



*Brookline Community Church*

*May 26, 2022 – Evensong*

*Rev. Catherine A. Merrill, Minister*

**Prelude**

**Invitation to Worship**

**Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Let us come before God with contrite hearts,  
acknowledging our sin and trusting in forgiveness.  
[A time of silence]

Merciful God,

**All: day by day we have failed to believe  
in your presence and your promised forgiveness.  
We have not trusted in your power  
to give the riches we cannot see.  
We have not honored our sisters and brothers  
as heirs of your desired peace.  
We have not forgiven others or ourselves.  
Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth,  
that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty,  
to the glory of your ascended Son. Amen.**

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit, as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus and the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, that with renewed life you may serve this creation and the people of God in peace and strength. God is with you.

## **Lord's Prayer**

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 forever. Amen.

## **Response to the Lord's Prayer**

Leader: O Lord, open thou our lips.

**All: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

## **#805 *Glory Be to the Father***

Leader: Praise ye the Lord.

**All: The Lord's Name be praised.**

**Reading of the Psalms assigned for the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month**

**Psalm 119:145-152, *Clamavi in toto corde meo*, pp. 496-497**

## **#812 *Write these Words on Our Hearts***

**Psalm 119: 153-160, *Vide humilitatem*, p. 497**

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**Psalm 119:161-168, *Principes persecuti sunt*, p. 497**

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**Psalm 119:169-176, *Appropinquet deprecation*, p. 497**

## **#805 *Glory Be to the Father***

**Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 31:10-17, pp. 641-642**

**Response to the Old Testament Lesson, *Magnificat* (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary), Luke 1:46a-55**

## **#805 *Glory Be to the Father***

**Lesson from the New Testament assigned for the Ascension: Luke 24:44-53, p. 861**

**Response to the New Testament Lesson, *Nunc Dimittis*, Luke 2:29-32:**

## **#805 *Glory Be to the Father***

## #14 Apostle's Creed

### Preparation for the Closing Collects

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with thy spirit.**

Leader: Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## #821 Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

### Lord's Prayer

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### Petition for Mercy

Leader: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**All: And grant us thy salvation.**

Leader: O Lord, save our political and spiritual leaders.

**All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Leader: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**All: And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Leader: O Lord, save thy people.

**All: And bless thine inheritance.**

Leader: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**All: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou,  
O God.**

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**All: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

### The First Collect

#### #820 Threefold Amen (Danish)

### The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

#### #820 Threefold Amen (Danish)

### The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

#### #820 Sevenfold Amen

**#809 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

**A Prayer for the Clergy and People**

**#820 Threefold Amen (Danish)**

**A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom**

**#820 Threefold Amen (Danish)**

**2 Corinthians 13:13**

**#820 Sevenfold Amen**

**MINISTRY OF SHARING**

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809 “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. Amen.”**

**\*Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts We’ve Been Given:**

**For the gifts of Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and ascension,  
and for the privilege of offering the fruits of our hands,  
let us give thanks to God with what we have this day.**

**Gracious and giving God,  
you are the One who first has given to us  
all that we need for life.**

**Guide us to use what we now gather  
for the well-being of your church,  
for those in need of shelter and food,  
for all who suffer for want of your Word,  
and for nurturing faith in your people.**

**In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

**Announcements**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 840 God Be with You til We Meet Again**

**Charge to the Congregation**

**Postlude:**

*Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.*



## PRAYER LIST (5/26/22)

- Friends & family of Braedon O'Connor, Elly Austin, Patty Birner, Jesse Delrossi.
- For everyone to stay as healthy as they can in the days to come
- For the friends & families of those who have died alone
- For our church, that we remain patient with the process of re-opening
- For Luca, Amy's nephew, whose treatments continue
- For Joe, Megan's friend, recovering from knee surgery
- For Joelle, Megan's friend & Joe's wife, recovering from heart surgery
- For Polly, John Panto's sister, recovering from a stroke, who's moving into another facility
- For Michael Esposito, friend of Susan and Russell's family, who is out of a coma but facing innumerable surgeries and other medical challenges
- For Cathy, a friend of Marjorie & David, whose family is going through a really rough patch.
- For those involved in the mass shooting in Buffalo, that they might be supported
- For those involved in the shooting in Uvalde, Texas may they find comfort
- For the families trying to find a way around the shortage of baby formula
- For the families navigating the emotional landscape of graduation
- For the expressions of white supremacy that are holding us back from forming a more perfect union
- For the people of Ukraine, who are finding new life in the death that surrounds them this Eastertide
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

### **Household Prayer: Morning<sup>1</sup>**

Gracious God, we thank you for bringing us through the night and for making this new day. You send us out rested and uplifted by your presence. Wherever we go, whatever our work today, whomever we meet, help us to greet our tasks and our leisure with joy. We give you thanks, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

Wondrous Lord, we marvel that this day has ended, filled with marks of your love even in moments of strife. Now give us rest. Comfort those who have no bed this night, and keep them safe. We bow our heads in gratitude for food, work, friends, family, challenges, and accomplishments. We pray this in the name of the One who watches over us day and night. Amen.

### **Questions for Reflection**

How is your faith strengthened by knowing that we do not look for Jesus in only one place but find the Risen One everywhere, because he has ascended to the throne of God?

