

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rt. Rev. Sam Rodman Celebrant and Homilist HOLY EUCHARIST 9:00 A.M. SERVICE NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymn 436

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation BCP 355

The Celebrant says

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

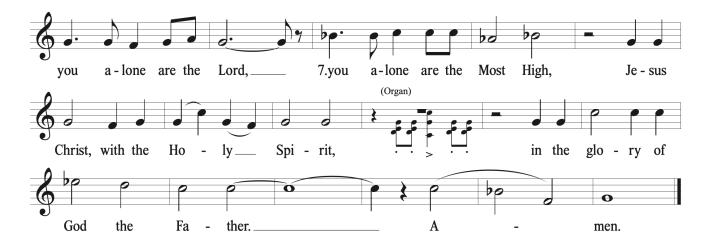
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

The following is sung.

Glory to God Gloria 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 wor - ship you, we Fa - ther, give you thanks, we praise__ you for we your glo on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Christ, God, ry. 3.Lord Je - sus Lord Lamb of God, 4.you take a - way the of the world: have mer sin су us; on right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive you are seat - ed at the our prayer. 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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

A Reading from Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 78:1-7

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; * incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, * we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *

and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *

which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,

and the children yet unborn; *

that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, * and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A Reading from First Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Gradual "Sleeper's Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us Hymn 61

Verse 1

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Homily The Rt. Rev. Sam Rodman

Presentation of Candidates BCP 415

The Bishop says

Presenters

People

The Candidates will now be presented. *I present these persons for Confirmation.*

I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

I present these persons who desire to reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal

covenant.

Baptismal Covenant BCP 416

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father? People I believe in God, the Father almighty.

creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate.

was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven.

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? Bishop

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins. the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the

prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? Bishop

People I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? Bishop

People I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Bishop

I will, with God's help. People

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help. People

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP 417

The Bishop then says to the people

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Confirmation and Reception

BCP 418

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. *Amen*.

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N*. with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. *Amen*.

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen*.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer.

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Peace BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found on the giving card in the back of the pews.

At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.

Diocesan Prayer For Mission

Most gracious and loving God: strengthen the hearts of your people in this diocese that loving you with our whole heart, and loving our neighbors as ourselves, we might, in the power of the Spirit, obey the call of Jesus, to go into our world as disciples making disciples, and making a difference through your saving love. *Amen.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Have you Heard God's Voice? Frederick Chatfield

Jon Douglas, bass soloist St. Paul's Choir

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

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 367

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.

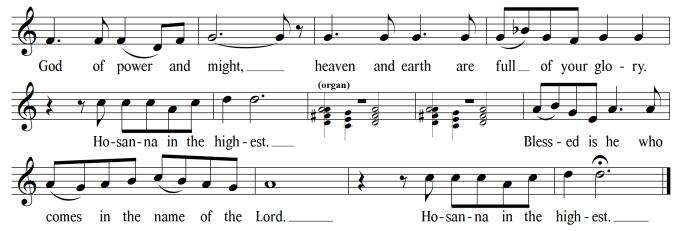
Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kindo, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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





The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 for ever. *AMEN*.

The Celebrant then continues

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

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Lord's Prayer BCP 364

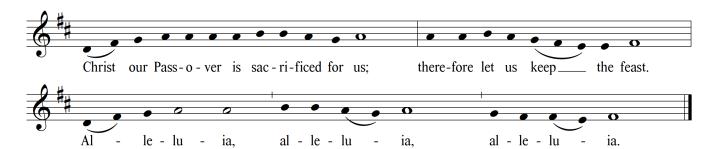
People and Celebrant

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.





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

My God, Thy Table Now is Spread Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn 321

Hymn 324

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 Go Forth for God Hymn 347
Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ted Best, MD, husband of Margie Best and for Charles Webb, brother of Margie Best.

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NOVEMBER 12, 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 (Narthex): Hosted this week by the Fellowship Events Team, welcoming Bishop Sam Rodman and honoring those newly confirmed and received into The Episcopal Church. Come and celebrate before the Bishop's forum.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:30-11 a.m.): Join Bishop Sam Rodman for the Bishop's Forum today.

Children's Sunday School (Youth Wing): All children will meet in the Youth Wing today from 10:15-11 a.m. for a Christmas Pageant rehearsal. Newcomers are welcome, as are those who will not be with us for the Pageant.

Youth Sunday School (Youth Wing): Classes ARE NOT meeting this morning so that you may celebrate with our confirmation class in the Parish Hall. Newcomers are welcome.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Meets this evening for fellowship and dinner from 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 at 10:15 a.m. No sign up is necessary; meet at the welcome station in the narthex (lobby).

Wednesday Evening Prayer: Join us for in-person Evening Prayer services on Wednesday evenings (November 1, 8 and 15) at 7 p.m., led by Devin McGinnis. Services will be held in the chapel. Please join us; newcomers are welcome.

St. Nicholas Day: The St. Nicholas Tree is in the narthex, ready for you to select tags and do your shopping! As a reminder, all gifts should be brought to the church on or before December 3, when St. Nicholas makes his annual visit to St. Paul's at the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. More details are available on the website, or by contacting Colette Hibberd at hibberdfamily@yahoo.com.

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers (VEMs): St. Paul's is in need of new VEMs as our needs have increased recently. In addition to bringing communion, volunteers are present to those whom they visit, spending time and listening. If you would like to serve the parish in this way, or you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact our deacon, Candy Snively, at candy.snively@att.net.

Courtyard Committee Workday: Join us on Saturday, November 18, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, for our fall courtyard clean up day! We are looking for help pruning, cleaning and removing debris. These days are a fun way to connect with people while doing good work for the community; new faces are encouraged. Trimming tools, rakes and muscle power are welcome; contact Julia Rudy at jbrudy@yahoo.com for specifics.

Diocesan Convention: The 208th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina will take place November 17-18 at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. All of our clergy and four lay delegates will be representing St. Paul's. The diocesan website has links to resolutions and business that will be conducted at the convention, if you are interested in following along. Please keep all in your prayers for safe travel and meaningful work.

Prayer List: Dave, Walt, Bob, Peggy, Lytvinenko family in Ukraine, Christa, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Wendy, Clarence and Susan, Jodi, Lynn, Laura, Margaret, Ava, Millie, Mary Jo, Sally, Bob, Thomas, Coby, Mary, Cindy, Nancy, Virginia, Daija, Lindsey, Des, Megan, Mary, Christine, Lizzie, Kathy, Russell, Alton, Doug, Jill, Jane and Roger, Guy, Cody, Margie, Katie, Michael, Jule, Janet, Ron, Liz, Cathy, Alan, John, Jessica, Nancy, Robert, Dianne, Sherry, John, Mary, Alison, Vickie, Annie, Beth, Lynnette, Al and the Prillaman family.

In the prayer of the deceased, we pray for Robert Jay Kerstetter, father of Peter Kerstetter; and for Marjorie Bishop, mother of Beth Rossi.

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



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