

# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
JUNE 16, 2024

**Prelude**

Carol Yeargin, Organist

**Processional**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Hymn 524

## Liturgy of the Word

**Opening Acclamation**

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

*Glory to God for ever and ever.*

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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.*

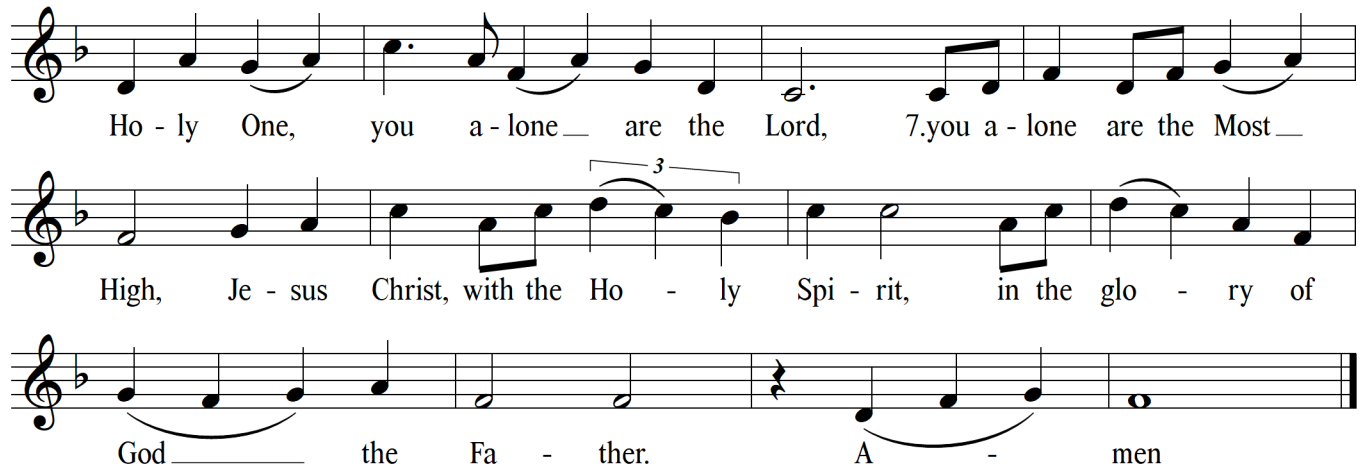
*The following is sung.*

**Gloria**

Glory to God

Hymnal S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace — to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - mighty — 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; 5. you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the



**Collect of the Day**

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

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Children’s Processional**

All Things Bright and Beautiful  
 Verse 3

Hymn 405

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

**First Reading**

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

A Reading from First Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

**The Psalm**

Psalm 20

- 1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 Send you help from his holy place \*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all your offerings \*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

- 4 Grant you your heart's desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.
- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the LORD grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; \*  
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down, \*  
but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O LORD, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

**Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

A Reading from Second Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

**Gradual**

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

Hymn 589

**Gospel**

Mark 4:26-34

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

*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.*

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Offertory

Carol Yeargin, Organist

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

### Eucharistic Prayer I

Enriching Our Worship

*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 God thanks and praise.*

*The Celebrant proceeds.*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven 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*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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 then continues.*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *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 S154

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.*

*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.*

## The Communion Music

Lord Jesus, Think on Me  
Here, O My Lord

Hymn 641  
Hymn 318

## 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

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn 525

## 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 the birthday of Emmie Gates by her family.

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## TODAY - JUNE 16, 2024

**New to St. Paul's? Welcome!** 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](mailto:mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org) to learn more about joining us!

**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.

**Formation:** Formation experiences for all have shifted to summer programming. Watch the announcements for details on offerings for adults, youth and children, from book groups to Bible studies to Vacation Bible Camp!

