
- *for the of 153rd Convention the Diocese of Albany (October 23)*
- *and for the Rev'ds Walton Zelle, John Hopkins, and Jay North*

We pray for all who toil for the bread they eat;

and for all who are prevented or discouraged from working; and for gratitude and generosity amid economic burdens.

We pray for missions and missionaries,

especially the Missions Committee of our Diocese and our mission partners in Haiti and South Sudan

We pray for all who suffer from addictions, for those affected by addiction, and for all who love and care for them, and for all who suffer emotionally, socially, and financially from addiction.

In the Anglican Communion, we are praying for the clergy and people of

- *for the Church of the Province of West Africa*
- *for the diocese of Georgia*
- *for the diocese of Gippsland, Australia*
- *for the diocese of Gitega, Burundi*
- *for the diocese of Glasgow & Galloway, Scotland*
- *for the diocese of Gloucester, England*
- *for the diocese of Gogrial, South Sudan*

We praise and thank God

- *for healings, relief, and blessings in response to prayers;*
- *for improved health for Pat;*
- *for the life of Chandler Cardwell*
- *for our partners in prayer, worship, discipleship, and evangelism*
- *for our benefactors*

SEASONAL AND OCCASIONAL PRAYERS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND HOME USE

A Prayer in Time of Transition in the Diocese of Albany

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for this, your diocese of Albany. Inspire and sustain us in this time of transition.

Incline our hearts to do your will, and so direct us in your ways that the leader you are raising up to be our Bishop will find here joyful disciples making disciples, united in faith, unflagging in hope, and steeped in mutual charity.

In your mercy, accept our repentance, and grant us peace; look with patience on our enthusiasms; and pour rich gifts and grace upon all who are entrusted with the ongoing work of your church; so that, with diligence and charity, we may discern correctly and walk righteously in your ways.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer to be the Body of Christ

Most merciful God, you have written your law on our minds and hearts, and you have poured out your love for us in giving your Son, Jesus Christ, for our sake.

As we absorb your love, let it strengthen and transform us, so that we live, no longer for ourselves, or to please ourselves, but for you, and to please you.

Father, provide for the well being of all the nations of the earth. Give strength to resist the temptation to envy and covetousness.

Lord Jesus Christ, give the peace the World cannot give, that there may be peace within and among them. Fill us with longing to cultivate thoughts and words, values and behaviors, that are gracious, kind, gentle, merciful, patient, understanding, and encouraging.

Holy Spirit of God, come in power. Among your faithful people at Saint Paul's Church and in the Diocese of Albany, give us the gifts and zeal that will empower us, without shame, fear, or fatigue, to announce to those around us the good news of your coming Kingdom, and in our common life to bear winsome witness to the same.

Gracious God, let the world know that you are making all things new and that we are your disciples, for you live and reign, one God in trinity of persons and unity of being, world without end. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF USHER

*Please consider prayerfully whether you are called to this order of ministry at Saint Paul's. **Duties of the usher are:***

- *arrive at least a half hour before Mass*
- *open doors, turn on lights, PA system, fans, blower, heat as necessary (before first Mass)*
- *place a bulletin on each seat*
- *place hand sanitizer at each seating group or pew (refill if necessary)*
- *set out masks, sanitizer, and collection plate*
- *greet everyone as they arrive (even if late)*
- *make sure everyone remains properly masked and distanced; take action as needed to ensure compliance or departure*
- *regulate movements at Communion and departure*
- *document attendance and put attendance slip with collection*
- *put collection plate contents into bank bag and return it to the office*
- *after last Mass, turn off lights, PA system, heat, fans, blower as necessary; put away materials; close and lock doors*
- *find your own substitute if you cannot attend*
- *notify the Office if you do not find a substitute before Thursday, so notice can go out that Mass is cancelled*

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP

- Wear masks properly at all times when inside any of our buildings, even when alone.
- Occupy only designated pews (marked with green paper).
- Holy Communion will be administered to you at your seat.
- Observe distancing when entering and exiting the building, and before and after Mass.

Though not ideal (no pandemic is ideal) we continue to provide live-streamed daily prayers and a recording of Sunday Mass on-line most Sundays. Those who are ill, have tested positive for COVID, are at greater risk, or for whom proper masking is not feasible are warmly invited to make use of these and other on-line resources. We remain available to communicate and pray with you by phone or other means, including (with suitable precautions) in person.

The exhortations in the Standing Committee's letter of June 17 remain pertinent: "In our freedom to come out from under the regulations, we must continue to love and respect those who ... follow other safety precautions." To this, I would add that we need to cultivate the habit of assuming good faith and gracious intent on the part of others with whom we disagree.

The Rector, Priest-in-Charge, or Vicar of a parish is responsible for policies and practices. It is an ongoing process. I will revisit and modify our practices as needed to safeguard not only the physical health of this parish, but its spiritual well-being. Please pray for safety and health, for the consolation of those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19, and for an end to the pandemic.

Why

Sometimes Christians do what the world does, but not because we follow the world.

Christians have always been known for generous compliance with authority ([Matthew 5:41](#)). We do so in loving obedience to our Savior, in testimony to the values and priorities of his kingdom, which does not share the secular values of the World. Christians in every age have, for the public good, accepted hardship, inconvenience, and impositions graciously, in a spirit of service, modelled on Christ's own renunciation of freedom for our sake.

Our struggle is not against flesh and blood ([Ephesians 6:12](#)), or even microbes. We are not concerned solely, or even primarily, about satisfaction and benefit in this life ([I Corinthians 15:19](#)).

Using the example of food offered to idols, Saint Paul writes: "Take care that your 'rights' do not become a stumbling block to the weak. If anyone sees you disregard a tabu that you consider silly or superstitious, will he not be encouraged to do what you do, in defiance of his conscience? Because of your superior 'knowledge,' this weak person is destroyed, a brother or sister for whom Christ died." By disregarding, dismissing, or ridiculing another's prudence, "you sin against Christ. Therefore, if flouting a meaningless (to me) tabu makes my brother stumble, I will not flout it, so as not to make my brother stumble" (see [I Corinthians 8:1-13](#)).

In his great work on Christian maturity, Paul writes, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. You must put away every kind of bitterness, anger, wrath, quarreling, and evil, slanderous talk. Instead, be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you. Therefore, be imitators of God as dearly loved children and live in love, just as Christ also loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrificial and fragrant offering to God" ([Ephesians 4:30-5:2](#)). If we can be faithful in these small things, we may hope to be entrusted with greater. Let us continue to testify to the mercy of Jesus Christ who did not cling to his rights and privileges, but became a slave, subject to the will of the authorities who put him to death. Let us proclaim his good news — through a mask if we must — so that his teaching and example will draw the whole world to him, and continue humbly thanking and praising God his father into eternity, as we do today.

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