



# PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

221 Union Street • Cary, North Carolina 27511

**NINTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

*The Rev. George Adamik, Celebrant*  
*The Rev. Alice Graham Grant, Homilist*

**HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
JULY 30, 2023**

**Prelude**

Carol Yeargin, Organist

**Processional**

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 488

## Liturgy of the Word

### Opening Acclamation

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

*Glory to God for ever and ever.*

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

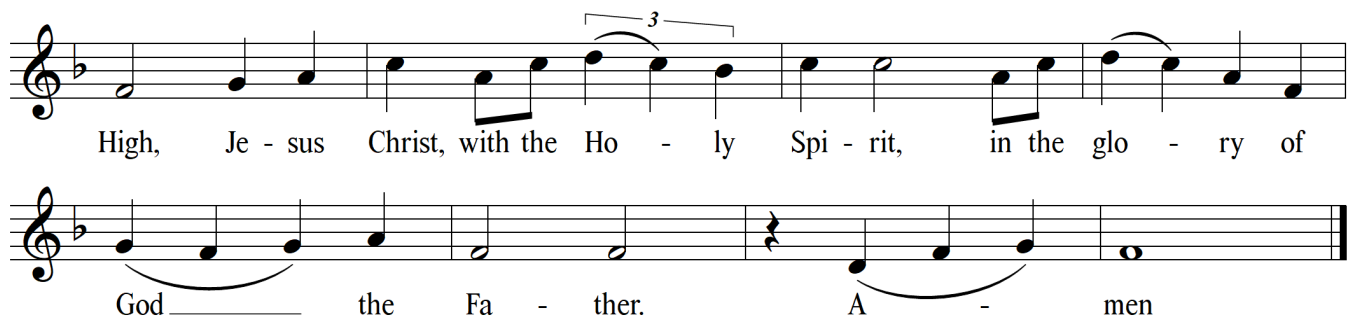
*The following is sung.*

### Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace — to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might-y — God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone — are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most —



### Collect of the Day

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### Children's Processional

For the Beauty of the Earth

Hymn 416

#### Verse 1

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

### First Reading

Genesis 25:15-28

A Reading from Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

### Psalms of the Day

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the LORD our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance."
- 45b Hallelujah!

## Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

A Reading from Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

## Gradual

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Hymn 635

## Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

## Homily

The Rev. Alice Graham Grant

## Nicene Creed

*All who are able, stand.*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day*

he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

People's Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

### Confession of Sin

BCP 360

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All who are able, kneel. Minister and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

### Announcements

## 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

Enriching 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:

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are  
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*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**

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*People and Celebrant*

*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.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **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, including children. 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**

Thy Kingdom Come  
Now the Silence, Now the Peace

Hymn 615  
Hymn 333

*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 Dismissal**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Hymn 388

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Postlude**

Carol Yeargin, Organist

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

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## **JULY 30, 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](mailto: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:** Join us for a special forum on reading and praying the Psalms presented by Duke Divinity School intern Madeleine Preston this morning at 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel.

**Children's and Youth Sunday School 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](mailto:mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org)).

Today: Dog and Cat Food

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

**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](mailto: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, Jill, Jane and Roger.

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](mailto:announcements@stpaulscary.org). Please note that there is a 2 week lead time on printed announcements.



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