



# Welcome to St. Paul's!

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Rotation Sunday

5-9-21

#### **Rogation Days, by Dr. Don Palmer**

Rogation Days are an ancient custom which has been being observed since the 5th century. Rogation—to ask, as in “interrogate”—we ask God’s blessing of the harvest, of the earth and sea. We remind ourselves that we are the stewards of Creation, neither the authors nor the owners of it. Originally an agricultural observance, it has been broadened and made more inclusive—the crops, the catch of the sea, the fruits of our labors in all their aspects. An ancient pagan custom was “beating the bounds”, with a procession walking out the boundary lines of the village and marking the bounds with stakes. Sticks of willow and birch were used to strike the stakes; hence, “beating the bounds”. Subsequently the custom became incorporated into Rogation Days celebration, particularly in England, in which the parishes are clearly defined, contiguous with adjacent parishes. Rogation Day was celebrated by walking the boundaries of the parish and acknowledging in this way our tangible stewardship. As the countries, including our own, became more industrialized and less agrarian, we have seen a lessening of the celebration of Rogation—and we are the worse for it. Our “new” Episcopal Book of Common Prayer of 1979 sneakily de-emphasized Rogation Days and Rogation Sunday, as they were annotated in the 1928 BCP. They are privileged times to celebrate stewardship, to remind ourselves of our roles, not as masters or owners, but as stewards. Job had to be reminded of that, too. Remember the voice from the whirlwind? “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? When the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?” Rogation Days are to honor God for His creation, and to pray for the land and sea and the gifts of labor, and for the needs of all. The traditional Rogation Days are the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day. Rogation Sunday is the Sixth Sunday after Easter. Great music is in our hymnal for celebrating Rogation. St. Francis, in his “Canticle of Brother Sun”, wrote: “May thou be praised, my Lord, for our sister, mother earth, who sustains and governs and produces fruits with colored flowers and green plants.” A humbler bit of poetry was in a book I had as a young child, “Daddy Dofunny’s Wisdom Jingles.” Daddy Dofunny was an old and very wise black man on the farm. He wrote, “Some prays for rain, and some for shine, and sometimes bof’ together. But I prays for sunshine in my heart, and then fergits the weather.” “Almighty God, whose loving hand hath given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor thee with our substance and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

## Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Please observe silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.*

### **Prelude**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Dale Wood  
(1934-2003)*

Announcements/Birthday & Anniversary Blessings  
*The people sit.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able.*

*The Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* + Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity*

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**

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,*

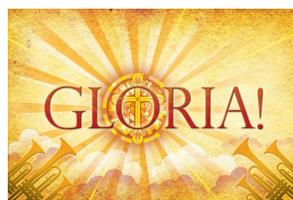
*Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;*

*you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,*

*you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,*

*Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*



## Collect for Rogation Sunday

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*        Together, let us pray.

*Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 11:10-15

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

For the land that you are about to enter to occupy is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sow your seed and irrigate by foot like a vegetable garden. But the land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky, a land that the LORD your God looks after. The eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.

If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today – loving the LORD your God, and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul – then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil; and he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your fill.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 147**            **(Read in Unison)**

*Laudate Dominum*

**Antiphon: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.**

**Antiphon sung by cantor**

*1 Hallelujah!*

*How good it is to sing praises to our God! \**

*how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!*

*2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \**

*he gathers the exiles of Israel.*

*3 He heals the brokenhearted \**

*and binds up their wounds.*

**Antiphon sung by cantor**

*4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.*

*5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.*

*6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.*

*7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.*

**Antiphon sung by cantor**

*8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;*

*9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.*

*10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.*

*11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;*

*12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.*

*13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;*

**Antiphon sung by cantor**

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:18-25**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Reader*        *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*



*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*            ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Peggy Samuels**

**Prayers of the People**

*All remain standing.*

Intercessor

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered us from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.

Risen Lord,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings showered upon us, for our lives and for those whom we love, for the beauty of this home God has created for us, for our families and our friends let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Risen Lord,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Let us pray for the church and the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Risen Lord,  
***Hear our prayer.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings)*

Risen Lord,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Lord,  
*Hear our prayer*

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, and those who have died. The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our mothers, grandmothers, guardians, and other special women who have brought joy to our lives.

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord,  
*Hear our prayer*

*Celebrant.*

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

*Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree*

*Caroline Hazuda, soloist*

*Somerset folk song  
arr. Alan Bullard  
(b. 1947)*

*1 The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit, and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*2 His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

3 *For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all: but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

4 *I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

5 *This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **Eucharistic Prayer D**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

**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 God thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we ay,

### **Sanctus**

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

***Celebrant and People***

***We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Paul and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

As now, our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***People and Celebrant***

*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.*

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant says*

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

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

**Communion Music**

*Ubi caritas*

*Larry Visser  
(b. 1962)*

*For the Beauty of the Earth*



## Post-communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Blessing

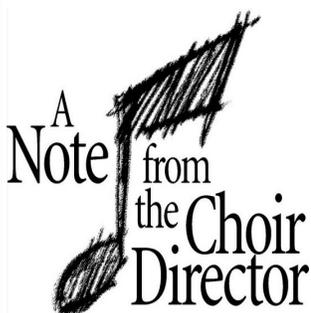
## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Postlude

*O God of Earth and Altar*

*arr. James Mansfield  
(1927-2018)*



About today's music: It is always a pleasure to welcome Caroline Hazuda as our cantor!



