



Saint Paul's Parish

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The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Todd Brewer

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us this morning.
We pray you experience the presence and love of Christ
as we worship together!

Saint Paul's Staff

Priest-in-Charge

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The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

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Kirsten Peterson

Julie Astbury

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Praise, my soul, the King of heaven”

[Hymnal 410](#)

The Word of the Lord

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

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Opening Praise

“Be thou my vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;

Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys,

O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931);
Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Old Testament

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:1-11 - Jubilate Deo



- 1 Be joyful in God, all you *lands*; *
sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his *praise*.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your *deeds*! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe be-*fore you*.
- 3 All the earth bows down before *you*, *
sings to you, sings out your *Name*."

- 4 Come now and see the works of *God, **
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all *people*.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on *foot, **
and there we rejoiced in *him*.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the *nations; **
let no rebel rise up a-*gainst him*.
- 7 Bless our God, you *peoples; **
make the voice of his praise to be *heard;*
- 8 Who holds our souls in *life, **
and will not allow our feet to *slip*.
- 9 For you, O God, have *proved us; **
you have tried us just as silver is *tried*.
- 10 You brought us into the *snare; **
you laid heavy burdens upon our *backs*.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and *water; **
but you brought us out into a place of re-*freshment*.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son,**
and to the Holy *Spirit*
- As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall be, **
world without end. A-*men*.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Response

“Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths”

[Hymnal 628](#)

(Verses 1 & 2)

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Response

“Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths”

[Hymnal 628](#)

(Verses 3)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Todd Brewer

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as able)*

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

Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, if we have died with you, we will live with you; if we endure, we will reign with you; we pray to you for all the needs and concerns on our minds and hearts, knowing that you always remain faithful.

Intercessor: Lord, we pray for the church, that we might do our best to present ourselves to God as one approved by him. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Jeff and Laura, our bishops; for Fr. Nate, for Fr. Todd, and all the people of God. Jesus, Master,

All: Have mercy on us.

Intercessor: O God, in your might you rule forever, and your eyes keep watch over the nations. We pray for our nation, our community, and all in authority. Jesus, Master,

All: Have mercy on us.

Intercessor: Gracious God, all the earth bows down before you, and sings out your name. We pray for the nations of the earth, that your peace may protect us all. Jesus, Master,

All: Have mercy on us.

Intercessor: You hold our souls in life, O God, and you will not allow our feet to slip. We pray for those we love. We pray especially for Fr. Nate and Mina who will be married later today. Give them your grace. Jesus, Master,

All: Have mercy on us.

Intercessor: Lord Jesus, as you healed the ten lepers between Galilee and Samaria, we pray that you would heal those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our intercessory prayer list and those we now lift up to you.

(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the silence of your heart.)

Intercessor: Jesus, Master,

All: Have mercy on us.

Intercessor: O God, we remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David; and we remember before you those who have died, especially Arlene Coleman and Susan Morrison, that they may rest with Christ in eternal glory. Jesus, Master,
All: Have mercy on us.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Lord Jesus, in your faithfulness to us, you shower us with grace, mercy, love, and all we need; we pray that you would shape our hearts that they would be filled with gratitude, that we might always return to you and give you thanks. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Please kneel as able

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

All: 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements *Please be seated for the announcements*

Please stand as able for all hymns

Offertory Praise

“My Worth Is Not In What I Own”

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
at the cross

Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer

Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul

I will trust in Him no other

My soul is satisfied in Him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the
cross

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

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Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

(Remain standing as able)

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.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for through your Son Jesus Christ you have brought to us salvation and cleansed us by your grace, that we might be made a new people, to witness your love and to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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._____

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You may stand or kneel.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Saint Paul, Saint Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- Please follow the ushers directions for receiving the Eucharist at the altar rail.
- Let an usher know if you prefer to remain seated at your pew for distribution of the Bread and Wine.

Communion Praise

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you. (*sing 3 times*)

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Communion Praise

“Be Unto Your Name”

We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain

Highest praises honor and glory

Be unto Your name, be unto Your name

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Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, comforter of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now, and live fruitfully where God has placed you. Pray and strive for the welfare of those you live among, and do your best to present yourselves to God as faithful workers with no need to be ashamed. **Amen.**

And may God open the pathways before you;

May Christ Jesus cleanse you and make you whole;

And may the Holy Spirit keep your spirits alive and your feet from stumbling. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

“Now thank we all our God”

Hymnal 397

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann



Announcements

Welcome - Our preacher & celebrant today is The Rev. Dr. Todd Brewer. Todd is the managing editor of *Mockingbird Magazine* (mbird.com). He graduated from Durham University with a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies. His thesis, *Hermeneutics and Early Christian Gospels*, compared narrative and non-narrative interpretive approaches to the Jesus tradition through a study of the Gospels of Thomas, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. It was published by Mohr Siebeck. He also co-edited the *Cambridge Companion to the Gospels*, 2nd edition. He lives in Jersey City, NY with his wife, two kids, and two dogs.