**Coffee & Chaos (Parish Hall Lobby):** The Children's Ministry Committee invites you to join us after the 9 a.m. service for Coffee & Chaos! We have coffee for adults and snacks for children in the Parish Hall lobby. The playground is open and the lobby has seats and restrooms inside. This is not just for families: all are welcome to enjoy the fun!

**Newcomer Tour:** Join a tour of our campus this morning at 10 a.m. to learn more about us! Meet at the baptismal font; the tour concludes around 10:30 a.m. with a stop at Coffee & Chaos.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Volunteer to Help with Vacation Bible Camp (VBC):** Children aren't the only ones who have fun at VBC - adult volunteers and youth counselors are a big part of the excitement as well! Can you help set up crafts and games or serve snacks? Check out the Sign Up link on the website (also available in the narthex) and find a way to join us during the week of July 15-19th. Questions? Email [vbc@stpaulscary.org](mailto:vbc@stpaulscary.org).

**Social Gathering for Women:** All adult women are invited to join us Wednesday, June 19 from 7-8:30 p.m. for a casual social gathering at the WalkUp, 126 W. Chatham St. in Cary. Contact Mary Kintz at [mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org](mailto:mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org) for more details. Come out for conversation and get to know those faces you see across the pews!

**Field Trips with the Racial Justice Planning Group:** The Racial Justice Planning Group has two summertime field trips planned. The first is to Historic Stagville near Durham on Saturday, June 29. The second trip is to the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro on Saturday, July 20. Following each tour, we will gather for a shared meal nearby to discuss our experiences. We would love to have you join us! More information is available on the website, or by contacting Aleta McClenney at [aleta@att.net](mailto:aleta@att.net).

**Adult Formation Summer Reading Group:** You can still join us for a virtual book group on Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., now through August 28, as we stroll through the Gospels with "Into the Mess & Other Jesus Stories" by Debie Thomas. Each chapter is self-contained; if vacation interferes with a few sessions, you can easily jump in when you return. Try a few sessions with us. Email Gerri Batchelor at [gerrickairos@gmail.com](mailto:gerrickairos@gmail.com) to register.

**High School Summer Bible Study-The Gospel of Luke:** Join Mother Alice on Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. at Chipotle in Cary (3402 Kildaire Farm Road), June 5-July 31 (except June 26). Together we will read the Gospel of Luke looking at how Jesus' love transforms societal perceptions of loving one's neighbor in the 1st century and today. Bring your questions, a journal, a pen and an open mind! Contact Mother Alice at [alice@stpaulscary.org](mailto:alice@stpaulscary.org) to learn more and sign up.

**Dorcas Christmas in July Food Drive:** Dorcas Ministries in Cary is again sponsoring a drive to stock their food pantry with much-needed items during the summer months. Each week, St. Paul's will have a big box to fill with items specified for that week, starting July 1-7 with pantry staples like canned meat, spices and pasta. Let's help keep the pantry shelves stocked! Questions? Contact the church office at 919-467-1477.

**Summer Program at the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church:** The Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church is once again hosting a summer program for families in need, Tues-Thursday mornings, 9 a.m-12:30 p.m. We have been invited to participate as volunteers, especially on Wednesdays, as part of a team of other area church volunteers. If you would like to join their crew, please find the sign up on our website, or contact Stephanie Workman at [saworkman@kircofkildaire.org](mailto:saworkman@kircofkildaire.org).

**Prayer List:** Dave, Bob, Peggy, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Virginia, Des, Mary, Christine, Kathy, Russell, Doug, Guy, Katie, Michael, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, Nancy, Sherry, John, Mary, Alison, Lynette, Susan, Clarence, Susan, Mary Marsha, Mila, Florence, Sue, Ron, Liz, Brent, Kim, Martha, Pam, Patty, Ed, Nancy, Ralph, Claudia, Bill, Melissa, Sue, Noah, Stephen, Sally, Chase, Anne, Heather, Ronnie, John, Janice.

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](mailto:announcements@stpaulscary.org). Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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