

St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Celebrant
The Rev. Candy Snively, Homilist

**HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
AUGUST 17, 2025**

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Processional

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (vv. 1-4 & 7)

Hymn 366

Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant 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.*

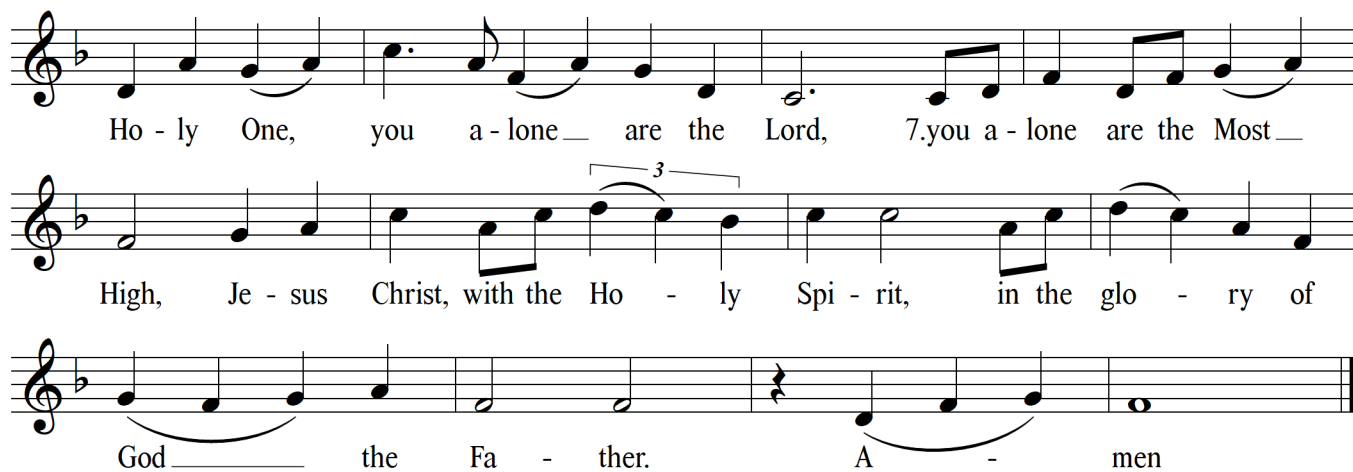
The following is sung.

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal 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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Children's Processional

All Things Bright and Beautiful (v. 1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Hymn 405

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A Reading from Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;

righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Gradual

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

Hymn 596

The Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

Homily

The Rev. Candy Snively

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 and Absolution 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 Celebrant 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, Organ

Offertory Response

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

Enriching our Worship (EOW) 57

The People remain standing.

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Hymn 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 blessed Paul and 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 367

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

Hymn 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 (For those worshiping with us online.)

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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Humbly I Adore Thee

Hymn 324

Hymn 314

Postcommunion Prayer

EOW 69

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

Hymn 495

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Alison Arnold's mother, Catherine Geldard;
and Sue Herrman's husband, Roger Herrman.*

TODAY – AUGUST 17, 2025

Please wear your nametags when you're here at church! And if you don't yet have a nametag, please complete an order form in the narthex (lobby) so we can get you one!

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 today at 10:15 a.m. to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to find out more about us!

Accessibility: St. Paul's strives to make our services and programs comfortable and accessible to all. Ushers and Greeters are available to help. Please let us know how we can work together to improve your experience here.

Kids in Worship at St. Paul's: Children are always welcome in our worship services without exception, but if parents should wish for a space where your kids have more room to move around during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Comfort Room (glassed-in room at the rear of the worship space from which you can still hear and see the service). Ask an usher if you need help finding it. Also, our Kids' Club (free nursery care) is available during the 9 a.m. service, and infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

Children's Chapel: Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and will return to their families during announcements.

Coffee & Chaos (Parish Hall Lobby): The playground will be open after the 9 a.m. service today for the chaos, with coffee and snacks available in the parish hall lobby! This is not just for families: all are welcome to enjoy the fun. This will be our final Coffee & Chaos of the season. Regular Coffee Hours will resume in September.

Children's and Youth Sunday School: Classes resume September 14.

