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The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

Preacher ~ Rev. Will McLaughlin

Celebrant ~ The Rev. Jean Baptiste Rock

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!

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Question of the Day: *“Whom is God placing on your path today for you to see, to stop for, and to love as a neighbor?”*

Gathering Music

All stand as able

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the living God”

[Hymnal 372](#)

The Word of the Lord

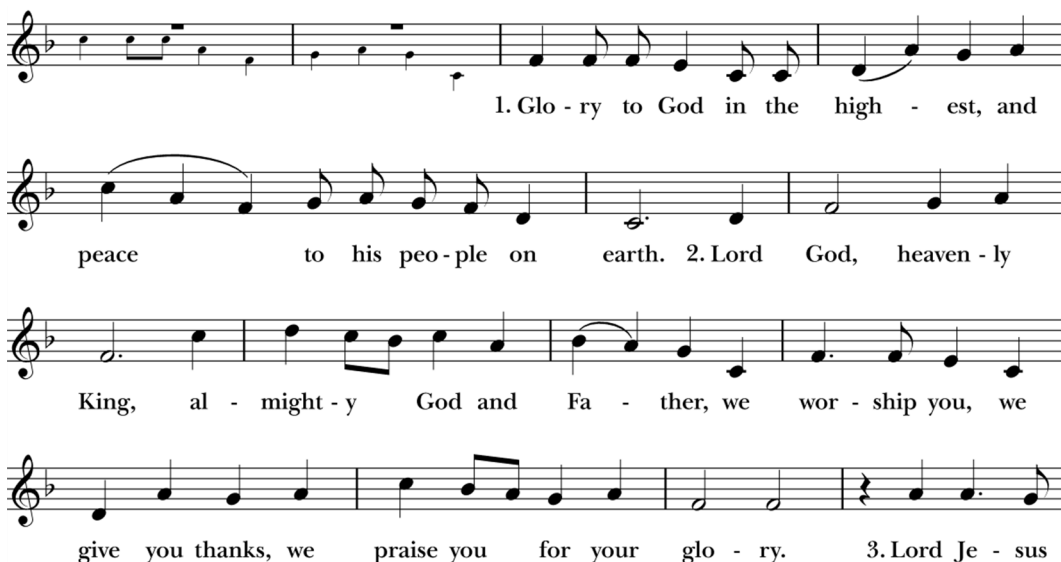
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.**

Gloria in excelsis *(Please stand as able)* “Glory to God”

Hymnal 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 of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together. **God** of power and mercy, turn our hearts to you alone, that we may love you fully and show compassion to our neighbors in need. Strengthen our faith and our witness, that all the earth may praise your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

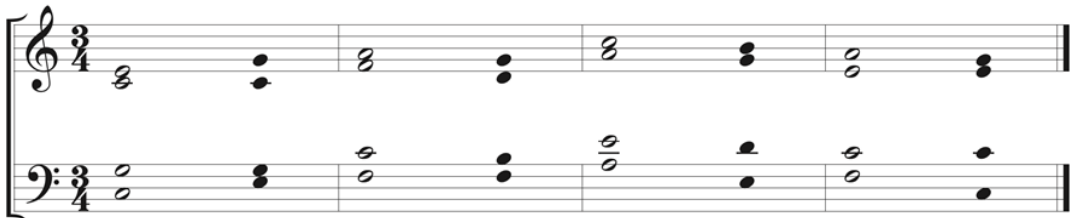
Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new *song*; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole *earth*.

- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his ***Name; ****
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to ***day.***
- 3 Declare his glory among the ***nations ****
and his wonders among all ***peoples.***
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be ***praised; ****
he is more to be feared than all ***gods.***
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but ***idols; ****
but it is the LORD who made the ***heavens.***
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his ***presence! ****
Oh, the power and the splendor of his ***sanctuary!***
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the ***peoples; ****
ascribe to the LORD honor and ***power.***
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his ***Name; ****
bring offerings and come into his ***courts.***
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of ***holiness; ****
let the whole earth tremble be-***fore him.***
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is ***King! ****
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with ***equity. "***
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is ***in it; ****
let the field be joyful and all that is there-***in.***
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he ***comes, ****
when he comes to judge the ***earth.***
- 13 He will judge the world with ***righteousness ****
and the peoples with his ***truth.***

(Please stand as able for the Gospel)

The Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Will McLaughlin

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.

Intercessor: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
For the Church throughout the world, and for all who minister in Christ's
name. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the nations of the earth, and for those in authority, that they may serve
justice and peace. *[Silence]* Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For this community, our common life, and all our daily needs. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those who are sick, suffering, impoverished, or in any trouble. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For the departed, that they may rest in peace, and rise in glory. *[Silence]*
Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Prayer Requests

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers:

Celebrant: O Lord, you are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness. Hear our prayers and make us signs of your kingdom's treasure, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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.

