

**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AT ST. PAUL'S
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, AUGUST 24, 2025 AT 10.30 AM.**



Christ healing the crippled woman who was bent over, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Known as the Two Brothers Sarcophagus. The cock of St. Peter is depicting below Christ's feet. Both Christ and Moses are clean-shaven. Date: 4th century.

Welcome to St. Paul's!

Whether you come from far or near, we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! We invite people of all denominations and none to join in our worship together.

Worshipping With Us: Our worship follows the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks (**BCP**) and authorized supplements, The People's responses are in **bold**. Our music comes from The Hymnal unless noted. "**H-**" is the Hymnal, and "**L-**" is the black-and-red Lift Every Voice and Sing. Links to the online Book of Common Prayer are in **blue**. Explanations of each section are marked with ¶.

Restrooms are located downstairs; please ask for directions.

Please ensure devices are off or set to vibrate. Thank you.

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

We adorn our worship with the beauty of the church building bequeathed to us, and by our own music. Supported by the organ, all are invited to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord." When we support each other, our own joy is heightened.

The Holy Eucharist

August 24, 2025

Prelude

Instrumental

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

H-304

*1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.*

*2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.*

*3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.*

*4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.*

5. *Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.*

The Acclamation (*standing*)

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

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

The Collect for Purity

¶ *Please stand as able to sing the*

Song of Praise

Glory to God

S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵ 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

⁶ Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' ⁷ But the LORD said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.'

⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth;
and the LORD said to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.'

The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

In te, Domine, speravi

Psalms 71.1-6

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.

² In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.

*This 1st Reading is from the
Jewish Scriptures, (what we call
the Old Testament,) which is
the Bible that Jesus and the first
disciples knew and read from.*

⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the
oppressor.

⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *
my confidence since I was young.

⁶ I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my
strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

The Psalms and Canticles are songs from the Hebrew Scriptures that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Anglicans pray the Psalms daily at Morning and Evening Prayer and at nearly all public services.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 12.18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something^[a] that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly^[b] of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' ²⁷ This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old
 was strong to heal and save;
 it triumphed o'er disease and death,
 o'er darkness and the grave.
 To thee they went, the blind, the deaf,
 the palsied, and the lame,
 the leper set apart and shunned,
 the sick with fevered frame.

2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health,
 gave hearing, strength, and sight;
 and youth renewed and frenzy calmed
 owned thee, the Lord of light:
 and now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 almighty as of yore,
 in crowded street, by restless couch,
 as by Gennesaret's shore.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12.32-40

¶Please stand as able. *Acclamation before the Gospel:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹⁰ Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?' ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

This reading is always from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

¶Response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ

*3 Be thou our great deliverer still,
thou Lord of life and death;
restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
with thine almighty breath:
to hands that work and eyes that see,
give wisdom's heavenly lore,
that whole and sick, and weak and strong,
may praise thee evermore*

Sermon

The Rev. Kaith Owen

The Nicene Creed (*standing as able*)

[BCP p. 358](#)

Prayers of the People

As announced

Intervessor: We also pray for those who have requested our prayers:

In The Episcopal Church, we pray **for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and the churchwide staff.** And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for: **the election of the next Archbishop of Canterbury,** and for the people and clergy of: **Church of the Province of South East Asia; the Diocese of Ogbomoso (Nigeria); the Diocese of Ogoni (Nigeria); the Diocese of Ogorimagongo (Nigeria); the Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema (Nigeria); the Diocese of Ohio (The Episcopal Church); and the Diocese of Southern Ohio (The Episcopal Church).**

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for: **Anne our Bishop, and the Commission on Ministry and Episcopal Community Services.**

And in our own parish, we pray for **Sue Ferguson, Heather Durdil, Mary and Dan Solon, Jeanne Burgess, Wes Schwarz, Sandy Chance, Laura Booker Caviello, Mary Ann McCann, Kat Holcott, Dave Frederick,** and those others whom we now name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for **all the members and guests of this parish, for Bob our rector,** and for our sister churches of **St Paul's Duluth, St. Paul's Elkins Park, Our Lady Star of the Sea Pelee Island, Mother of Sorrows Put-in-Bay, Zion Methodist Kelleys Island, and St. Michael's Kelleys Island.**

We pray for all who have died, especially those we call out now in our hearts or aloud....

We pray for a just ending to war and unrest throughout the world, and especially in Ukraine, Gaza, and in our own nation as well.

We pray in thanksgiving for all your blessings that you have bestowed on us, and especially those we call out, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all the residents and visitors of these Lake Erie Islands, and those we call out now, in our hearts or aloud....

For whom else and what else shall we pray today?

¶*The Presider will add a concluding prayer.*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

[BCP p. 360](#)

The Greeting:

Presider:

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

¶*All may greet those close to them with a sign of peace. Short announcements may follow.*

The Holy Communion

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, prayed for the Church and the world, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the sacrifice and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offering, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, in the money we give, and symbolically in the bread and wine.

At the Offering

Instrumental

It requires nearly \$330 a day to keep our church and food pantry open every day. Please support the ministry of St. Paul's with your tithes and offerings. To give securely online, scan this QR code:



At the Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

H-380, vs 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Prayer A

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The Song of the Angels

Holy Holy Holy

S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, rests, and dynamic markings like *mf* and *f*.

