

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

815 High Street, Downtown Des Moines, IA 50309

## The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 11

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Ten o'clock in the morning

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### Organ Voluntary

Hymn 423

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

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### The Greeting

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*Celebrant*

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

**People**

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may say*

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**

*(in the front section of the Hymnal)*

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**Glory to God in the highest, 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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### The Lessons, the People sit

**A Reading from the Book of Genesis**

[28: 10 – 19a]

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that

there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Leader        The Word of the Lord.

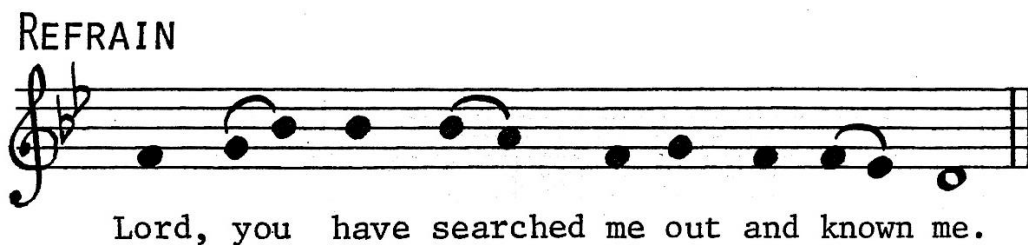
People        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 139: 1 – 11**

*Domine, probasti*

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*The Cantor sings the refrain initially and the People join when invited.*



**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans**

[8: 12 – 25]

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Leader        The Word of the Lord.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 665 (St. 1 – 3)

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

**The Holy Gospel**

[Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 – 43]

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

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

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Deacon        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Homily

The Rev. Nicola Bowler

*After the Homily, a period of silent reflection is kept.*

### The Nicene Creed, *standing*

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**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.**

### Prayers of the People

*Celebrant: Please stand or kneel for prayer.*

*Deacon: We lift our prayers to God who knows our necessities before we ask and rejoices in our asking, as we respond, "Hear us, Good Lord."*

*Intercessor: We pray for all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery.*

**People: Hear us, Good Lord.**

*Intercessor: We pray for those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping public policies, that they may make wise decisions.*

**People: Hear us, Good Lord.**

*Intercessor: We pray for doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that they will be strengthened and that through their skills and insight many will be restored to health.*

**People: Hear us, Good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for your church: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan, our bishop; for Fr. Troy, Amma Nicola, Fr., Zeb., Deacon John, Mark, John, and Jovan; for all lay and ordained ministers. In our companion Diocese of Brechin we pray for all who work with children and young people; in our companion Diocese of Nzara we pray for the clergy and people of Central Arch-deaconary; in our companion Diocese of Swaziland we pray for the clergy and people of Zandondo Parish; in our own Diocese we pray for the Theological Seminaries, their trustees, faculties and students; and for postulants and candidates; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

**People: Hear us, Good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying, that they may know your comfort and peace.

**People: Hear us, Good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

**People: Hear us, Good Lord.**

*Intercessor:* In the love of God who knows when we sit down and when we rise up and who discerns our thoughts from afar, let us continue our prayers.

*You are invited to add your own prayers, silently, aloud or typed in the comments.*

*Concluding Collect, spoken in unison*

**God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

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*All kneel as able, and the Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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

## **The Peace**

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## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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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.

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.**

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

## **The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

Deacon      Go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

### **Announcements for July 19, 2020**

**Due to COVID-19 the building is closed to all group meetings  
through Labor Day.**

The Cathedral Office is closed except by appointment and for essential needs only. Voice mails may be left for staff at 515-288-7292 and will be checked regularly. Emails are also welcome at the following email addresses:

Amma Nicola:                      ammanicola@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

Fr. Zeb:                              fatherzeb@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

Deacon John:                      deacon@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

John Zickefoose:                administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org

Although we cannot gather, there are ways we can be together during the week, and we hope you will join with us for these on-line services:

Morning Prayer: 9:00 AM every week on Wednesday

Evening Prayer: 5:45 PM every week on Thursday

Virtual Coffee Hour:      After worship every week on Sunday

Log-Ins can be found in our weekly e-blast

You may email administrator@cathedralchurchofstpaul.org to receive our e-blast.

If you do not have a copy of the Book of Common Prayer at home, you may access it online at [bcponline.org](http://bcponline.org).

## **Financial Giving**

The expenses of the church continue through the COVID-19 crisis and so does our ministry.

Financial contributions can mailed:

815 High St. Des Moines, IA 50309

given online: [cathedralchurchofstpaul.org](http://cathedralchurchofstpaul.org)

or texted: 515-207-8133

If you would like to make a contribution to support those experiencing hardship please note that your gift is for the "Clergy Discretionary Fund"

## **Facebook**

You can learn more about what we are doing at St. Paul's by following our Facebook Page:

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul-Episcopal

And by joining our private Facebook Group:

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral

We also have a private Facebook Group for parents and kids:

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral Kids Des Moines

We'd love to hear your prayer requests, share events with you, and connect as a community.