

**Quarterly Pax Mass**  
**with Fr. Warren Harvey of Pax Christi Little Rock**  
**June 19, 2025 // #PaxMass**

5:00 Pacific / 6:00 Mountain / 7:00 Central / 8:00 PM Eastern

Readings are the readings for today, the Thursday of the Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time, from the Inclusive Lectionary.

**President: Fr. Warren Harvey**

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**Welcome:**

*Judy Coode, Pax Christi USA Communications Director*

*+ We celebrate this Mass in memory of John Baum from Pax Christi Long Island*

**OPENING SONG: All are Welcome (All Belong)**  
***Heidi Villaluz, Pax Christi Southern California***

*Refrain:*

All are welcome in this place.  
Behold Love's amazing grace.  
All are welcome! All are welcome!  
Bring your hopes, bring your dreams.  
Mercy flows and Love redeems!  
All are welcome! All belong!

1. Welcome, all the broken-hearted,  
all who sorrow and despair.  
You are not alone, for you are God's own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

2. Welcome, all who suffer violence,  
all who long for safety and for peace.  
You are not alone, for you are God's own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

4. Welcome, all who work for justice,  
bringing hope, charity and peace!  
You are not alone, for you are God's own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

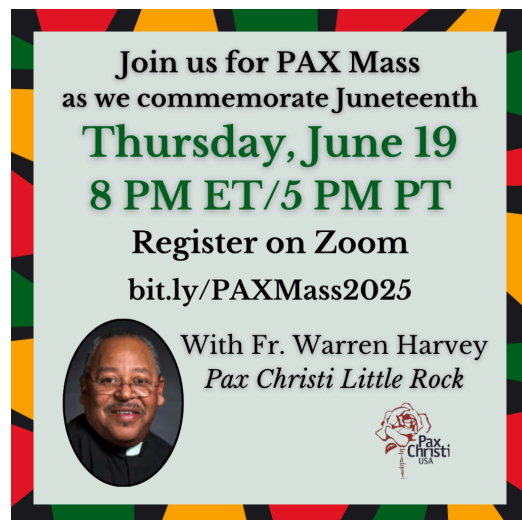
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**Opening prayer**

**First reading**

*2 Corinthians 11:1-11*

*Reader: Sherry Simon, Pax Christi Little Rock, National Council Chair*



## A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Will you endure a little of my foolishness? Humor me, please. You see, the jealousy that I feel for you is God's own jealousy: I stood as witness to your marriage with Christ to testify about your purity before Christ. My fear is that you – just as our first parents were deceived by the cunning of the serpent – will let your ideas get corrupted and turned away from simple and pure devotion to Christ. I say this because when someone comes preaching a Jesus other than the one we preached, or telling you to receive a different Spirit than the spirit you received, or to accept a gospel other than the Gospel you accepted, you seem to endure it quite well. I consider myself not the least bit inferior to the “super apostles.” I may be unskilled in speech, but I'm certainly not lacking in knowledge. We have made this evident to you in every conceivable way. I lowered myself to elevate you – I proclaimed the gospel of God to you without cost. Was that a sin? I robbed other churches by receiving financial support from them while serving you. and while I was with you, I was careful not to be a burden to anyone – any time I needed anything, my Macedonian coworkers supplied what I needed. I've kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so. As surely as the truth of Christ is in me, nobody in all of Achaia will prevent me from boasting. And you think I don't love you? God knows I do.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Reader: Camila Perez, Pax Christi USA Staff*

*Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8*

**Camila: Your works, O God, are justice and truth.**

I will give thanks to the God with all my heart  
in the company and assembly of the just.  
Great are the works of the God,  
exquisite in all their delights.

**All: Your works, O God, are justice and truth.**

Majesty and glory are God's work,  
and this justice endures forever.  
God has won renown for these wondrous deeds;  
gracious and merciful is God.

**All: Your works, O God, are justice and truth.**

The works of God's hands are faithful and just;

sure are all precepts,  
Reliable forever and ever,  
wrought in truth and equity.

**All: Your works, O God, are justice and truth.**

### **Alleluia**

You have received a spirit of adoption as children  
through which we cry: *Abba!*

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Gospel**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

*Matthew 6:7-15*

And when you pray, don't babble like the Gentiles. They think God will hear them if they use a lot of words. Don't imitate them. Your God knows what you need before you ask it. This is how you are to pray:

Abba God in heaven, hallowed be your name!