Sunday Service Time Changes

Please note the following changes for the coming weeks:

Aug. 24: Holy Eucharist at 7:30 and 10 a.m. (*Farewell Party for Fr. Javier*)

Aug. 31: Holy Eucharist at 7:30, 9 and 10:45 a.m.

Sept. 7: Holy Eucharist at 7:30 and 10 a.m. (*Fall Gathering! – Parish Potluck & Program Year Start*)

Sept. 14: Holy Eucharist at 7:30, 9 and 11:15 a.m. (*regular Sunday schedule resumes*)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrate Fr. Javier's Ministry with Us: Sunday, Aug. 24th is a day to celebrate Fr. Javier's wonderful and impactful ministry at St. Paul's! We will blend two services together and celebrate with one voice at 10 a.m. (the 7:30 a.m. service will proceed as scheduled). Following the service, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a festive farewell. If you would like to contribute to the parish gifts for Javier, you can do so with a check or through our online "donate" page (note Gift for Javier); contact the church office at stpauls@stpaulscary.org or 919-467-1477 with questions.

Racial Justice Book Group: The Racial Justice Planning Group has two remaining in-person book studies this summer and early fall as we dig deeper into our history and into our responsibility as Christians to actively work for a more just world. Anyone is welcome to join any of the sessions. Next up: "The Church Cracked Open" by the Rev. Stephanie Spellers, today at noon in the Youth Wing. Learn more about the readings and sign up online. Email Aleta McClenney at aleta@att.net with questions.

Young Adults Coffee Hour: Inviting all 20- and 30-somethings for some fellowship time! Come to the Youth Wing on Aug. 31 after the 10:45 a.m. service (around noon) for a chance to connect with other young adults over coffee and snacks. If you have questions or ideas for future gatherings, please contact Erica Ridderman at erica@stpaulscary.org or Meredith Barnhart at meredithbarnhart@gmail.com.

Fall Gathering on Sept. 7 – Parish Potluck & Start of Program Year: Mark your calendars for Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. as we celebrate a return to fall programs with a celebratory Eucharist followed by a "Munch and Mingle" potluck. Gather together and learn more about all that's going on with children, youth and adult formation and fellowship. Chat with newcomers and friends as we share why we keep coming back for more! Watch for the potluck sign up coming soon. Questions? Contact Mary Kintz at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org.

Dads and Kids Greenway Walk: Moms can take the morning off as dads and kids come out and make memories together! St. Paul's Men's Group is hosting our first ever "Dads and Kids Greenway Walk," on Saturday, Sept. 13, starting at 9 a.m. near the Youth Wing. Choose your own pace and distance and meet back at the church for popsicles and photos; all ages and abilities welcome! Learn more on the parish website or by contacting Mike McInerney at michael.k.mcinerney@gmail.com.

Sept. 6 Spiritual Retreat Hosted by St. Ambrose Episcopal Church Women: Join with women of faith as we spend a day with the dynamic Rev. Canon Kathy Walker, Missioner for Black Ministries, exploring the theme "Learning to Live a Spiritual Life in this Modern World." The program takes place at New Hope Collaborative (formerly St. Mark's Episcopal Church) 1725 N. New Hope Road in Raleigh, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn more online and RSVP by contacting the St. Ambrose church office at 919-833-8055, or by email at ecw@stambroseraleigh.org.

All God's Children - An Interactive LGBTQ+ Seminar: Highland United Methodist Church in Raleigh is presenting an interactive seminar on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to broaden our understanding of how the church, groups, individuals and community can provide support to members of the LGBTQ+ community. The event will be held at their campus on 1901 Ridge Rd. in Raleigh. More information is available on the St. Paul's website, or by contacting Janine Wood at ej9wood@gmail.com.

Prayer List: Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Virginia, Doug, Guy, Katie, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, John, Mary, Susan, Clarence, Susan, Noah, Sally, John, John, Randy, Regina, Parrish, Jackie, Matias, Yosy, Ashley, Barb, Peggy, Hope, Marty, Janet, Austin, Liddy, Mary, Sue, Nancy, Ben, Patrick, Sarah, Chris, Paul, Heather, Henry, Carter, Althea, Beth, Anne, Joe, Barbara, Gary, Ted, Rania, Hilda, and Jim.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for: Melonie Wigley, wife of Bryan Wigley; Nancy Truitt, stepmother of Victoria Truitt.

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. 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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