

Weekly Bulletin INSERT
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025

Prelude

Gymnopédie I

Erik Satie

Opening Hymn

The spacious firmament on high

Hymnal #409

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray together.

All **Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The First Reading

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

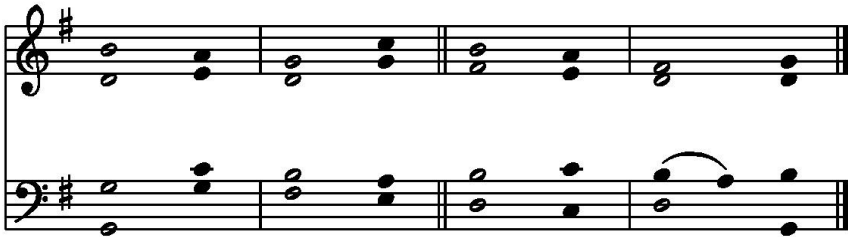
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God**

The Response *When there is a † symbol, start singing from the 3rd measure.*

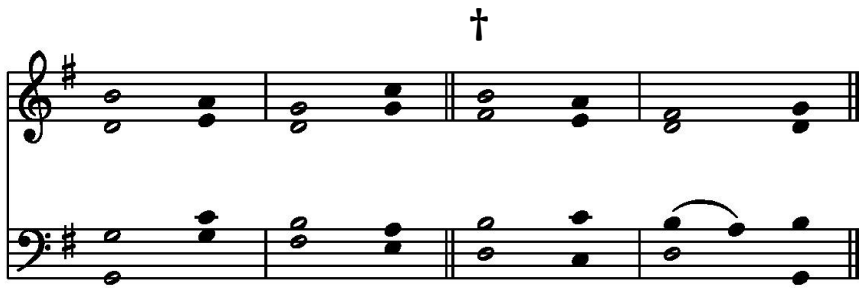
Psalm 79:1-9

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- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.

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- 5 How long will you be angry, O **God**; *
will your fury blaze like fire **forever**?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not **known you** *
and upon the nations that have not called upon your **Name**.
- † 7 For they have devoured **Jacob** *
and made his dwelling a **ruin**.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to **meet us**; *
for we have been brought very **low**.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your **Name**; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's **sake**.

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all -- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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Sequence Hymn

There is a balm in Gilead

LEVAS #203 (see insert)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Deacon or priest

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

All

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs

to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Deacon or priest The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Offertory Anthem	<i>Come, my way, my truth, my life</i>	Harold Friedell
Communion Anthem	<i>Tantum ergo</i>	Théodore Dubois
Closing Hymn	<i>All creatures of our God and King</i>	Hymnal #400
Postlude	<i>Pine apple rag</i>	Scott Joplin

This Week We Pray For:

The Anglican cycle of prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

The Diocesan cycle of prayer: Churches of the North Shore Deanery: St. Peter’s Church, Beverly; St. John’s Church, Beverly Farms; All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore, Danvers; St. John’s Church, Gloucester; and Essex County Community Organization (ECCO)

St. Paul’s Ministries: Altar Guild

Those celebrating birthdays: Randy, Jim, Emily, and John

The Parish Prayer List: Alexis and her Family, Ed, Elisabeth S., Giorgia Boccato, Joe, John, Kai, Kenia & Family, Margaret Wilhelm, Mary, Mary Vu, Maverick, Nancy, Olivia, Phil, Rich, Walter, Fredy, Aiden Chevry, Linda Cutting, 12-Step Groups, and others in need in the Community Prayer Book.

Those who have died: For the victims of violence in Colorado, Charles Kirk, those who die by war or violence, especially in Palestine, Israel, Yemen, Iran, Sudan, and Ukraine.

