



# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant  
Will Lee, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

**Prelude**

Carol Yeargin, Organist

**Processional**

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Hymn 423

## 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 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 - 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; 5. you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

**Collect of the Day**

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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 3)  
*Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.*

Hymn 405

**First Reading**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

A Reading from Song of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved!  
 Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,  
 bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle  
 or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
 behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,  
 looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,  
 and come away;

for now the winter is past,  
 the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;  
 the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtledove  
 is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
 and the vines are in blossom;  
 they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
 and come away."

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

**The Psalm**

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

**Second Reading**

James 1:17-27

A Reading from James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

**Gradual**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Hymn 707

**Gospel**

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

## Homily

Will Lee

### 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***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.*

BCP 364

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.*

**Blessing**

**The Communion Music**

Lord Jesus, Think on Me  
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Hymn 641  
Hymn 660

**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**

Praise to the Living God

Hymn 372

**Dismissal**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Postlude**

Carol Yeargin, Organist

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## TODAY – SEPTEMBER 1, 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. Join a tour of our campus on the third Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. to learn more and meet others. 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:** We will resume our regular programming schedule on Sept. 8. See below for more details.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Regular Sunday Schedule resumes Sept. 8:** Sunday service times will be: 7:30, 9, and 11:15 a.m.

**Children/Youth Programming Kickoff Celebration:** Join us on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 10:15 a.m. for a festive celebration of Children and Youth Ministries at St. Paul's as we kickoff another programming year. Meet our Sunday School teachers, enjoy some special treats and have fun with friends, old and new! You can register online before coming or fill out the forms that day; don't miss out on the fun. Questions? Contact Mother Alice at [alice@stpaulscary.org](mailto:alice@stpaulscary.org).

**Pre-EYC Begins Sept. 15:** Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Pre-EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is a twice monthly gathering for 4th and 5th graders that builds church friendships through games, food and service. Pre-EYC is active in outreach, both here at church and in the community. Our first meeting is Sunday, Sept. 15, from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We hope you'll bring a friend! For more info, contact Mother Alice at [alice@stpaulscary.org](mailto:alice@stpaulscary.org).

**First EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) Gathering Sept. 15:** Rising 6th graders through 12th graders are invited to join St. Paul's EYC, which meets most Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing. EYC focuses on building a community for fellowship and faith using games, devotion and dinner together. Our first meeting on Sept. 15 will also include a meeting for parents to learn more about the year ahead. Please plan to join us and bring friends! Questions? Contact Youth Coordinator Ben Bricio at [youth@stpaulscary.org](mailto:youth@stpaulscary.org).

**Racial Equity Institute (REI) Phase I Workshop:** The Racial Justice Planning Group and the Outreach Support Team are hosting a Racial Equity Institute (REI) Phase I workshop on September 12 and 13 at St. Paul's. Based in Greensboro, REI's two-day workshop is designed to develop the capacity of participants to better understand racism in its institutional and structural forms. The training is open to the public and has limited spaces available; registration information is available online. There are financial scholarships available through St. Paul's. Contact Kevin McIntire at [kvn.mcintire@gmail.com](mailto:kvn.mcintire@gmail.com) for more information.

**Ministry Fair:** Join us in the Parish Hall on Sept. 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 connect. Contact Sally Moller at [sbm2@nc.rr.com](mailto:sbm2@nc.rr.com) if your ministry would like to participate.

**Lobster Fest is LIVE!** We've flipped the switch to open our online ordering, so now is the time to reserve your Maine delicacy for Oct. 5! We'll be expanding our marketing efforts this week, so don't delay! More information about the menu and pricing is found on our webpage; while you're there, please consider joining one of our many volunteer crews. It's such a fun way to get to know folks while helping raise funds for great projects. Questions? Contact Tad Richard at [tadrichard@gmail.com](mailto:tadrichard@gmail.com).

**Prayer List:** Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Virginia, Doug, Guy, Katie, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, Sherry, John, Mary, Susan, Clarence, Susan, Mila, Florence, Ron, Liz, Noah, Sally, Chase, Anne, Heather, Ronnie, John, Janice, Kim, Chris, Bill, Dorothy, John, Randy, Nathanael, Becky, Mike, Nancy, Gail, Christy, Andi.

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). Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.



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