THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. George Adamik, Celebrant Devin McGinnis, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST AND BAPTISM 9:00 A.M. SERVICE JULY 23, 2023

Processional Come, Labor On Hymn 541

# Liturgy of the Word

# **Opening Acclamation**

The Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

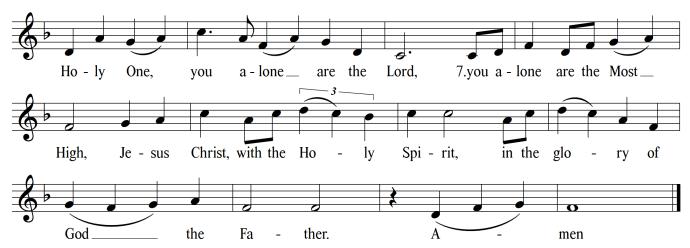
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

The following is sung.





# **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

#### Children's Processional

For the Beauty of the Earth Verse 1 Hymn 416

Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### First Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

A Reading from Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \* you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \* and are acquainted with all my ways.
- Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \* but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \* and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \* it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*
  where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*
  if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \* and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \* and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \* and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; \* darkness and light to you are both alike.
- Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \* try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \* and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

# **Second Reading**

Romans 8:12-25

A Reading from Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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 labor 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.

Gradual For the Fruit of All Creation Hymn 424

**Gospel** Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

People

**Homily** Devin McGinnis

**Holy Baptism** 

Baptismal Candidates and Sponsors gather around the Font.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Baptism

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Candidates (adults and older children) who are able to answer for themselves are presented by their sponsors who say

Sponsor I present N. to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

The Candidates (infants and younger children) are presented by their parents and godparents who say

Parents and Godparents I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and

**BCP 301** 

life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant then asks the candidates, and the parents and godparents

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents I do

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents 1 do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents *I do.*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and

born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at

the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the

prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

#### **Prayers for the Candidates**

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Celebrant then says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism BCP 307

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all the candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Carol Yeargin, Organist

**Offertory Response** All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

Eucharistic Prayer 3 Enhancing Our Worship I

The people remain standing.

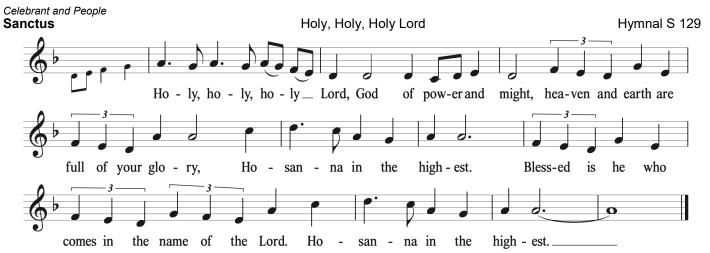
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### The Celebrant proceeds.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



#### The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

### **Memorial Acclamation**

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

# The Celebrant then continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

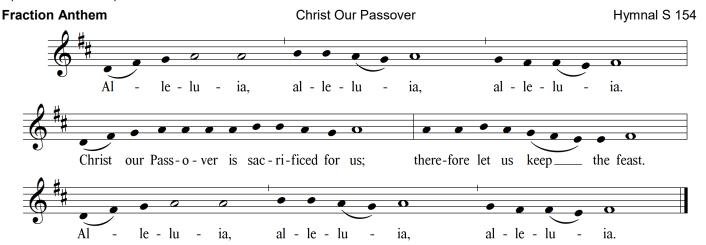
People and Celebrant

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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**

A period of silence is kept.



#### **Holy Communion**

The Celebrant says

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

All are welcome to come forward for communion. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.

If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you.

If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup.

If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer. A priest is also available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest corner of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

#### **Communion Music**

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord Here, O My Lord Hymn 604 Hymn 318

If you are at home or otherwise unable to take communion, you may say the following prayer.

### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

# **Final Prayer**

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### Blessing

Recessional

All My Hope on God is Founded

Hymn 665

## **Dismissal**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

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### **JULY 23, 2023**

**New to St. Paul's?** Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat with Greeters and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or the Episcopal Church. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to learn more.

**Children's Chapel:** Children ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and return to their families during announcements.

**Coffee Hour:** The Children's Ministry Committee invites everyone to join us after the 9 a.m. service for Coffee & Chaos! We have coffee for adults and snacks for children just outside the Parish Hall lobby. The playground is open for free play, and the lobby has seats and restrooms inside. This is not just for families: all are welcome.

Adult Formation: Forums resume in September.

Children's Sunday School, Youth Programming and EYC: All resume in September.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Newcomer Tour:** Those new or newly returned to St. Paul's who wish to know more can join a tour of our campus on the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. Meet at the Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby).

**Dorcas Ministries Christmas in July:** St. Paul's is partnering with Dorcas Ministries in Cary for the Christmas in July campaign to stock their very busy food pantry. On Sunday of each week, we will be collecting very specific items in a bin in the narthex. Please abide by the schedule and drop *only the item of the week* each Sunday. Questions? Contact Mary Kintz (mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org).

Today: Toothpaste and Toothbrushes

July 30: Dog and Cat Food

**Youth Fellowship with Episcopal Farmworker Ministry:** The Youth of La Sagrada Familia in Newton Grove invite the Youth of St. Paul's Cary to Episcopal Farmworker Ministry today, July 23rd. We will attend church at La Sagrada Familia at 12 noon, eat lunch together and play soccer and field games. Meet in the parking lot of St. Paul's at 10:30 a.m. to carpool. We will be back at St. Paul's by 4 p.m.

Racial Justice Summer Book Groups: The St. Paul's Racial Justice Planning Group is offering three different selections for our summer reading series. We will have one 90-minute, in-person discussion group for each book on Sunday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at the church. Our selection for the July 30 discussion is "Beloved," by Toni Morrison. Please sign up in advance on the website or contact Aleta McClenney at aleta@att.net if you have questions.

Adult Formation summer Reading: Adult Formation is offering a six-week reading/discussion opportunity based on "Wholehearted Faith," the exceptional final work of Rachel Held Evans. The first meeting will be Wednesday evening, August 2, from 7-8 p.m. on Zoom. Register for the group by emailing Gerri Batchelor at gerrikairos@gmail.com

**Prayer List:** Adelaide, Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Lytvinenko family in Ukraine, Christa, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Melanie, Wendy, Clarence and Susan, Jodi, Lynn, Laura, Margaret, Ava, Millie, Ruby, Mary Jo, Sally, Bob, Thomas, Coby, Mary, Cindy, Nancy, Virginia, Daija, Dorothy, Kim, Lindsey, Des, Craig, Megan, Mary, Christine, Lizzie, Kathy, Russell, Christine, Alton, Doug and Jill.

In the prayer for the deceased we pray for Richard Tiller, father of Ellen Krannitz.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to announcements@stpaulscary.org. Please note that there is a 2 week lead time on printed announcements.

