



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

*The Rev. Sarah Phelps,
Celebrant & Homilist*

**HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
OCTOBER 19, 2025**

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Processional

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn 657

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 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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 31:27-34

A Reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,
 and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 119:97-104

- 97 Oh, how I love your law! *
all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *
and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *
for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, *
because I observe your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *
because you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

A Reading from Ephesians.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual

Jesus, Our Mighty Lord

Hymn 478

The Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Rev. Sarah Phelps

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

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

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 here or 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.

BCP 360



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Thomas Gibbs

*St. Paul's Choir
Jon Douglas, soloist*

*Come, O thou traveler unknown, whom still I hold but cannot see,
My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee;
With thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.
My strength is gone, my nature dies, I sink beneath thy weighty hand,
Faint to revive, and fall to rise, I fall, and yet by faith I stand:
I stand, and will not let thee go, till I thy name, thy nature know.
I know thee, Savior, who thou art, Jesus, the feeble sinner's friend;
Nor wilt thou with the night depart, but stay and love me to the end,
Thy mercies never shall remove; thy nature and thy name is Love.
'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure, universal love thou art;
To me, to all, thy mercies move, thy nature and thy name is Love.*

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:

(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

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 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.

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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Hymn 469
Hymn 691

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

EOW 69

Blessing

Recessional

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hymn 535

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 thanksgiving for
for family birthdays and anniversaries by Olivia Delahaye.*

TODAY – OCTOBER 19, 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 Connecting Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat 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 Hour (Parish Hall): Hosted this week by Care and Share. Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Our series Love Your Immigrant Neighbors continues today with a presentation from immigration lawyers Meghan Deutsch Blanco and Alice Glover. Come to learn about what life is like now for those seeking to regularize their status and become citizens.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Education Building): Classes are meeting from 10:10-11 a.m.

Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:10-11 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Meets this evening from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grow with Us - We are Rooted in Love! The 2026 Annual Giving Campaign is underway! We are asking all of you to think deeply about the difference you can make by pledging to St. Paul's. Each week from now through "Giving Day" on Nov. 16, we will hear stories about how giving impacts lives in ways we don't always see. To learn more, go to the "Give" tab on our website. Printed pledge forms and a QR code for online pledge-making are available in the narthex. Stewardship Committee members will be available to help between services as well. Thank you for your generosity!

Reverse Trick or Treat: Children and their parents are invited to share some Halloween fun at Glenaire Retirement Community with a reverse Trick or Treat TODAY, following Sunday School (which ends at 11 a.m.). Wear your costumes to Church/Sunday School and bring a bucket (candy provided) to share and receive with the residents. We will meet in the lobby at 6000 Glenview Garden Place. Contact Amy Wilson at awilsonum@gmail.com with questions.

All Aboard for the Diaper Train Drive: St. Paul's is hosting a diaper drive for Diaper Train, an organization committed to improving the lives of families in Wake County by providing direct access to diapers. We are collecting all size diapers, but the more frequently needed sizes are 4,5,6 and pull-ups; you can also donate wipes and new or gently used board books. The collection box will be in the narthex from now through Nov. 9. Please help us make a difference for families who are struggling to cover basic needs for their children! Questions? Contact Susannah Vitaglione at susannahv@gmail.com.

ONE Wake Candidates Forum and March to the Polls Oct. 25: The non-partisan ONE Wake candidate assembly for the 2025 municipal elections in Cary will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10-11 a.m. at Cary Presbyterian Church, our neighbor and fellow ONE Wake member institution. After the assembly, join ONE Wake as we March to the Polls to cast our votes! This assembly is for ALL members of ONE Wake, regardless of your municipality; our solidarity in holding elected officials accountable means we provide witness to a just process throughout the county. More details can be found on the parish website or by speaking with ONE Wake ambassadors between the services.

Join Our Preschool Teaching Team: The Preschool is hiring! We are looking for a Lead Teacher in our Busy Bees Toddler class (T/Th 9:30-12:30 p.m.). We are also looking for a Teacher Assistant in the 4's class (M-F 9:30-12:30 p.m.). If you are interested in joining our amazing staff, please send your resume to Brooke Bowersox at stpaulspreschoolcary@gmail.com. Come LOVE, LEARN and LAUGH with us!

Retreat at the Pauli Murray Center RESCHEDULED: Our retreat at the Pauli Murray Center in Durham is going to be rescheduled so that everyone who wishes may participate in the ONE Wake Candidates Forum and March to the Polls. Plan to join us when we select a new date as we focus on the writings and teachings of the Rev. Dr. Murray, Episcopal priest and prophetic truth-teller with a transformative vision for a more just society.

Flower Arranging Workshop Oct. 25: Join us on Oct. 25 from 10-11 a.m. in the Youth Wing for a special Flower Arranging Demonstration led by Melanie Murphy from St. John's Episcopal Church in Wake Forest. Melanie will create an arrangement for our Sunday service while sharing basic principles and tips for arranging flowers. If you are curious about arranging flowers, whether you are part of our Altar Guild floral team or not, we would love to have you join us. Sign up online (link is on the parish website) or by contacting Jennifer Lindquist at jenniferhlindquist@gmail.com; we are collecting a \$5 fee to cover demonstration materials.

Save the Date for a Parish-Wide Gathering Oct. 26: Plan to join us in the parish hall from 10:15-11 a.m. for "We are Rooted in Love: How we Care for St. Paul's and Become God's Blessing to Others." At this parish-wide gathering, the Revs. Sarah Phelps and Robert Fruehwirth, Erica Ridderman, Sr. Warden Dan Loughlin, Jr. Warden Randall Robinson and Treasurer John Goehrke will lead us in a reflection on how we stay rooted into love, care for the life of St. Paul's and become God's blessing for others when we take part in this year's pledge campaign.

Halloween Carnival (with the Chili Cookoff) Oct. 26: Celebrate Halloween with us on Sunday, Oct. 26 from 5-7 p.m. on the church grounds. Activities will include a Chili Cookoff (hotdogs and potluck, too), Trunk or Treat, plus games and prizes. Everyone is welcome to participate; we LOVE having ministries and groups of friends decorate their car trunks, hand out candy and share in the fun! Youth play a big role in organizing this event, so let's come out and support their hard work. More information on how to RSVP and/or how you can help can be found on the parish website.

Prayer List: Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Doug, Guy, Cathy, Jessica, John, Mary, Susan, Noah, Sally, Randy, Regina, Parrish, Jackie, Matias, Yosy, Barb, Peggy, Janet, Austin, Liddy, Mary, Sue, Nancy, Ben, Patrick, Sarah, Chris, Ted, Rania, Hilda, Jim, Tommy, Bonnie, Susan, Melanie, Dave, Chuck, Kay, Claudia, Sharon, Ron, Jack, Caryn, Gary, Max, May, Bryan, Ariell, Josh, Allison, and Jan.

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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