

THE WORD OF GOD

TAKE-HOME INSERT

(Fifth Sunday after Pentecost IRCL – Proper 6)

Collect

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray together:

God of Holy Hope,

In your Spirit

Deception is transformed into honesty.

You are the power who

Carries us as “on eagles’ wings:

When our hearts would restrict your love

To cherish only ourselves;

When our minds would claim that

Only our traditions are cherished by you as holy;

Your Spirit draws us beyond our self-deception

And opens our hearts and minds to know

That the “whole earth” is yours and holy. Amen.

A period of silence for reflection follows each lesson and the sermon. Allow your attention to drop in and down and rest upon your breath. When distractions arise – such as thoughts and sounds and smells – simply notice and return to the breath.

Hebrew Scriptures

Exodus 19:2-8a

Reader: A reading from Exodus.

[The Israelites] had traveled from Rephidim into the desert of Sinai and camped there, in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God, and Our God called out from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob, what you are to tell the Israelites: ‘You saw for yourselves what I did to Egypt, how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. If you now listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then out of all people you will be my cherished ones. Truly, the whole earth is my own, but you will be a kingdom of priests – a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to say to the Israelites.” Moses descended from the mountain. Summoning the elders of the people, he laid down for them the things Our God said to him. The people answered with one voice: “What Our God has said, we will do.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100: We Are God's People (David Haas)

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Christian Scriptures

The Epistle

Romans 5:1-8

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Community at Rome.

Now since we have been made right in God's sight by our faith, we are at peace with God through our Savior Jesus Christ. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us to the grace in which we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to the day on which we will become all that God has intended. But not only that – we even rejoice in our afflictions! We know that affliction produces perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and character, hope. And such a hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless people. It is not easy to die even for a good person – though of course for someone really worthy, there might be someone prepared to die – but the proof of God's love is that Christ died for us even while we were sinners.

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Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (see hymn board)

We stand as able.

The Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Assembly: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus continued touring all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of God's reign and curing all kinds of diseases and sicknesses. At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus said to the disciples, "The harvest is bountiful but the laborers are few. Beg the overseer of the harvest to send laborers out to bring in the crops." Jesus summoned the Twelve, and gave them authority to expel unclean spirits and heal sickness and diseases of all kinds. These are the names of the twelve apostles: the first were Simon, nicknamed Peter – that is, "Rock" – and his brother Andrew; then James, begot of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas; Matthew, the tax collector; James, begot of Alphaeus; Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus. These twelve Jesus sent out after giving them the following instructions: "Don't visit Gentile regions, and don't enter a Samaritan town. Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The reign of heaven has drawn near.' Heal those who are sick, raise the dead, cure leprosy, expel demons. You received freely – now freely give. Take neither gold nor silver nor copper for your money belts – no traveling bag, no change of clothes, no sandals, no walking staff-for workers deserve their keep. Look for worthy people in whatever town or village you come to, and stay with them until you leave. As you enter a house, bless it. If the home is deserving, your peace will descend on it. If it isn't, your peace will return to you. If anyone does not receive you or listen to what you have to say, leave that house or town and, once outside it, shake its dust from your feet. The truth is, on Judgment Day it will go easier for the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah than it will for that town. I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. So you must be as clever as snakes, but as innocent as doves. Be on your guard. People will haul you into court, they will flog you in the synagogues. For my sake you will be dragged before rulers and governors as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. When they hand you over, don't worry about how to speak or what to say. You'll be given what you should say when the time comes, because it is not you speaking but the Spirit of your Abba God speaking through you. Sibling will betray sibling to death, and parents their children; children will rise up against their parents and have them executed. Everyone will hate you because of me. But whoever stands firm until the end will be saved. When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. The truth is, you will not have visited all the towns of Israel before the Chosen One comes.

Deacon: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME to all visitors and guests this morning! After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the lower level (accessible by stairs or elevator) for coffee and conversation.

