

But in the place  
where you have gathered,  
wait.

Watch.

Listen.

Lay aside your inability  
to be surprised,  
your resistance to what you  
do not understand.

See then whether this blessing  
turns to flame on your tongue,  
sets you to speaking  
what you cannot fathom

or opens your ear  
to a language  
beyond your imagining  
that comes as a knowing  
in your bones,  
a clarity  
in your heart  
that tells you

this is the reason  
we were made:  
for this ache  
that finally opens us,

for this struggle,  
this grace  
that scorches us  
toward one another  
and into  
the blazing day.



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 1, 2016

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
25 Church Street, P.O. Box 99  
Prince Frederick, Maryland

**To Our Visitors  
Welcome to St. Paul's Church.**

We invite you to share with us the bread and wine which we believe to be the body of Christ. We sincerely hope that you will visit us again and consider making St. Paul's your church home. Please take a moment and sign our guestbook.

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**May Anniversaries:** Bill & Linda Santiff (05/07), Daniel & Maribeth Wilkins (05/08), Carolyn & Tammy Witt (05/20), Jack & Judy Smack (05/21), Joel & Vicki Signor (05/30).

*Divided tongues, as of fire,  
appeared among them, and a  
tongue rested on each of them.  
—ACTS 2:3*

**THE GRACE THAT SCORCHES US**

Here's one thing  
you must understand  
about this blessing:  
it is not  
for you alone.

It is stubborn  
about this.  
Do not even try  
to lay hold of it  
if you are by yourself,  
thinking you can carry it  
on your own.

To bear this blessing,  
you must first take yourself  
to a place where everyone  
does not look like you  
or think like you,  
a place where they do not  
believe precisely as you believe,  
where their thoughts  
and ideas and gestures

are not exact echoes  
of your own.

Bring your sorrow,  
Bring your grief,  
Bring your fear,  
Bring your weariness,  
your pain,  
your disgust at how broken  
the world is,  
how fractured,  
how fragmented  
by its fighting,  
its war,  
its hunger,  
its penchant for power,  
its careless repetition  
of the history it refuses  
to rise above.

I will not tell you  
this blessing will fix all that.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Please mark your calendars for the following:

1. **TODAY** – Combined Sunday School class
2. **May 8** – Tile Painting for Sunday School
3. **May 15** – Last day of Sunday School, Cross and Crown, and Pentecost Party.

### Reading Camp

The next planning meeting for Reading Camp Calvert 2016 will be held on Monday, May 2 at 6:30 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Prince Frederick. All are welcome to join us as we share ideas and current plans. In addition, we are still seeking volunteers to help us in a variety of different ways. Please join us as we help struggling readers increase their reading skills and develop a passion for reading. For further information, please email Deb Shupe at [deb\\_shupe@comcast.net](mailto:deb_shupe@comcast.net) or call her at 410-231-8150.

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Loretta Folks.*

*Special thanks to Melinda Thompson.*

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Sunday, May 1, 2016 – 10:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Folk Song (Gibbs)</i>	
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>We Plow the Fields</i>	<b>Hymnal, 291</b>
<b>Acclamation</b>		<b>BCP, 355</b>
<b>Gloria</b>		<b>S-278</b>

### Collect

*O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

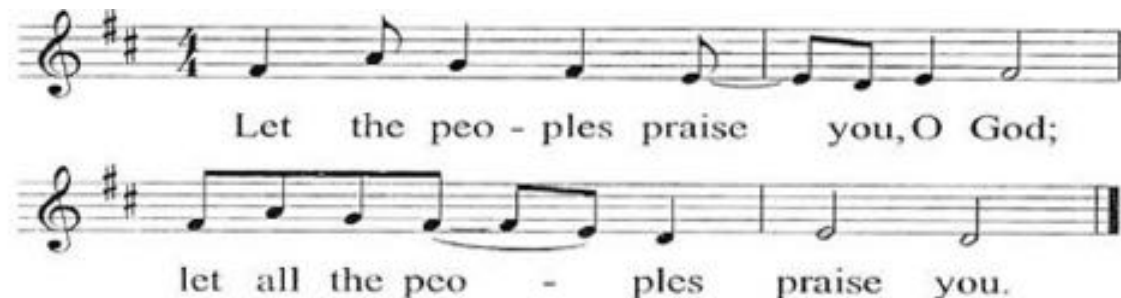
### First Reading

**Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

**Psalm 67**



1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.

*Refrain*

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.

*Refrain*

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

*Refrain*

**Second Reading**

**Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

**TODAY'S SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S**

**10:00 am** **ACOLYTE** Alexis O, Neill  
**LECTORS** Fred Hollmann (L), Janis Hurst (L)  
Michele Lyons (P)  
**CHALICIST** Donna Zapko & Tammy Witt  
**USHERS** Mike & Wanda King  
**TORCHBEARERS** Linnae Krohnert & Sara Mae Krohnert  
**GREETERS** Mary Ellen Boynton  
**VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE** Mike King  
**HOSPITALITY**

**ALTAR GUILD** Josephine Bowen & Carolyn Bays

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY** -- If there is an emergency or pastoral need, please do not hesitate to contact Joanna White at 443-223-0913 (C) or the Parish office during business hours at 410-535-2897. Joanna may also be reached by e-mail at [joannawhite@comcast.net](mailto:joannawhite@comcast.net).

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*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

<b>The Peace</b>		
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>My Peace I Leave with You (Mozart)</i>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Doxology</b>		
<b>THE HOLY COMMUNION</b>		
<b>Eucharistic Prayer B</b>		<b>BCP, 367</b>
<b>Sanctus</b>		<b>S-125</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		<b>BCP, 364</b>
<b>Fraction Anthem</b>		<b>WLP, 875</b>
	<i>"Be known to us Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread"</i>	
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<i>O Blessed Spring</i>	<b>WLP, 765</b>
<b>Post Communion Prayer</b>		<b>BCP, 365</b>
<b>The Blessing</b>		
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>All Things Bright &amp; Beautiful</i>	<b>Hymnal, 405</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>On "Royal Oak" (Harmon)</i>	

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**Sequence Hymn**      *They Cast Their Nets in Galilee*      **Hymnal, 661**

**Gospel**      **John 14:23-29**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going

to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

**Homily**  
**The Nicene Creed**

**Joanna White**  
**BCP, 358**

**Prayers of the People**  
The Right Time to Be Different

God of wisdom, help us to know the right time to be different.

As Noah ignored the laughter of the world,  
*may we follow your will in spite of ridicule.*

As Joseph resisted the invitation of Potiphar's wife,  
*may we control the power of sex in our lives.*

As Daniel risked his life for the right to worship,  
*may we grow day by day in our personal devotion.*

As Amos fearlessly pointed to the sins and failures of his time,  
*may we speak for rightness, justice, and love.*

As David accepted the challenge all other shunned,  
*may we meet the fearful decisions of life.*

As Elizabeth's baby leaped for joy at the coming of the Lord,  
*may we find excitement in your nearness.*

As Mary kept those things and pondered them in her heart,  
*may we take time to meditate on your love.*

As Stephen prayed for those who stoned him,  
*may we learn the virtue of a giving a forgiving heart.*

As Peter was taught not to call anything unclean that you have made clean,  
*may we conquer prejudice and hatred for your sake.*

As Paul responded eagerly to the battle of the Christian life,  
*may we willingly walk in the Spirit.*

As the Son and Man came not to be served but to serve,  
*may we give of our life and time and money for the physical and spiritual good of others. Amen.*

We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble, especially:

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