St. Paul's Episcopal Church

SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

Holy Eucharist

7:45 am & 10:30 am

The Laborers in the Vineyard (from a 16th century stained glass window)
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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Jonathan Weldon
Rector

The Rev. Charles W. Whitmore
Assisting Priest

Wade Dingman
Director of Music

Welcome to St. Paul's

Thank you for sharing your worship with us. The Ushers and Greeters are available to answer questions and provide assistance.

Children are welcome in the services. For younger children, there are activity bags in the rear of the church; a well-staffed and equipped nursery is also available.

If you require a listening device or wish to receive gluten-free bread during Communion, please ask an usher

The Services

If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the congregation carry you in worship.

7:45 am Sunday & weekday services: Spoken contemplative Holy Eucharist: Rite Two using text from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

9:00 am Sunday service: Spoken Holy Eucharist printed in the Bulletin and with traditional and contemporary music.

10:30 Sunday service: Traditional Choral Eucharist: Rite Two using text from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal. Hymns with numbers preceded by an "S" are in the front section of the hymnal.

Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share in Holy Communion. Please receive the bread in your open and outstretched hands. Receive the wine by holding the base of the wine chalice and guiding it to your lips. If you prefer to receive by intinction, simply leave the bread in your outstretched hand and a Chalice Bearer will dip the bread in the wine for you and place it on your tongue.

To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest.

Prayers for Healing will be offered at the Mary Altar (the small altar on the right side of the front pews) before and after receiving Communion.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Text from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude *(10:30 am)*

The people stand as able.

Hymn *(10:30 am)* *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* Hymnal # 690

The Acclamation BCP, pg. 355

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

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

Collect for Purity

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 *(7:45 a.m.)* BCP, Pg. 356
(10:30 a.m.) S-280

Collect for the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

We Hear God's Word

The people sit.

The First Lesson Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness

to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Lector: *The word of the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 *(10:30 am **Read Responsively**)*

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.

40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.

42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.

43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know

that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector: *The word of the Lord.*
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *(10:30 am)* *"My God, Accept My Heart This Day"* Hymnal # 697

The people stand as able.

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant: *The Gospel of the Lord.*
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

The Sermon The Rev. Kendall Haynes

We Respond in Faith

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Commissionings see handout

The Prayers of the People

God is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy, generous and forgiving to all who cry for grace. With confidence, let us turn to our God in prayer, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For people throughout the world who are suffering at this very hour from drought and famine, from economic distress and social disruption, from violence and war, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the church throughout the world, that we, together with all our brothers and sisters in Christ, may be reliable messengers of hope, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own country, that its wealth and power might become a force for peace, a source of hope, rather than discontent; an agent of friendship, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own community, and especially for those among us who are dispirited and broken-hearted, who find no hope or meaning or purpose in life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves, that we may have the grace to rejoice with those who rejoice, to weep with those who weep, to grieve for others' losses rather than our own, to be quick to forgive and slow to take offense, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have died and those who mourn, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishops, +Rowan, +Katherine and +Gregory, that they may lead the flock to Christ.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we ask your blessing on the Dioceses of Southeast Florida and Southwest Florida.

In the Diocese of Olympia, we ask your blessing on St. Peter, Seaview; St. David of Wales, Shelton; St. Christopher, Westport; and Christ Church, Blaine.

We ask your wisdom for all who hold the authority of government: For Dan the Mayor, for our City and County Council, for Christine the Governor and for the Legislature and Judiciary; for Barack the President of the United States and the Congress and the Supreme Court, that they may uphold the common good;

Today we remember with special intention: **Noah, Michael, Mark, Joe, Sandra, John, Sally, Gail, Fred, Jim, Tara & Aria, Marilyn, Kathy, Pearl, Karen, Parker, Ed, Liz, Lance, Lindsay and all their families.**

(Here there is a time for other intercessions to be offered from the congregation.)

