



PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

221 Union Street • Cary, North Carolina 27511

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Prelude

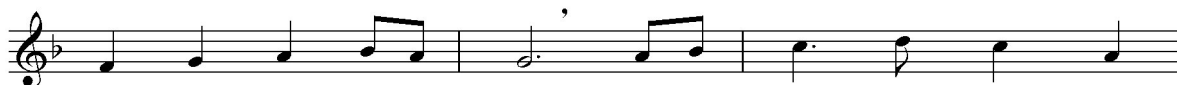
Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



1. all can safe - ly — live, a — place where saints and
2. words are strong and — true, where all God's chil - dren
3. wa - ter, wine and — wheat: a — ban - quet hall on
4. yond the wood and — stone to — heal and streng - then,
5. songs and vi - sions heard and — loved and trea - sured,



1. chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give; built of
2. dare — to — seek to — dream God's reign a - new. Here the
3. ho - ly — ground, where peace and — jus - tice meet. Here the
4. serve — and — teach, and — live the — Word they've known. Here the
5. taught — and — claimed as — words with - in the Word. Built of

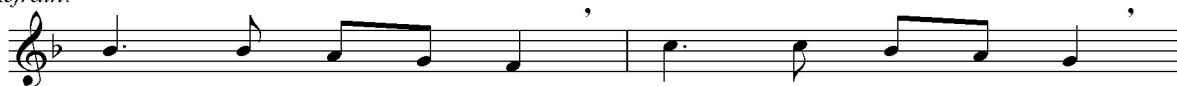


1. hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
2. cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
3. love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
4. out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's
5. tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of



1. grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
2. grace; here as we share in Christ claim the faith of Je - sus:
3. space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
4. face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
5. grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

Refrain:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come,



all are wel - come in this place. —

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for 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 278

(Organ)

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;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
(Organ) 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
(Organ) Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Children's Processional

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymn 405

Verse 1

Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

A Reading from Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Psalms of the Day

Psalms 149

- 1 Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

A Reading from Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Gradual

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Hymn 674

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People *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

The Morning Trumpet
Emery Anderson, trumpet

Offertory Response

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

Eucharistic Prayer B*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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People***Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S 128

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

(organ)

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation*Celebrant and People**We remember his death,**We proclaim his resurrection,**We await his coming in glory;**The Celebrant then continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through

him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

Where True Charity and Love Dwell
Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky

Hymn 606
Hymn 3

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

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymn 518

Dismissal

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 and in thanksgiving for family by Sue Harrison.

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SEPTEMBER 20, 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 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 (Parish Hall): Join us after the 9 a.m. service as the Youth and Children's Committees and the Fellowship Events team host an ice cream social and Bounce House for coffee hour.

Adult Formation: Forums resume September 17.

Children's Sunday School: Meet your teachers today! Enjoy an ice cream treat in the Parish Hall at 10:15 a.m. and find your classroom.

Youth Sunday School: Join us this morning in the Youth Wing at 10:15 a.m. to share ice cream and stories with everyone!

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community): Evening programs return next week, 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

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. No sign up is necessary; meet at the welcome station in the narthex (lobby).

Children/Youth Programming Kickoff Celebration Today: The Youth and Children's Committees and the Fellowship Events team invite you to celebrate the beginning of another program year! Youth will meet in the Youth Wing at 10:15 a.m. for ice cream and fellowship. Children will begin in the Parish Hall at 10:15 a.m. for ice cream and a Bounce House! There will be time for children and youth to meet their Sunday School teachers and see their classrooms. Newcomers are definitely welcome!

ONE Wake Candidate Assembly: ONE Wake is asking all member organizations, especially those of us in Cary, to turn out in force on Monday, September 18 at 7 p.m. at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, to show support for initiatives around affordable housing in Cary. Hear from candidates for Cary Town Council as they respond to ONE Wake's proposals to assist those being displaced by development. All are welcome, whether you vote in Cary or not. Register online to stand with neighbors who are gradually losing ground. Questions? Email onewake@stpaulscary.org.

Pre-EYC Starts September 17: Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Pre-EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is a twice monthly gathering for 4th and 5th graders that builds church friendships through games, food and service. Pre-EYC is active in outreach, both here at church and in the community. Our first meeting is Sunday, September 17th from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We hope you'll bring a friend! For more info email churchschool@stpaulscary.org.

ASP Support Team Open House: The Appalachia Service Project (ASP) support team is holding an open meeting/social on Thursday, September 21 at 7 p.m. for adults interested in how we work behind the scenes to uphold this ministry. Bring a beverage (lemonade, beer, soda, etc) and join us in the courtyard. Learn how we plan the logistics; hear stories of the impact ASP has had over 24 years of involvement. Find out if you can fill a role in helping us plan for the future of this ministry. Contact Kevin Swann at swann.kev@gmail.com with questions. In case of rain, we'll meet in the Parish Hall.

Safe Church Training In-person Course: St. Paul's is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for adults and children. One of the ways our faith family maintains a safe environment is through Safe Church Training. Those required to take Safe Church Training include clergy, staff, vestry, those who work with children and youth, as well as anyone who makes at-home or other visits on behalf of the church. St. Paul's is offering a 2-hour in-person training on Sunday, September 24th at 1:30 p.m. for anyone who is able to attend. Please sign up by emailing Regan Dunlap, Children's Ministry Coordinator, at churchschool@stpaulscary.org.

Mental Health Panel Discussion: The Resilience Ministry at St. Paul's is sponsoring a panel discussion for adults on mental health in children and youth on Sunday, October 1 from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Mother Alice will moderate the program as Psychologist Kate Bridgers, Clinical Psychologist Julie Lee-Jacobs and Psychiatrist Laura Polite share their perspectives on topics of concern to parents and family members in our community. RSVP is necessary for planning purposes; a light meal will be provided. More details, including the sign up form, are available on the St. Paul's website or by contacting Howard Loughlin at hloughlin@earthlink.net.

Parish Celebration October 8: The St. Paul's Vestry is sponsoring a parish-wide celebration on Sunday, October 8 from 4 - 7 p.m. Come and try a Low Country Boil feast prepared in our new kitchen; vegan and chicken options will be available as well. Come out for the fun! Sign ups will be available soon.

Prayer List: Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Lytvinenko family in Ukraine, Christa, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Wendy, Clarence and Susan, Jodi, Lynn, Laura, Margaret, Ava, Millie, Ruby, Mary Jo, Sally, Bob, Thomas, Coby, Mary, Cindy, Nancy, Virginia, Daija, Kim, Lindsey, Des, Craig, Megan, Mary, Christine, Lizzie, Kathy, Russell, Christine, Alton, Doug, Jill, Jane, Roger, Brook, Guy, Cody, Margie, Katie, Michael, Jule, Janet, Ron, and Liz.

In the prayer for the deceased we pray for David Lee West, husband of Peggy West and for Kathy Goldston, Dorcas Food Pantry Manager.

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.



St. Paul's Website