Gratitude Reflection - Mary & Ken Perry

All stand as able for hymns

Offertory Praise

“Better Is One Day”

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts

Better is one day in Your house

Better is one day in Your courts

Than thousands elsewhere

Better is one day in Your courts

Better is one day in Your house

Better is one day in Your courts

Than thousands elsewhere

(Than thousands elsewhere)

One thing I ask and I would seek

To see Your beauty

To find You in the place

Your glory dwells *(Repeat Verse)*

Chorus

(Bridge)

My heart and flesh cry out

For You the living God

Your Spirit's water to my soul

I've tasted and I've seen

Come once again to me

I will draw near to You

I will draw near to You

Better is one day, better is one day

Better is one day,

Than thousands elsewhere

Better is one day, better is one day

Better is one day,

Than thousands elsewhere

Chorus

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Doxology

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

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

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 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.

The Invitation

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

“Your love O Lord”

Your love O Lord reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness,
Is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

Chorus

I will lift my voice

To worship You my King

I will find my strength

In the shadow of Your wings

Your love O Lord reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness,
Is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

Chorus

Your love O Lord reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky

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Postcommunion Prayer

All: Gracious Lord, you have fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son and strengthened us for faithful service. Turn our hearts from all idols, make us steadfast in faith, and send us out as merciful neighbors, proclaiming your glory among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant: Go now and live lives worthy of the Lord. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and bear fruit in every good work, putting love and mercy into action for others just as you would for yourselves. Amen.

And may the glory of God's goodness be revealed to you;
May grace and peace of Jesus Christ take root in you;
And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy. Amen.

Recessional Hymn "Lord, whose love through humble service"

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

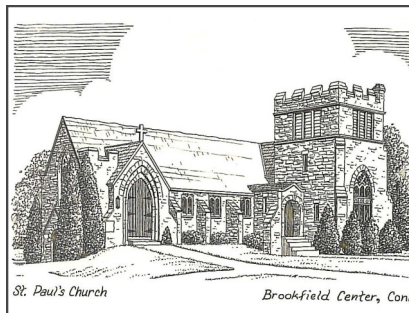
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude

“Postlude in F”

Cesar Franck



“Celebrating 241 years in the Spirit”



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome - Our celebrant this morning was a familiar face here, filling in often in 2024 during our transition. The Rev. Dr. Jean Baptiste Kenol Rock, Haitian-born, was ordained as deacon in 1989, and priest in 1990. He earned a PhD in practical theology at the University of Montreal, Canada and has been serving as priest-in-charge at St John's Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Welcome - Our preacher today is the Rev. Will McLaughlin, our missionary in Cambodia.

Coffee Gathering - Following this service, join us downstairs in Crocker Hall for coffee and to greet Fr. Jean and Will and Becky McLaughlin.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Trunk or Treat 2026 - Boo! - Our 16th annual Trunk or Treat event this year will be held in our lower parking lot on Sunday, October 25th, 2-4 pm.. A sign-up 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.

UPCOMING:

Sun, Oct 25, 2:00 pm - Trunk-or-Treat

Sat, Oct 31, 8 am to 1 pm - Red Cross Blood Drive, Crocker Hall

Sun, Nov 8, 1:00 pm - Walkway over the Hudson

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

Name Tags - Please be courteous to fellow parishioners, 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.

Sunday School - Sunday School classes and the confirmation class meet at 9:45 am. Children will return to their parents or guardians during the service.

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. 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 18	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	9:45 am - Sunday School, Classrooms
	9:45 am - Cambodia Mission Presentation, Crocker Hall
Mon., Oct 19	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	7:00 pm - Men's Bible Study, Crocker Hall (YouTube Live)
	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
Tue., Oct 20	9:30 am - Ladies Tuesday AM Bible Study, Guild Room
Wed., Oct 21	10:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Healing (YouTube Live)
	12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
	7:00 pm - Women's Evening Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)
Thu., Oct 22	9:30 am - Iron Sharpens Iron Discussion Group, Crocker Hall
	7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	9:00 am - St. Paul's Walking Group, Fairfield Hills, Newtown
Fri., Oct 23	10:00 am - Sexton Volunteers, Crocker Hall
	3:00 pm - Diocesan Convention, Bristol, CT
	7:30 am - John 21:12 Group, Theo's Downtown Diner, New Milford
Sat., Oct 24	9:00 am - Diocesan Convention, Bristol, CT
	10:00 am - PraiseMoves, Crocker Hall (Zoom)
	8:00 am - Traditional Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
Sun., Oct 25	9:45 am - Sunday School, Classrooms
	9:45 am - Sermon Talkback, Crocker Hall
	10:30 am - Contemporary Holy Eucharist (YouTube Live)
	2:00 pm - Trunk or Treat, Parking Lot



Next Sunday - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Preacher: Fr. Nate

Readings for October 25th

[Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18](#) - [Psalm 1](#) - [1 Thessalonians 2:1-8](#)

[Luke 16:19-31](#)