Celebrant: Lord God, in your presence none of us can boast, and all must ask for mercy; yet your Son has embraced us and called us to share in his labors for the salvation of every man, woman, and child. Grant us the grace to see what needs to be done and the wisdom and resources to do it, through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The people kneel or stand, as able.
The Confession of Sin BCP, pg. 360

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 Peace
We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We Offer Ourselves To God

Hymn *(10:30 am)* *"Lord of All Hopefulness"* Hymnal # 482

The people stand as able.
Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord;
People: **And of thine own have we given Thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, pg. 361

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.**

The Celebrant continues:
Therefore we praise you, . . .

The Sanctus Hymnal #S-130

The people stand or kneel, as able.

The Memorial Acclamation BCP, pg. 363

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, pg. 364
(See p. 2 for information about receiving communion.)

Fraction Anthem *(10:30 a.m.)* Hymnal #S-164

The People will come forward for Communion at this time.

Prayers for Healing may be offered at the Mary Altar before and after receiving Communion.

We Receive The Gift of God

Communion Anthem *(10:30 am)* *"Panis Angelicus"* Franck
(Bread of the angel host sent down from God above: Body of Christ our Lord in token of his love: O gift most wonderful! Christ as our sacrament: Humble, lowly, all share his sacred feast: humble, lowly, all share his sacred feast.)

The Sending of the Lay Eucharist Ministers

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer BCP, pg. 365

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.

The Blessing

The people stand as able.

Hymn *(10:30 am)* *"Come, Labor On"* Hymnal # 541

The Announcements

Prayer for a Birthday Prayer # 50, BCP, pg. 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We Go In the Strength Of God

The Dismissal BCP, pg. 366

The Postlude *(10:30 am)*

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After the service, all are invited to the Great Hall for fellowship and refreshments. A coffee hour follows both the 9:00 am and 10:30 am services. A Welcome Table with items of interest to all is available in the Great Hall during the coffee hours.

Please continue your daily prayers for the following:
Joel, Kristin, Fr. Bob, Jerry, Bill, Fr. John-Francis, Barbara, Julie, Pat, Ellen, Nancy, John, Claire, Trevor, Bob L., Noah, Ellen, Dale, Mikel, Bob B., Debbie, Sandy, Wendy, MaryAlice, Joann S. Mike, Warren, Aminah, Marjorie, Miranda, Steve, Sheila, Julie and all their families.

Sunday Programs for Children

8:45 - 11:30 am Nursery available upstairs from foyer by Great Hall.

10:15 am All Children gather together in the Sports Hall for free play & games.

Pre-K and Kindergarten (ages 3-5)
10:30 am "Godly Play Curriculum" Room 209

K thru 2nd Grade (ages 5-8)
10:30 am "Godly Play Curriculum" Room 210

3rd & 4th Grade (ages 8-10)
10:30 am "Godly Play Curriculum" Room 211

5th-6th Grade (ages 10-13)
10:30 am "Episcopal Children's Curriculum" Room #206

11:20 am Children will be escorted to rejoin their families in the service for the Eucharist. Children whose families are not attending the 10:30 service are brought to their families in the Sport Hall.

Sunday Program for Youth

Middle and High School: serving in church.

Worship & Sacraments

Readings for next Sunday, Proper 21, September 25th
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Taizé Service, Sunday evening, September 25th at 5 p.m. Candlelight service of Contemplative Music, Prayer and Silence. Nursery provided.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

The Baby Shower for Lindsay and Ryan Knight has been post-phoned and will be rescheduled due to Lindsay being down in Seattle in the hospital. Both Mama and babies are doing fine. Watch your bulletin to see when the baby shower will be rescheduled.

Gift cards to REI would help Mom and Dad get a bike trailer for Benjamin and Aaron, but they are also registered at Amazon.com and the Along Comes A Baby store on Bakerview Road (near the IHOP). We will also have a money tree available if you would like to donate to their Diaper Fund. What a blessing these two new lives will be to the St. Paul's community!

Let's Walk TODAY, the third Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. We will meet at the Squalicum Boathouse and walk the Squalicum Harbor. Come join us for an hour of exercise and conversation. Questions: Contact Kristi Champagne at kristichampagne@comcast.net or 733-6549.

