



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

815 High Street, Downtown Des Moines, IA 50309

## The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 18

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Ten o'clock in the morning

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### Organ Voluntary

#### Hymn 376

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

HYMN TO JOY

#### 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.**

#### A Song of Praise

*(in the front section of the Hymnal)*

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#### The 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.**

#### The Lessons, the People sit

##### A Reading from the Book of Exodus

[12: 1 - 14]

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the

fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Leader        The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 149**

*Cantate Domino*

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



Sing to the Lord a new song.

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

[13: 8 - 14]

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Leader        The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 424**

*For the fruit of all creation*

EAST ACKLAM

## **The Holy Gospel**

[Matthew 18: 15 - 20]

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*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**

*As you are able, stand or kneel for prayer.*

*Celebrant: Please stand or kneel for prayer.*

*Deacon: As the Church, the Body of Christ in this time and place, let us offer our prayers, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."*

*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 University Chaplaincies; in our companion Diocese of Nzara we pray for the clergy and people of Nambazia Parish; in our companion Diocese of Swaziland we pray for the clergy and people of Sigangeni Parish; in our own Diocese we pray for the clergy and people of Christ, Clinton; Trinity, Ottumwa; All Saints, Indianola; in our parish prayer cycle we pray for Karma, Mary, Leighton, Carla, Bruce, Cap, Pat, Martin, Kathy, Jake, Mollie, Kevin, James, and Sandra; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray the clergy and people of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. That we may love the Lord with our whole heart, and soul, and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves, claiming the great commandment as our pathway and destination, let us pray.*

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor: That our love may be revealed through our actions, as we commit ourselves to visiting those who are in prison, or confined to their homes, or living in nursing facilities, that in seeing their face we will see the face of Jesus; let us pray.*

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor: That we may be guided in right thoughts and right actions, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth; let us pray.*

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor: For the power of the Holy Spirit in guiding us in our discovery of our vocation, our manner of expressing God's indwelling love, so that we may be passionate about our work and ministry, let us pray.*

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor: For the grace to turn away from anything that places a barrier between God's love and our actions, so that in turning back to Jesus we may receive mercy for the past and strength for the future; let us pray.*

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* That our love may be revealed through our actions, as we commit ourselves to visiting those who are in prison, or confined to their homes, or living in nursing facilities, that in seeing their face we will see the face of Jesus; let us pray.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* For blessings upon those who have died, that their souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God may rest in peace; let us pray.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received, we 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

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

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

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

### Announcements for September 6, 2020

**Due to COVID-19 the building is closed  
to all group meetings until the coronavirus abates.**

**Please note that the Cathedral Office will be closed  
on Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday.**

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

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](mailto: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 be 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.