TODAY'S HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Presider:	Kevin Thew Forrester
Preacher:	Judd Spray
Deacon:	Larry Shell
Organist:	Jan Brodersen
First Reader:	Barb Carpenter
Second Reader:	Dan Carpenter
Prayers of the People:	Bob Railey
Chalice Bearers:	Marcia Franz and Coralie Hambleton
Ushers:	Bob and Nancy Railey
Server:	Dan Platt
Altar Guild:	Kate Kenney and Jean Contois
Nursery Attendant:	
Coffee Hour Hosts:	Barb and Dan Carpenter and Kay Payant
Evening Prayer Officiant:	Bob Railey
Children's Ministry	Jim Edwards, Cathy Greer Cole, and Nancy Railey
Eucharistic Visitors:	Valenti Facility w/ Robina Payant and Betsy Barnwell: Bob and Nancy Railey; MGH: Marcia Franz

Flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of *Leonard Platt* from his family.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Tuesday, 17 th	Morning Meditation	7:45 am
	Camp New Day	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 18 th	Finance Committee	12:00 pm
	Evening Prayer	5:30 pm
Thursday, 19 th	Morning Meditation	7:45 am
	Vestry Meeting	7:00 pm
Friday, 20 th	Diocesan Council	10:00 am
	Ladies Luncheon	11:30 am
Saturday, 21 st	No. Central Region Preaching Workshop	10:00 am
	Episcopal Ministry Discernment Team	10:00 am
Sunday, 22 nd	Holy Eucharist: 6 Pentecost	10:30 am

ALTAR FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to have flowers on the altar in memory or celebration of a loved one can sign up on the list on the board in the atrium. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Jayne McQuaid at 226-2355.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The Food Bank items for June are: Instant mashed potatoes, gravy, and salt and pepper. As always, other items are welcomed. Monetary donations can be made by writing "Food Donations" on the memo line of your check or marking the envelope the same when donating cash. Both can be placed in the collection plate on any Sunday. Questions about Hunger Ministry? Call Larry Shell: 360-8214 or email him at larry@shell-family.com.

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies of St. Paul's will gather on Friday, June 20th at 11:30 am to enjoy one of Marquette's newest restaurants, the Waterfront, which is located on the upper level at the corner Washington St. and Lakeshore Blvd. (across from Mattson Park). Please RSVP Barb Carpenter at 226-7571 by noon on Thursday.

FAMILY TREE

Our St. Paul's family tree is growing. Please stop by the Atrium after the service if you haven't had your picture taken.

QUICKLIST UPDATES

The Welcomers are in the process of updating parishioner records – addresses, phone numbers, etc. If you would like to include your email address and/or cell phone numbers on the Quick List, please get the information to Kathy at kathylenten201@sbcglobal.net or leave a note with the information on her desk in the church office.

TODAY IS LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR SEASONAL PLANNING TEAM FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Due to difficulty of scheduling meetings during vacation time, the lead time for Advent/Christmas planning is especially long. Information about St. Paul's seasonal planning process is posted with the sign-up list (located on the "sign-up" bulletin board across the hallway from the Chapel; also see current (May/June) Messenger. Still have questions—contact Bob Railey. The list will remain posted until February for the remaining seasons of the 2008-2009 liturgical year.

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The sign-up list for the 2008/2009 liturgical year is posted on the "Sign-up Bulletin Board" across from the Chapel. It will remain posted through mid-February (close of sign-up for next year's "after-Pentecost" season). You are invited to sign-up for as many seasons as you wish. You may sign-up for a given season at any time before its closing. As closing dates approach, notice will be made in Messenger and in Sunday bulletins. Next closing date is September 14 for the "after-Epiphany" season.

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Attention!

- ◆ Seasoned Preachers
- ◆ Beginning Preachers
- ◆ *Maybe Someday Preachers*

You are invited to a Preaching Workshop
Sponsored by the North Central Region
June 21, 2008 at St. Paul's, Marquette
10:00 AM—Noon Lunch is provided

We will be using a DVD Preaching series presented by Fred B. Craddock

“Reported in Newsweek as one of America’s top preachers, Mr. Craddock, reared in rural Tennessee, speaks the folk idiom with prophetic authenticity.”

We will also talk about an online discussion we might want to begin in the North Central Region.

Our lunchtime discussion will focus on - What is the most difficult part of the preaching process for you?

St Paul's is located on the corner of Ridge & High Streets. Please call the church office (906) 226-2912 or email ajgorda@gmail.com so we will have enough food and handouts.