May your reign come, may your will be done on Earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread of tomorrow.

And forgive us our debts, as we hereby forgive those who are indebted to us.

Don't put us to the test, but free us from evil.

If you forgive the faults of others, Abba God will forgive you yours. If you don't forgive others, neither will Abba God forgive you.

**Homily: Fr. Warren Harvey, Pax Christi Little Rock**



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**Prayers of the faithful**

*Reader: Michelle Sherman, Pax Christi USA Staff*

## **Our response is: God of peace, hear our prayer.**

For Pope Leo XIV and other leaders of our Church, that they be guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and walk with the people of God in our shared journey of faith. May civic leaders listen to the words of Pope Leo, spoken at this week's general audience: "We must not become accustomed to war. Rather, we must push against the allure of powerful and sophisticated weapons as a temptation." (*Pause for silent prayer*) We pray: God of peace, hear our prayer.

For the nations and peoples suffering through war and violent conflict, especially Palestine, Israel, Iran, Sudan, Haiti, Yemen, Ukraine, Colombia, Mexico, the Philippines, and so many other areas of the world, that nonviolent solutions will be found and peace will prevail. (*Pause for silent prayer*) We pray: God of peace, hear our prayer.

Today we celebrate Juneteenth. On this day of freedom and liberation, we celebrate with all people of goodwill that we might walk arm in arm towards justice for all. O God, breathe into us your eternal breath, that we may never tire of ensuring a flourishing life for all people, but most especially, those whose generational growth has been stifled by the trauma of being enslaved. Continue to show us your goodness, that we may have the strength to advance your kingdom with humility, solidarity, and justice. We pray: God of peace, hear our prayer.

During this month of gun violence prevention, we pray for all victims: survivors and perpetrators of gun violence. Let our voices be raised asking our legislators to enact gun laws to protect all in our society, especially those most vulnerable. Let our pens write messages demanding change while also scripting words of hope and transformation, trusting that another way is possible. We pray: God of peace, hear our prayer.

During this month of PRIDE, may we never stop expanding the borders of love and acceptance for queer, trans, brown, black, and white bodies of all abilities. Soften hearts to welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, in all of the bodies in which they encompass. Teach us to learn and relearn, with humility, excitement, and joy. We pray: God of peace, hear our prayer.

We pray in support for the many grassroots churches and immigrant communities who are promoting justice amid the ICE raids and ongoing violence and escalation. Undaunted by the mounting tensions, insecurity, and chaos these peacemakers persist in conducting nonviolent actions, prayer vigils, and demonstrations in solidarity with immigrant communities across the country. We pray: God of peace, hear our prayer.

For all the members of this community who have died, especially *John Baum from Pax Christi Long Island*, that God's light may shine on them and on all we have lost. (*Pause for silent prayer*) We pray: God of peace, hear our prayer.

For these and all the intentions on our hearts tonight, let us pray to God.

**All: God of peace, hear our prayer.**



**Liturgy of the Eucharist**  
**Invitation to prayer**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right and just.**

**Preface**

**All:** Holy, Holy, Holy God Lord of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Mystery of Faith**

**Doxology**

**All:** Amen

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sign of peace:** We invite you to extend a sign of peace through the screen to all gathered!

**Lamb of God**

**COMMUNION RITE and Communion**

**Communion song: Rain Down**

*Heidi Villaluz*

*Refrain*

Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love, God of life.

1. Faithful and true is the word of our  
God.  
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.  
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;  
full of God's love is the earth.

3. God of creation, we long for your truth;  
you are the water of life that we thirst.  
Grant that your love and your peace touch  
our hearts,  
all of our hope lies in you.

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**Prayer after Communion****Final blessing****Announcements and goodwill offering:**

*National Conference announcements:*

- Register for the [National Conference in Detroit](#), July 25-27!
- Reserve your hotel room by **June 24- use [this link to book your room at the Detroit Marriott](#)**.

*Daniel Francis, Director of Development*



**Closing song: Lift Every Voice and Sing**  
**Heidi Villaluz**

Lift every voice and sing,  
 Till earth and heaven ring,  
 Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
 Let our rejoicing rise  
 High as the list'ning skies,  
 Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past  
 has taught us,  
 Sing a song full of the hope that the present  
 has brought us;  
 Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
 Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years,  
 God of our silent tears,  
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
 Thou who hast by Thy might,  
 Led us into the light,  
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
 Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
 May we forever stand,  
 True to our God,  
 True to our native land.

