

St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Celebrant
The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 A.M. SERVICE
AUGUST 24, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Processional

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymn 518

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.*

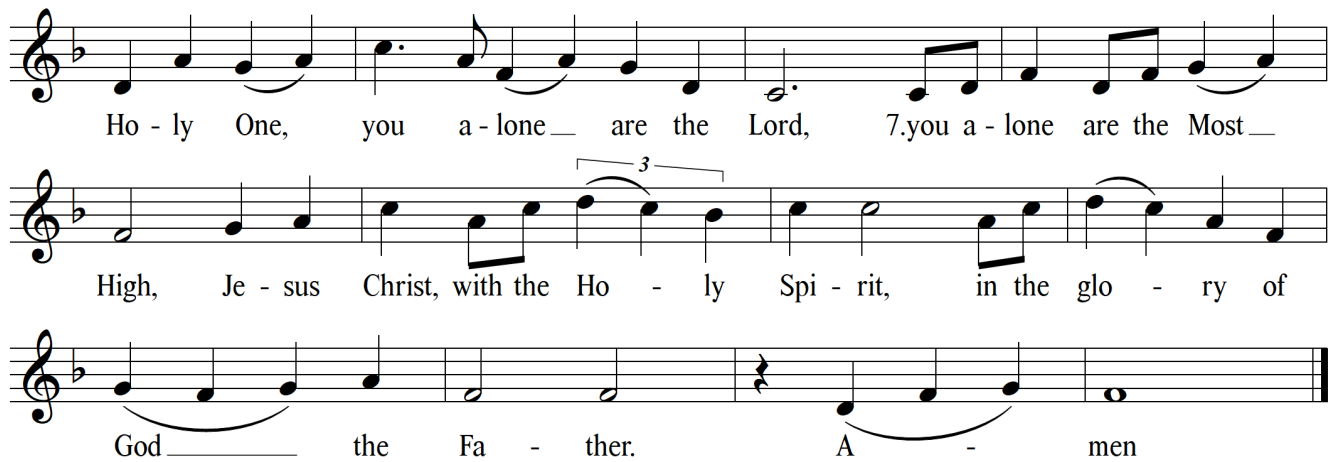
The following is sung.

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.

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 (v. 1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Hymn 405

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

A Reading from Jeremiah.

The word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
 and before you were born I consecrated you;
 I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
 for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
 and you shall speak whatever I command you,
 Do not be afraid of them,
 for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
 to pluck up and to pull down,
 to destroy and to overthrow,
 to build and to plant."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 71:1-6

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

Gradual

Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old (vv. 1 & 3)

Hymn 567

The Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Homily

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista

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.

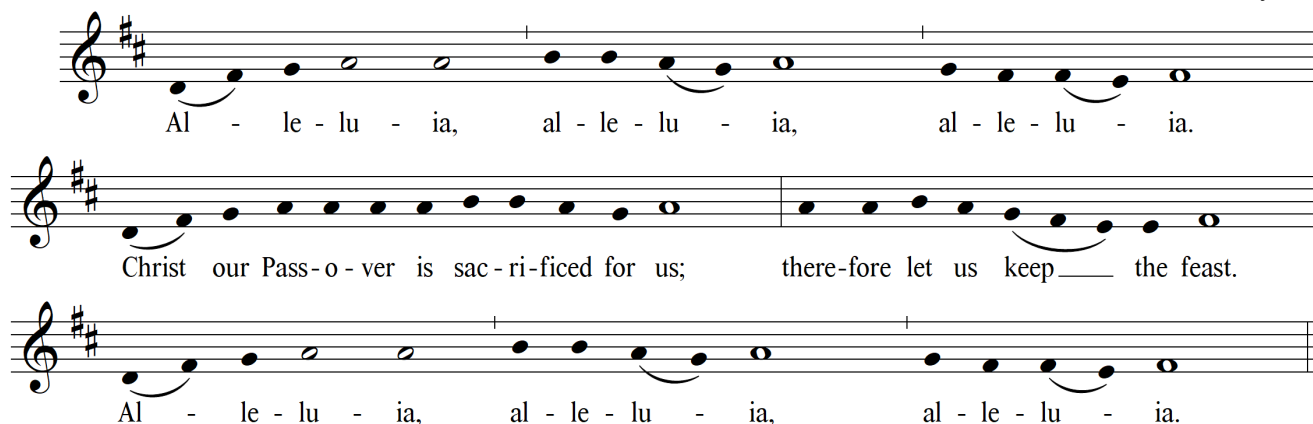
Breaking of the Bread

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

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness
Our Father, By Whose Name

Hymn 339
Hymn 587

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

EOW 69

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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn 493

Dismissal

Deacon
People

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

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving
for the ministry of The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista;
for Cassidy's first birthday by Neil and Aleta McClenney;
and for the 45th wedding anniversary of Bill Bystrynski and Celia Harnett.*

Sunday Service Time Changes

Please note the following changes for the coming weeks:

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 Preview*)

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

TODAY – AUGUST 24, 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 on the third Sunday of each month 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.

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 meredithebarnhart@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! Learn what you can contribute to the potluck using this link: bit.ly/4oIUjGi. Questions? Contact Mary Kintz at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org.

Annual Blessing of the Backpacks: During the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 7, we invite all youth, children and teachers forward for a blessing as we enter a new school year! Bring your backpacks for a special tag created by a young artist of St. Paul's. Be sure to stay for the festive Fall Gathering – including a family meeting, potluck, and bounce house – after the service! Come see your friends and meet some of our new folks as well.

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.

Lobster Fest Ordering is Open – Don't Miss the Fun!: You've loved our fresh lobsters and lobster rolls in the past, so let's do it all over again! Celebrate Lobster Fest with us on Saturday, Oct. 4. Ordering is now open; information about the menu and pricing is found on our webpage and in the narthex. We're also assembling our volunteer crews, a fun way to get to know folks while helping raise funds for outreach. We have spots for a variety of ages and abilities; the crews are described on our volunteer page (bit.ly/3JrFtno). Questions? Contact Vicki Bradley at vicki@lobsterfestcary.org.

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@stambrosaleigh.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: We pray for 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, Jim, Tommy, Bonnie, Susan, Melanie, and Dave.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Patricia and Richard Gilman.

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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