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During the Preparation

Jesus, Lamb of God

S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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Distribution of Communion

¶ *All who are baptized and permitted to receive Communion in their own traditions are welcome at the Lord's Supper. Come up to the Altar Rail and stand or kneel. We have gluten-free hosts available; just ask the Presider. Receive the Bread or gluten-free Host in your hand, and then consume it, and then drink from the Chalice if you wish. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please simply cross your hands over your chest.*

For those who cannot receive the Sacrament today,

you may wish to pray this prayer while Communion is being distributed:

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you live in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Eat This Bread (Repeat as Needed)

Taizé

Eat This Bread *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

Refrain

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Prayer after Communion

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The Blessing

from the UK 1928 *Book of Common Prayer*

Closing Hymn

Holy Father, Great Creator

H-368

*1 Holy Father, great Creator,
source of mercy, love, and peace,
look upon the Mediator,
clothe us with his righteousness;
heavenly Father, heavenly Father,
through the Savior hear and bless.*

*2 Holy Jesus, Lord of glory,
whom angelic hosts proclaim,
while we hear thy wondrous story,
meet and worship in thy Name,
dear Redeemer, dear Redeemer,
in our hearts thy peace proclaim.*

*3 Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
come with unction from above,
touch our hearts with sacred fire,
fill them with the Savior's love.
Source of comfort, Source of comfort,
cheer us with the Savior's love.*

*4 God the Lord, through every nation
let thy wondrous mercies shine.
In the song of thy salvation
every tongue and race combine.
Great Jehovah, great Jehovah,
form our hearts and make them thine.*

The Dismissal: *Presider:* Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

All respond: **Thanks be to God!**

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Fr Bob Will Be on Vacation from August 18 through September 3 or 4. The Rev. Keith Owen will be taking our services on August 24 and August 31 as part of a pulpit swap with Chapel of the Transfiguration in Whitefield N.H. Please call 419-285-6809 with any pastoral emergencies or Sr. Warden Kira Hubner at 702-787-7568 with regular parish business during this time.

Upcoming Autumn Quiet Days. See our Facebook Page or our website for more information. Pass the word, and remember all are ecumenical so all are welcome.

- Saturday Sept 13: A Quiet Day for the Season of Creation
- Saturday Oct. 11: A Quiet Day for Making Big Decisions

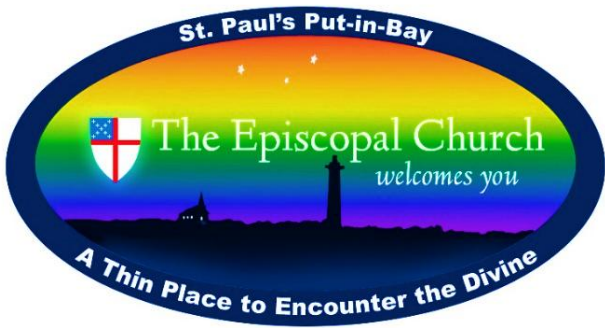
- Saturday November 1: A Quiet Day With All the Saints and Holy Communion.

The **2025 Diocesan Convention** is Friday – Saturday, Nov. 14-15 in Wooster, Ohio this year. If you are interested in participating in the governance of the entire Diocese, please contact Fr. Bob or Kira Hubner. The Vestry will elect our representatives in September.

We Welcome The Rev. Keith Owen, who is a native Virginian whose 33 year ministry took him from Southeastern Virginia to Albany, New York, and finally to Cleveland, Ohio, where he currently resides. He retired from active parish ministry (St. Peter's, Lakewood) in 2021, but remains engaged in interim ministry, supply work and diocesan affairs. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia (Political Science, 1982) and the General Theological Seminary (1988). He completed further studies at Princeton Theological Seminary (Certificate in Pastoral Leadership) and Cleveland State University (Arabic and Islamic Studies). He is married to Monica, an Occupational Therapist in the Cleveland Public Schools and they have 3 grown children.

Upon retirement, Keith embarked upon a unique personal pilgrimage. He underwent training to acquire a Commercial Driver's License and spent the next two and a half years working as a "big rig" truck driver. He spent one year driving "over the road" for a major national company hauling bulk liquid chemicals throughout the eastern United States. He then spent a year and a half working for a family owned local company hauling and delivering fuels, petroleum products and other commodities. In the Spring of 2024, he became a school bus driver for a local school district while simultaneously taking up duties as the part-time Interim Rector of St. Hubert's, Kirtland Hills.

Keith enjoys practicing yoga, weightlifting, swimming, bicycling, film, and reading history and historical fiction. Before he visits Put-in-Bay this summer, he and Monica will have spent 3 weeks camping, biking and hiking along the north shore of Lake Superior in Ontario, and he has just returned from several weeks serving summer chapels in Whitefield, New Hampshire and Wellfleet, Massachusetts.



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This Week (August 24-30):

Sunday

9 AM: Christian Formation (Parish Hall)

10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist (In the Church)

Summer Office Hours: By appt. – call Fr Bob to arrange a time.

12-Step Groups, in the Parish Hall: Monday 8 AM – AA, Tuesday 7:30 PM – Al-Anon
Thursday 7 PM – AA; Saturday 9 PM – AA

Service Schedule:

	Sunday, August 24	Sunday, August 31
Musicians	Paula Hubner	Paula Hubner
Reader	Bob White	Bob White
Intercessor	Mary Ann Meyers	Mary Ann Meyers
Chalicer	Val Chornyak	