



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Celebrant
Erica Ridderman, Homilist

HOLY BAPTISM
10:00 A.M. SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach/Virgil Fox
arr. R. McKinney
St. Paul's Brass Ensemble
Carol Yeargin, Organ

Processional

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn 525

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 then continues

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

The following is sung.

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal S278

(Organ)

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

(Organ)

6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus

(Organ)

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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A Reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

The Psalm

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
 nor lingered in the way of sinners,
 nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
 and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
 everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

A Reading from the Letter to the Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth

Hymn 603

The Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

Dr. Erica Ridderman

Holy Baptism

Liam Oscar Zakay (Baptismal Candidate), Eden and Sarah Zakay (Parents), John Liebkemann and Bridget DuBrow (Godparents) gather around the Font.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Baptism

BCP 301

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents *I present Liam Oscar Zakay to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents & Godparents *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents & Godparents *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents & Godparents *I renounce them.*

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
 Parents & Godparents *I do.*
 Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
 Parents & Godparents *I do.*
 Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
 Parents & Godparents *I do.*

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Liam Oscar in his life in Christ?

People *We will.*

The Celebrant then says

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

Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
 People *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
 People *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
 People *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
 People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
 People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
 People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
 People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
 People *I will, with God's help.*

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for Liam Oscar who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
 People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

BCP 307

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying
Liam Oscar, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

When this action has been completed, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying
Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with a Chrism and saying
Liam Oscar, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Announcements & Blessing of Backpacks

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

With a Voice of Singing
St. Paul's Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
make His praise to be glorious.

Offertory Response

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

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 S128

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ heaven and earth are full _____ of your glo - ry.

(organ)

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 you, the People of God.

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

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said
Where True Charity and Love Dwell
I Come with Joy Meet my Lord

Hymn 675

Hymn 606

Hymn 304

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

Families with children and youth, please note:

The Processional to Children's Chapel will take place during v. 1. Children 3 yrs old thru 5th grade, follow the cross! Children's Chapel will be held in the Chapel for 20 minutes following the eucharist.

Meanwhile, parents of all school-aged children & youth, and older youth (6th—12th grade), are invited to stay in the church for a brief orientation to the formation program year for children, youth, and families.

Recessional

All Creatures of Our God and King (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5, & 7)

Hymn 400

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

St. Paul's Brass Ensemble

Emery Anderson, trumpet

Josh Ward, trumpet

Barbara Prillaman, horn

Jason Sayers, trombone

Russell McKinney, bass trombone

All brass arrangements by Russell McKinney

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