

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats Celebrant and Homilist HOLY EUCHARIST 9:00 A.M. SERVICE JULY 9, 2023

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Hymn 482

Prelude

Processional

Lord of All Hopefulness

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

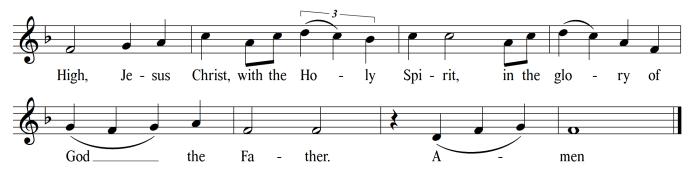
People

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.



Enriching Our Worship I



Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 Verse 1 Children's Chapel is for children ages 3 to 5th grade. Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Hymn 416

First Reading

A Reading from Genesis.

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 45:11-18

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; * forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; * he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; * the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *

her gown is cloth-of-gold.

- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; * after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, * and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; * you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; *

therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

A Reading from Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader People	The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Gradual	Father, We Thank Who Has Planted	Hymn 302
Gospel	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	
People	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, Lord Christ.	

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

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.

The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats

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

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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Announcements

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Enriching Our Worship I

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

Eucharistic Prayer 3

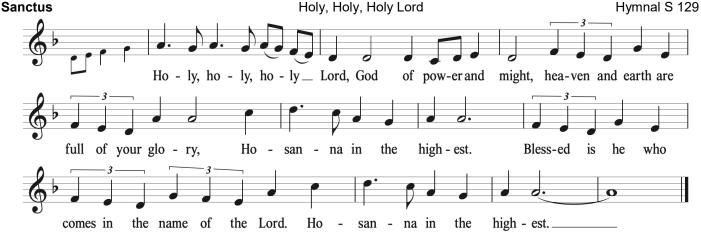
The people remain standing.				
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.			
People	And also with you.			
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.			
People	We lift them to the Lord.			
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.			
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.			

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



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

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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.

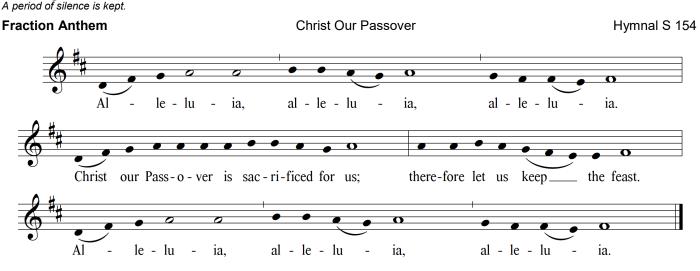
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

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



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.

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Communion Music

For the Bread Which You Have Broken How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds Hymn 341 Hymn 644

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

Rlassing

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.

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Recessional Dismissal	Jesus Shall Reign Where E'er the Sun	Hymn 544
Deacon People	Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.	
Postlude		Carol Yeargin, Organist

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Martha Water's birthday by her family.

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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 through 5th 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 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: Personal Care items (feminine hygiene, bar soap, shampoo) July 16: Baking Items (sugar, flour, cooking oil, mixes) July 23: Toothpaste and Toothbrushes July 30: Dog and Cat Food

Vacation Bible Camp Thank You: Vacation Bible Camp was a blast! The children and youth made new friends, made music, played games, and learned of God's love for them. Thank you to our VBC leadership team, youth leaders, and all who bought supplies, set up, served snacks, planned and taught lessons, and cleaned up. Children have experienced God's love through each of you. Thank you!

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 on Sunday, 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. Please sign up by July 20th by emailing Ben Bricio, Youth Coordinator, at youth@stpaulscary.org.

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.

Prayer List: Adelaide, Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Lytvinenko family in Ukraine, Christa, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Melanie, Wendy, Clarence and Susan, Jodi, Lynn, Clint, 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, Judy, Russell, Christine, Alton, Doug and Jill.

In the prayer for the deceased, we pray for Dorothy Duke, wife of Steve Duke and for Thomas Thornton, father of Peter Thornton.

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.



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