### **Daily Awareness Reflection<sup>2</sup>**

At the end of the day, I've been asking myself the following questions. I jot down the answers and ask them again the next evening. I've found it helps me to remain centered as well as increasing my awareness of God in my life. It takes about 10 minutes.

1. Slow down. Stop. Prepare yourself to pray by becoming aware of the love with which God looks on you ...
2. Note the gifts God has given you today. Give thanks to God for them ...
3. Ask God that this be a time of special grace and revelation ...
4. With God, review the day. Look at the stirrings of your heart, your thoughts, and your choices as the day progressed. Which have been of God? Which have not? What does God want to say to you about both? ...
5. Ask for forgiveness for failures/omissions, for healing from their effects ...
6. Look forward to the following day, and plan concretely with God how to live it according to God's desire for your life ...

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<sup>1</sup> The Morning & Evening Prayer and Question for Reflection are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion*. Copyright 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Liebert, *The Soul of Discernment* (Louisville, KY: John Knox Press, 2015), 31.

## Announcements

The church's financial obligations continue. If you are able, please mail your offering to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
April	\$23,994	\$33,647	(\$9,654)

Please shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Brookline Community Church as your charity to support the church. Thanks!

There are several ways to send your offering.

1. Text "GIVE" to 603-506-4455 for your first time. Click "Sign In" then "Register for an Account"

2. Scan the QR code



3. Mail to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.

### **VFW Memorial Day Remembrance on the Town Hall Steps, 5/30, 9:30am**

After a hiatus of a couple years, we are able to gather again on Memorial Day to remember those we've lost. Please join the VFW and American Legion veterans, as well as Rev. Cath, who will offer the invocation, on Memorial Day at the Town Hall.

### **Homeless keys looking for an owner on the back table:**

In tidying up the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor classrooms, we found a number of keys that are looking for a home. They may have been there a while, so see if they were the set you were never able to find! See Susan Haight ([sdlhaight@gmail.com](mailto:sdlhaight@gmail.com)) for more details.

### **Order Your June Take Home Meal Now: Smoked Barbeque**

On SATURDAY, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm, there will be a special Take Home Meal pick up of barbeque, cornbread and other sides. There's a limited number of dinners (we really mean it!), so get your order in now.

### **May is Military Appreciation Month, bring in any extra cards we can send**

Outreach is putting together a note writing campaign to send notes to our military personnel. If you have spare note cards, please bring them in. Contact Amy ([arazz3914@gmail.com](mailto:arazz3914@gmail.com)) for more details.

### **Make Sure to Get Your Parking Placards for the Lake!**

We hope to worship more often at the Lake than in previous years. So make sure you have an up to date parking placard.

## Looking for feedback on changes in our Covid protocols

Over the next few weeks we'll be experimenting with changes in our Covid-19 protocols, trying to relax some of our guidelines. Our intention is to help folks feel more connected with one another. But the same changes might feel great for some and off-putting for others. Please speak with Rev. Cath, Ann or any of the deacons to let us know how the changes make you feel.

## Free Covid Home Tests

1. Gov. Sununu [announced a program to deliver free Covid home tests to NH residents](#). You just go to [the program's website](#), put in your zip code and then follow the prompts. They're delivered via Amazon.

2. The federal government will deliver four tests to your home. Just enter your details on a special [US Post Office web page](#). And if you've ordered 4 in the past, you can get four more the same way!

## Brookline Food Pantry

Although we cannot be together physically at this time, Outreach is continuing to work through the Brookline Welfare office & CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) to address our community's needs.

The Brookline food pantry is now open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2:00 for drop-offs only. There is a list on the [Brookline Food Pantry's Facebook page that is being updated as items are needed](#).

There's a family who has just become guardians of a little girl. They're looking for:

T-shirts/Onesies (long & short sleeve)	Size 5T shoes (summer closed-toe sandals and sneakers)
Leggings	Mother & Child gift card
Summer PJ's (long and short sleeve)	Target Gift Card
Spring Coat	Toddler Bed-size bedding
Light Sweatshirts/sweaters	

For the food pantry, in addition to Market Basket gift cards, this week, they're looking for:

laundry detergent	toilet paper
dish soap	kitchen sponges

If you know of anyone who could use some help from the Food Pantry, please let Angie or Amy know. We sense there's more need in the community than is currently picking up food.

Non-perishables can be dropped off at Brookline Town Hall (downstairs near the Town Clerk's Office), at the Brookline Post Office, or at the Cozy Tae Cart any time those places are open.

As always, perishable items such as bread, cheese, butter, eggs, meats, and milk can be donated during open pantry hours: Tues and Thurs, 10am - 2pm.



### **Habitat for Humanity Build in Nashua**

Although they are not accepting volunteer builders at the moment, we have provided a financial donation to Habitat for Humanity in Nashua. They are currently working on a duplex for two female veterans and their kids. Habitat would welcome financial contributions at this time as well.

### **Help Lines**

This time of isolation can be very difficult. You may know someone who needs some support beyond what you can provide. We're in this together.

- Suicide prevention: 1-800-273-8255
- Sexual assault: 1-800-656-4673
- Domestic violence: 1-800-799-7233