ST. PAUL'S PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 9, 2021

Prayer List

Please call the parish office to place a person on the prayer list, they will be on the list for four weeks. *We will bold the names of the people who are coming off the list after this week so you can call if you want them to stay on.*

Please keep the following members and friends of St. Paul's in your prayers:

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|----------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------------------|
| Thomas Miller                    | Michael Millison                         | Don Wood         | Larry Webster            |
| David Wiley                      | Linda Fleetwood                          | Caleb Schneck    | Jennifer Hutcherson      |
| Sally Clark                      | Scott Miller                             | Marlyn Siegel    | Sharon Cook              |
| Richards Tillman                 | Jane Mashburn                            | Jimmy Miller     | Anne Rowland             |
| Ron Brown                        | Dot Abbott                               | Melinda Green    | The Rev. Kevin Cross     |
| Chelsea Ward                     | Sandy Northern                           | Chad Henry       | Marcie Taylor Thoma      |
| Kathryn Marchi                   | Elizabeth Lepre'                         | Tren Ward        | Abbey Rapoport           |
| Irene Kaufmann                   | Allison Kelly                            | Christina Smith  | Trish Reynolds           |
| Becky Richardson                 | Juanita Wooten                           | Charley Johnson  | Michael Chamberlain      |
| Debbie Ambrose                   | Larry Samuels                            | Jack Moore       | Tom Mendenhall           |
| Whitney Wealing                  | Pete Caesar                              | Anthony Loiacono | Nancy Hilton             |
| Brenna Wilson                    | John Perkins                             | Sheila Blake     | Carolyn Lee Crouse       |
| Barbara Pearson Rac              | Nancy Crim                               | Iris Hager       | Donald Couch             |
| Donna Morris                     | Jennifer Gutmann                         | Tricia McMahan   | The Rev. Pete Stanton    |
| Jack Syme                        | Mike Robertson                           | Maureen Whaley   | JoLou and Jerry Klingler |
| Heather Kinnamon                 | Elaine Catchings                         | Trixie Seaton    | Louis & Janet Palmatary  |
| The Reverend Elizabeth Felicetti | Cynthia Klingler Isaacson                |                  |                          |
| The Rev. Sheila N McJilton       | All those suffering with the coronavirus |                  |                          |

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

**Wednesday:** Holy Eucharist at 11:00am, followed by contemplative prayer.

Mid-week Service:

Please join us at 11:00am for an informal Eucharist service. Afterwards you are invited to stay for meditation and healing prayer. This week we will honor the Martyrs of the Sudan.

Next Week's Readings:

- Acts 10:44-48
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17
- Psalm 98

Help Wanted

Our kitchen and counter in the Harper Room are very much in need of a spring cleaning. Given covid restrictions, we are asking interested volunteers to come for an hour or so and tackle a drawer or a cupboard. Many hands make light work! Please see Reverend Mary if you have any questions.

Pentecost

Sunday, May 23 is the Feast of Pentecost. We will be reading the Acts of the Apostles lesson

in many languages. If you are interested in participating, please let Reverend Mary know. You do not need to be fluent in the language.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are asked to sign up in the Coffee Hour Room. Items must be individually packaged. In the event of rain, there will be no coffee hour.



## The Bishop is Coming!

Bishop Santosh Marray will be visiting St Paul's on Sunday, June 27. Parishioners interested in being confirmed or received are asked to see Reverend Mary. Those already confirmed in a denomination upholding apostolic succession, such as Roman Catholics and Lutherans are received.



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## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*  
 The Rev. Mary Friel, *Rector*  
 The Rev. Peggy Samuels, *Deacon*  
 Julia Morris-Myers, *Director of Music*  
 Mike Olson, *Senior Warden*  
 Bob North, Jr. *Warden*  
 Diane Freestate, *Treasurer*  
 Michele Miller, *Parish Administrator/Assistant Treasurer*  
 Peggy Andrews, *Registrar*  
 Laura Bittinger, *Parish Nurse*  
 Laura Kaufmann, *Cantor and Bell Choir Director*  
 Chris Pupke, *Lay Reader Director*  
 Dan Rugg, *Head Usher and Acolyte Director*  
 Arline Mayer, *Volunteer Office Assistant*  
 Jordyn Britton, *Housekeeping*  
 Coleman Sellers, *Sexton*

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### The Vestry

'22 Peggy Andrews  
 Dan Macari  
 Matt Ward  
 '23 Mark Freestate  
 Alan Griffith  
 Catherine Kirchner  
 '24 Sharon Burak  
 Elsie Gerdom  
 Carol Lorditch



*The mission of St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, is to be a strong and caring community of faith, rooted in Christ, welcoming, serving, and loving all.*

	5/9 10:00am	5/16 10:00am
<i>Ministry</i>		
<i>Lector</i>	Ned Aull	Sharon Burak
<i>Ushers</i>		
Commerce St. Usher:	John Friel	Scott Hazuda
Liberty St. Usher:	Kim Hazuda	David Cooper
Inside Church Usher:	Stoney Duffey	Dan Rugg
<i>Counters</i>	Charlotte McClatchy	Byron Luna
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Susan Johnson	Diane Freestate
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sally Cooper	Kathie Moore
	Diane Freestate	Chrissy Aull
	Arline Mayer	Sue Miller
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