

St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Alice Graham Grant, Celebrant
The Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
OCTOBER 22, 2023

Prelude

Julie Mitchell, Guest Organist

Processional

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Hymn 377

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Celebrant says

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

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

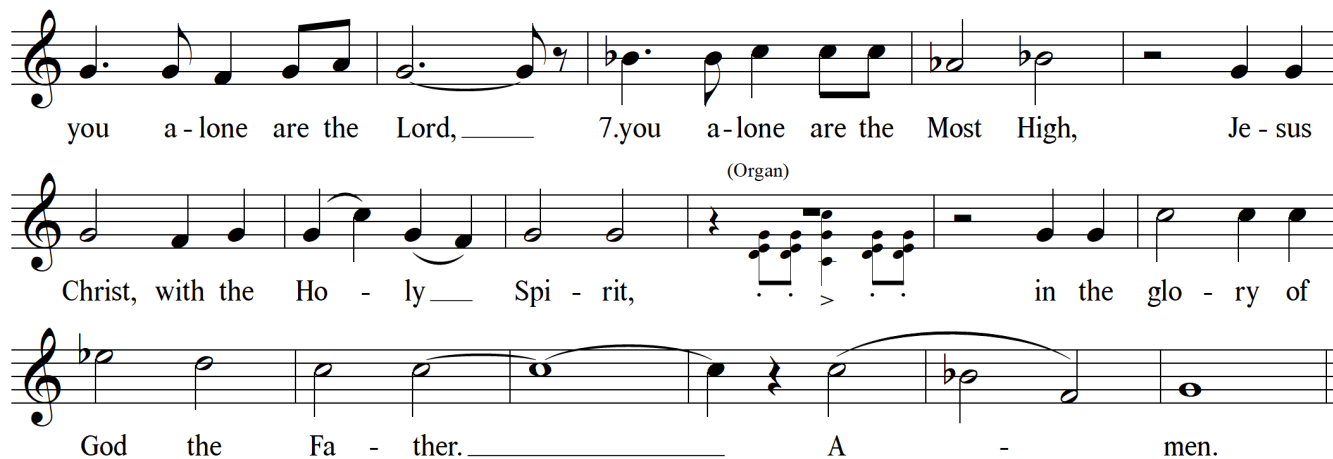
Gloria

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,



Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

All Things Bright and Beautiful
 Verse 1

Hymn 405

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

First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

A Reading from Exodus.

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is King;
 let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
 let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
 he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
 he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
 you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
 and fall down before his footstool; *
 he is the Holy One.

- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A Reading from First Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

Jesus, Our Mighty Lord

Hymn 478

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Homily

The Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista

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

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Reflection

Stewardship 2024:
Forward Together in Faith

Melissa Raasch

Announcements

BCP 360

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

O Come Ye Servants of the Lord
St. Paul's Choir

Christopher Tye

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.
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

O God of Earth and Altar
I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew

Hymn 591

Hymn 689

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

Jennifer Mitchell, Guest Organist

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

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October 22, 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): Hosted this week by the Prayer Stitchers Ministry. Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Our Fall Series is on *The Path to Beloved Community*. Join us today for a presentation by a presentation by the Rev. Brooks Graebner, the diocesan historiographer.

Children's Sunday School (Education Building): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m. Newcomers welcome.

Youth Sunday School (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m. Newcomers welcome.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Meets this evening for fun at the Corn Maze at Phillips Farm, 4-6 p.m.

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

Online Wednesday Evening Prayer: The Adult Formation Committee and the Racial Justice Planning Group are teaming up to offer conversations and evening prayer on Wednesday evenings in October from 7 - 8 p.m. on Zoom. Please sign up in advance so that we can send the Zoom link and share any brief readings ahead of time. Email Aleta McClenney at aleta@att.net with any questions.

Book Study and Conversation on "Life of the Beloved:" Join Devin McGinnis on October 22 and 29 from 5-6 p.m. in the Chapel as he leads a discussion on "Life of the Beloved," by Henri Nouwen, one of the great spiritual writers of the 20th century. This work is described as "One of Nouwen's greatest legacies to seekers of all backgrounds." All are welcome to join this discussion.