******** **NOTE: Newsletter submissions ADDRESS CHANGE:!**
Please send all newsletter submissions to the church email address: stpaul@nas.com effective immediately.
The October newsletter deadline is TOMMOROW, Monday, September 19th by 12 noon.

Fall Schedule for Wednesdays

Wednesday, September 21 is the beginning of our Wednesday night activities, which include youth activities and an adult class. The start time for programming is 6:45 pm. J2A and other youth programs are on tap, and for adults an eight-session class with the rector to discuss N.T. Wright's "Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense." Books have been ordered and you may purchase one on a first-come, first-served basis by contacting the Church Office.

Diane Parker will be offering the same book discussion on "Why Christianity Makes Sense" on Weds. from 10 to 11 am at the Church.

Save the Date: A Regional Resource Day on Liturgy
Saturday, September 24, 8:30am-4:30pm at St. Paul's Bellingham

Ministry Resource Day is coming to you! Join other congregations from the Mt. Baker Region for a day of training, networking, and sharing resources about liturgy, with presentations by The Rev. Dr. Samuel Torvend, Chair of the Diocesan Liturgy & Arts Commission and author of Daily Bread, Holy Meal: Opening the Gifts of Holy Communion, and by The Rev. Cn. Janet Campbell, Canon for Liturgy. Trainings for Licensed Ministries of Worship Leader & Eucharistic Visitor will be available, along with workshops on topics from acolytes to creative arts, and experiences of diverse styles of prayer throughout the day.

Presented by the Diocesan School for Ministry & Theology, in partnership with St. Paul's, Bellingham. RSVP to Shannon Jergenson at faith@ecww.orgor 206.325.4200. Cost is $15 for adults, $5 for youth and children. Lunch, snacks & child care included. Transportation from the ferries and scholarship assistance are available. Hosting help needed. Contact Julia Findley at findleyjul@msn.com or 360/527-3374.

Hope House Changes: Hope House is changing some of its hours. Wednesdays will no longer be open for either donations or for clients and volunteers. Current hours of Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9-11:30 a.m., and Friday 1-5:30 p.m. will continue.

Thanks to the many St. Paul's volunteers who staffed Wednesdays and thereby made it possible. Please consider one of the other slots. Client numbers now range between 40-55 families in a 3- or 4-hour period! That is a big number to serve, plus there are the donations to sort and hang, the start-up kits to make, the check-out desk to manage, and the filling of requests for bleach or toilet paper or diapers. Thank you to all of St. Paul's for your support in goods, services, and prayer.

St. Paul's is HOSTING the Diocesan wide Junior Youth Conference (JYC) on November 18th-20th.

This is a great opportunity for our parish as well as our youth.

In order to host this conference, we are looking for a couple of volunteers who are willing to coordinate meals and housing for the participants of the conference. The Diocese can provide additional assistance to work the kitchen crew during the weekend if needed.

Please respond to: Lindsay Knight, Education Director,
360/733-2890 ext. 3315

MISSION STATEMENT

Gathered by the Holy Spirit we worship God,
and transformed by Christ's love,
we go forth into the world
to love and serve with joy."

Scheduled to Serve in Today's Liturgy

The Rev. Jonathan Weldon; The Rev. Charles W. Whitmore
The Rev. Kendall Haynes

Director of Music:		Wade Dingman
Acolytes:	*7:45 am*	Linda Lawson
	10:30 am	Bob Keiper, Jill Reimers
		Marcus Benson, Veronica Hoelscher
Lectors:	*7:45 am*	Dave Bargelt, Dick Keast
	10:30 am	Luci Shaw, Patty Robison
Prayer:	*7:45 am*	Dick Keast
	10:30 am	Bill Audley
Eucharistic Ministers:	*7:45 am*	Dave Bargelt, Dick Keast
	10:30 am	Luci Shaw, Patty Robison, Bill Audley
Healing:	*7:45 am*	Charlie Storrs
	10:30 am	Charlie Storrs, Joanne Clark

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