Serving this Sunday

Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Elise Feyerherm	Altar Guild	Maryann Kurkjian (8:00 am)
Presider	The Rev. Dr. Won-Jae Hur		John Ferguson and Hanna Bae (10:00 am)
Deacon	The Ven. Pat Zifcak	Lectors	John Anderson, Laura Tanis, and Kate Kelley
Server	Worship Team	Chalice Bearers	Elisabeth Choi and Piper Trelstad
Director of Music	Dr. Andrew E. Clarkson	Healing Ministers	Steve Morrissey and Kay BARNED-Smith
Music Ministers	St. Paul’s Choir	Offering Counters	Molly Lanzarotta and Jim Batchelor
Tech Verger	Alan Fried	Greeters	Piper Trelstad and Maria O’Meara
Verger	Kendall Gray	Coffee Hour	Art & Sharlene Wing and Maria O’Meara
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Weekly Announcements

September 21, 2025

Please check our website StPaulsBrookline.org for all Events

Healing Hearts: Bereavement Support Group

Thursday, September 25th at 7:00 pm (The Chapel)

This confidential group, led by Sherilyn Pharr, RN, will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month through September, and provides a safe, non-judgmental space for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Contact office@stpaulsbrookline.org to sign up or just come.

Forum: “Conversation on Climate Change, Public Policy, & Faith” with Prof. Rand Wentworth

(<https://www.hks.harvard.edu/faculty/rand-wentworth>)

September 28, 11:45 am - 12:45 pm, Main Sanctuary

Come join the conversation on climate change, public policy, and Christian faith with Rand Wentworth, scholar, activist, and founder of the Nature for Massachusetts coalition, working to create a dedicated revenue stream for environmental care in Massachusetts.

Taste of the Spirit: An Introduction to Christian Spirituality

Wednesday, September 24, October 8 & 22, November 5 & 19, December 3, 2025,

6:30-7:30 pm, Lichtenberger Room & Online (Optional–Contemplative Practice Group, 6-6:30 pm)

A course for newcomers and anyone curious about exploring the essential questions about Christian faith and life. Register by emailing office@stpaulsbrookline.org to reserve a copy of Michael Himes’ book *Doing the Truth in Love: Conversations about God, Relationships, and Service*. Online access and recording will be available.

Walking in Love as the Jesus Movement in the Episcopal Church

Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm on Zoom: October 1, 15, 29, November 12, December 12, 2025

Online conversation, reflection, and prayer about the Christian tradition as it is lived out in the Episcopal tradition. We’ll be drawing on the book [*Walk In Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*](#). This is for those who are new to or familiar with the Christian faith and the Episcopal Church, recommended for anyone interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. Contact: efeyerherm@stpaulsbrookline.org

Episcopal Path to Creation Justice Program - ENROLLING IN OCTOBER

(<https://www.episcopalcreationpath.org/>)

Do you see climate change as the greatest crisis facing our world today? If so, please join the Climate Action Ministry (CLAM) as we participate in the Episcopal Path to Creation Justice Program, which will run from October into the Spring. Working with an assigned Companion, parishioners at St. Paul’s will engage in monthly meetings to deepen our engagement in and understanding of the Episcopal Covenant for the Care of Creation through exploration of four pillars: Pray, Learn, Act, and Advocate. Through participation we hope to develop spiritually rooted local leaders in climate action at St. Paul’s. All are welcome! Speak with Robert Mallery or contact office@stpaulsbrookline.org for more information.

Save the Date! St. Paul’s 175th Anniversary Events on Saturday, October 18!

Arts & Crafts Show, October 18-19, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.(Parish Hall)

Please register for the St. Paul’s Arts & Crafts Show! We welcome all abilities, ages, talents, and media! Questions can be addressed to Tim at Timothy.smith@rcn.com. **Attending the festival is free and no registration required; if you are sharing and submitting arts or crafts for the show, please use the QR code to register!**

175th Anniversary Evensong Celebration & Reception, 5 pm - 7 pm (Sanctuary & Parish Hall) The Rev. Pam Werntz as Guest Preacher

Also, please join us for St. Paul’s 175th Evensong Anniversary Celebration and Reception after the Arts & Crafts Show! We look forward to a joyful occasion with all of you and guests from throughout the Diocese and the greater Charles River community! Please contact the Church Office at office@stpaulsbrookline.org or 617-566-4953 for additional information.