Adult Confirmation and Inquirers' Class: Preparation for adults interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church will be in the form of a retreat on Saturday, October 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participation in this retreat for reflection and learning is open to any adults who wish to explore their faith more deeply. Intent to be confirmed is NOT required. Please contact Fr. Javier (javier@stpaulscary.org) if you would like to learn more.

Youth Confirmation and Inquirers' Classes: Youth (9th grade and older) who are interested in Confirmation can participate in classes on October 22, 29 and November 5, 10:15-11 a.m. in the Education Building. These classes are open to youth who wish to explore their faith more deeply; intent to be confirmed is NOT required. Confirmation will be celebrated at the 9 a.m. service on November 12. Please contact Mother Alice (alice@stpaulscary.org) for more information.

Bishop's Visit and Confirmation: Bishop Sam Rodman will visit St. Paul's on November 12, 2023, for his annual visitation. He will preside and preach at the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services, with Confirmation celebrated at the 9 a.m. service. He will also lead an adult formation offering at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel.

Reverse Trick or Treat: Children and their parents are invited to join us at Glenaire Retirement Community today, October 22, at 3:45 p.m. for a reverse Trick or Treat. Wear your costumes and come knock on doors, passing out smiles and treats to the residents. Contact Regan Dunlap, Children's Ministry Coordinator, at regan.dunlap@stpaulscary.org for details if you would like to learn more and join us.

Youth Food Distribution Event: Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Newton Grove, NC hosts a food distribution once a month, bringing boxes of food to 200+ families in need. You are welcome to join St. Paul's youth as we support this event by volunteering to work between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. Wear comfortable shoes. If you can only stay for part of the day, that's ok too! We will gather in the Youth Wing at 9 a.m. to leave by 9:15 a.m. If you would rather meet us there, the address is 2989 Easy St., Dunn, NC 28334. To volunteer, contact Youth Coordinator Ben Bricio at youth@stpaulscary.org.

Halloween Carnival & Trunk or Treat: On October 29, Youth Ministries invites all children, families and friends to a Halloween Carnival and Trunk or Treat! There will be fun games and activities by the Youth Wing, and Trunk or Treat in the St. Paul's parking lot. We invite all St. Paul's ministries to decorate a car and hand out candy as children come and trick or treat at your trunks. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. Hot dogs and chips will be provided; bring a side dish or dessert to share. Contact Youth Coordinator Ben Bricio at youth@stpaulscary.org for details.

Chore Day Fundraiser for Appalachia Service Project (ASP): Support the Youth ASP mission trip with our Chore Day

Fundraiser, Saturday, Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. 'til noon. For those unfamiliar with this project, parishioners and neighbors hire a crew of youth and adults to do yard work and other suitable projects around their homes in exchange for a donation to St. Paul's ASP Ministry. Please contact Stephanie Hirschy at shirschy@yahoo.com if you would like to hire a crew, or if you can work that day (we need LOTS of helpers, even if you're not going on the trip).

Wheels4Hope Presents Driver Safety TEK Workshop: Join us at the Glenaire Retirement Community Auditorium on Wednesday, October 25 at 10 a.m. for AARP's Driver Safety TEK Workshop. Discuss how to use new safety technologies in cars, how they can benefit us, and how they keep everyone on the road safer; this information is very valuable if you are looking to replace your current car or if you occasionally rent a car. The workshop is FREE and you don't have to be a senior, AARP member, or Glenaire resident to participate. No pre-registration required. Contact Mike Sweeney at mas223@ymail.com with questions.

Prayer List: Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Litvinenko 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, Lindsey, Des, Craig, Megan, Mary, Christine, Lizzie, Kathy, Russell, Alton, Doug, Jill, Jane, Roger, Brook, Guy, Cody, Margie, Katie, Michael, Jule, Janet, Ron, Liz, Cathy, Alan, John, Jessica, Nancy, Robert, Dianne, Sherry, John, and Mary.

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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