# THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AT ST. PAUL'S THE HOLY EUCHARIST, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 AT 10.30 AM.



"Christ and the Pharisees" by Ernst Zimmerman (American, 1870-1944) source and exact date unknown.

#### 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 14th 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

September 14, 2025

Prelude

Recorded

The Word of God

Opening Hymn

As Announced

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

The Song of Praise

Glory to God

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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. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen**.

#### The First Reading

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse-a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

"For my people are foolish, they do not know me;

they are stupid children, they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. 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.

For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

The Response Dixit insipiens Psalm 14

<sup>1</sup> The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, \*

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.

to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

- <sup>3</sup> Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; \* there is none who does good; no, not one.
- <sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \* who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?
- <sup>5</sup> See how they tremble with fear, \* because God is in the company of the righteous.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \* when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \* **but the LORD is their refuge.** 

in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Hymn at the Gospel

As Announced

The Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

¶Please stand as able.

Acclamation before the Gospel:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he

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.

calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls

together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

¶Response after the Gospel

#### Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon Fr. Bob

The Nicene Creed (standing as able)

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Prayers of the People As announced

*Intercessor*: 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: The Anglican Church of South America; the Diocese of Omu-Aran (Nigeria); the Diocese of Oregon (The Episcopal Church); the Diocese of Eastern Oregon (The Episcopal Church); the Diocese of Orda (Nigeria); the Diocese of Ontario (Canada); and the Diocese of Orlu (Nigeria).

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for: Anne our Bishop, and our Applicants, Postulants, and Candidates for ordination.

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, **Kat** Holscott, **Dave** Frederick, **Zach** Mitchell, 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 Zion Methodist Kelleys Island, St. Michael's Kelleys Island; St Paul's Duluth, St. Paul's Elkins Park, Our Lady Star of the Sea Pelee Island, and Mother of Sorrows Put-in-Bay.

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

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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

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

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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 C

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The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

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Distribution of Communion

¶All who are haptized 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.

Prayer after Communion

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn As Announced

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

All respond: Thanks be to God!

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#### **News and Announcements:**

**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 Oct. 11: A Quiet Day for Making Big Decisions
- Saturday November 1: A Quiet Day With All the Saints and Holy Communion.

**Blessing of the Animals** - Sunday, October 5, right after the service. Feel free to being your beloved companions with you if you wish, or go home to get them.

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.

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November 27. If you do not have your own Thanksgiving plans (or you don't want to cook!) come bring a dish and share it with anyone and everyone else in the Parish Hall. More details to come.



#### What's a Quiet Day?

A Quiet day (or morning or afternoon) is a time of personal retreat from one's regular schedule. It's a time to put down the phone and the music and take time – in as much quiet as possible – for one self. Generally it consists of a series of short quiet times intersperced with brief reflections from the retreat leader and time to check in with others. The Big Decision Quiet day tenatative schedule looks like this:

8.30 – 9 AM	Gather in the Parish Hall

9 AM Introduction and Morning Prayer

9.30 AM First Reflection

10.15 Second Reflection

11.15 Third Reflection

12.15 PM Lunch (in silence if all agree)

1 PM Fourth Reflection

2.15 PM Fifth Reflection

3.30 Sixth Reflection

4.30 PM Evening Prayer

Fr. Bob will be available for individual prayer and consultation during quiet times on request.

You are welcome to spend just a morning or afternoon with us, with lunch if you wish. Please register by Tuesday Ocotber 7 if you plan to attend any portion of the Quiet Day.

## S. Paul's, Put-in-Bau. Put-in-Bay Island (South Bass), on which is located this parish, is four miles from the main land, and about midway between Cleveland and Toledo. In the bay between Put-in-Bay Island on the south and Gibraltar Island on the north, the Perry fleet was anchored when on the morning of September 10, 1813, Commodore Perry, vigilantly sweeping the waters of Erie from his lookout on Gibraltar, saw approaching from the northwest the British fleet, went out ten miles, met and engaged it, and won "The Perry Victory," the centennial of which is now about to be celebrated. The parish which owes its organization and property to the leadership and benefactions of the late Mr. Jay Cooke, came into existence in 1864, and was received into union with the diocese June 8, 1865, its first rector being the Rev. John Mills Kendrick, subsequently the Bishop of New Mexico. Something less than ten years after its organization, the parish withdrew from union with the diocese and related itself to the Reformed Episcopal body. Last summer, after the parish had for sometime been vacant, the congregation petitioned the Bishop of Ohio to receive them back under his jurisdiction, which he did formally and officially, at a special visitation and service at Put-in-Bay, Friday, October 25, 1912, but not until after a courteous correspondence with Bishop Cheney of the Reformed Episcopal denomination. A month later the Bishop appointed the Rev. J. M. Forbes, rector in charge, from which time the congregation assumed its regular place among the parochial families of the diocese.

From the bulletin for the visitation of the Bishop of Ohio on June 13, 1913.



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#### This Week (September 14-20):

#### Sunday

9 AM: Christian Formation (Parish Hall) 10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist (In the Church)

#### Wednesday

6 pm: Prayers for the Church and the World, with Holy Communion

#### Saturday

Autumn 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, September 14	Sunday, September 21
Musicians	Us!	Us!
Reader	Amy Huston	
Intercessor	Mary Ann Meyers	
Chalicist	Bob White	