Nate & Mina's Wedding Service Link - Mina & Fr. Nate will be married this afternoon at 4 pm at St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery. Here's the link to watch the service live: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.markschurchinthe-bowery1799>

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, visiting clergy, newcomers, and guests by extending a warm welcome to them and by wearing your name tag. You can leave them in the baskets at the doors as you leave for refiling. And remember to wear them to coffee hour as well.

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes start at 10:30 am. Please bring your children directly to their classrooms. Children will return to their parent or guardian before the start of Communion.

Drive-Thru Food Collection - Our next Drive-Thru Food Collection will be Wednesday, October 15th from 11 am to noon. This will be our 144th food drive since we started in April 2020!

Parish Family Event This Saturday: - On Saturday, October 18 from 4-7 pm, we're holding a Parish **"Oktoberfest"** Celebration in Crocker Hall. All are welcome, activities for children. Please sign up at the rear table in the back of the church or in Crocker Hall.

Trunk or Treat 2025 - Boo! - Our 15th annual Trunk or Treat event this year will be held in our lower parking lot on Sunday, October 26th, 2-4 pm.. A signup sheet will be in Crocker hall during coffee hour. Candy donations are always welcome and may be dropped off in the orange bins in the back of the church. Contact Emily Perry for more info.

Hudson River Walk - On Saturday, October 25th at 1:30 pm, join us for a special parish "Walk across the Hudson" on the world's longest elevated pedestrian bridge between Poughkeepsie & Highland, New York. The walkway is 1.28 miles long (2.56 miles round trip) and offers spectacular views. After our walk, we'll stop at a local restaurant for some refreshment. Contact Ron Switzer (rjswit@msn.com) for more info or to carpool.

PraiseMoves - Classes will be held on every Saturday in the month of October at 10 am in Crocker Hall. A Christian alternative to Yoga, it is designed to help with balance, toning and core strengthening – all while scripture is being spoken with every posture! All ages and athletic ability are welcome and all postures can be modified for any reason. Mary Perry, Certified PraiseMoves Instructor, will be leading the class - email her at maryperry2@me.com with any questions.

Coats & Socks Drive - We had our first frost this past week which means we'll start collecting used coats and new socks (preferably white) to benefit the various agencies in Danbury supported by the Jericho Partnership. Leave the coats on the rack and socks in the basket in the back of the church.

Prayer Needs? - You can let us know by submitting your need on our website or emailing prayerchain@saintpaulsbrookfield.com and our team of intercessors will pray for your request or you can ask for a prayer servant to call you and we can pray together!

Our Facilities - Our restrooms are located downstairs at the rear of our parish hall. Take the stairway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The restrooms are located on the far left, across from the kitchen. A play area for our young ones is also set up in the parish hall as well as live streaming and audio of the service on a wide screen TV. In addition, coloring book packages are available for youngsters to use in the pews. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

Calendar For The Week

(We welcome and encourage parishioners to come to any of these ministries.)

(Check website for up to date Zoom links - www.SaintPaulsBrookfield.com)

Sun., Oct 12	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am - Sunday School, Classrooms
	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
Mon., Oct 13	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
Tue., Oct 14	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Oct 15	10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	11 am - Noon - Drive-Thru Food Collection
	7:00 pm - Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
Thu., Oct 16	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Guild Room
	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Fri., Oct 10	10:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, T.B.A.
Sat., Oct 18	7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
	8:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Crocker Hall
	10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall
	4-7:00 pm - Oktoberfest, Crocker Hall
Sun., Oct 19	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:30 am - Adult Class, Guild Room
	10:30 am - Sunday School, Classrooms
	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)



Next Sunday - The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Rev. Nate Lee

Readings for October 19th

[Jeremiah 31:27-34](#) - [Psalm 119:97-104](#) - [2 Timothy 3:14-4:5](#)

[Luke 18:1-8](#)

