



PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

221 Union Street • Cary, North Carolina 27511

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Javier Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant
The Rev. George Adamik, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
OCTOBER 8, 2023

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Hymn 495

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.

The following is sung.

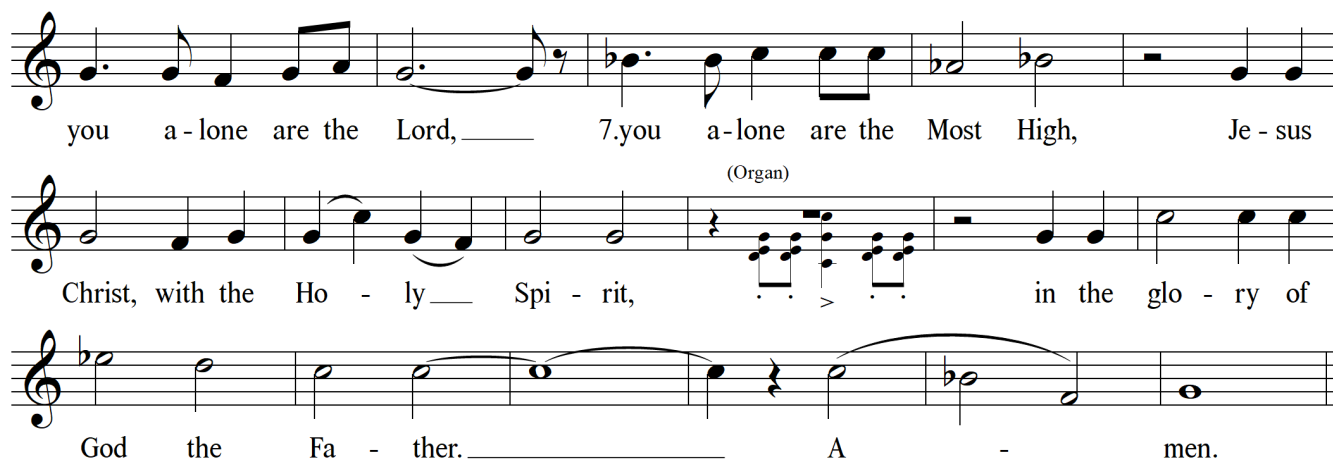
Gloria

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,



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

Hymn 405

Verse 1

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

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

A Reading from Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms of the Day

Psalms 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
 and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
 and runs about to the end of it again; *
 nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
 and revives the soul; *
 the testimony of the LORD is sure
 and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
 and rejoice the heart; *
 the commandment of the LORD is clear
 and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
 and endures for ever; *
 the judgments of the LORD are true
 and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
 more than much fine gold, *
 sweeter far than honey,
 than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
 and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
 cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
 heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

A Reading from Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gradual

My Song is Love Unknown
Verses 1, 2, and 7

Hymn 458

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. George Adamik

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

Christ the Vine
St. Paul's Choir

Robert Powell

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

BCP 367

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

Let thy Blood in Mercy Poured
And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

Hymn 313

Hymn 337

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 Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Hymn 449

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.

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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 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 Memorial Garden Committee. 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 the Rev. Lindsey Ardrey, the new diocesan canon missionary for reparations and restitution ministry.

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): No EYC this evening; enjoy the Parish Celebration and Shrimp Feast.

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.

Parish Celebration TODAY!: The St. Paul's Vestry is sponsoring a parish-wide celebration TODAY from 4 -7 p.m. for all! Come and try a low country boil feast prepared in our new kitchen; vegan and chicken options will be available as well. **Walk-ins are welcome.** Come out for the fun!

Ministry Fair: Join us in the Parish Hall on October 15 during coffee hour (10:15 a.m.) for a ministry fair. Representatives from many of our ministries will be on hand to share stories and answer questions about what they do and how you can get involved. This is a great way to visit with friends as you share coffee and stories, whether you are new, visiting or just looking to reconnect. Contact Lanny Wase at lannywase@mac.com if your ministry would like to participate.

Pre-EYC Yam Jam: Pre-EYC meets on Saturday, October 14 from 9-11 a.m. for our fall Yam Jam! 4th and 5th graders and their families will work together at an area farm, gleaning sweet potatoes to support our local food banks. Contact Melissa Raasch at melissaraasch@hotmail.com to get the details on how you can participate.

St. Paul's Christmas Pageant 2023: It's time to plan the pageant again! All families of St. Paul's are invited to participate in our Christmas Pageant, a magical way to celebrate the birth of Christ. All roles (speaking and non-speaking) are played by children ages preschool through 5th grade. Older children are welcome to volunteer to help. We want to make sure to include all who want to participate. The pageant will take place during the 9 a.m. service on December 17th. All information, including rehearsal dates, can be found on the registration page on the website. **Please register by October 8!**

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.

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 9:15 a.m. to leave by 9:30 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.

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, 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, and Nancy.

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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