

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth, Celebrant The Rev. Candy Snively, Homilist HOLY EUCHARIST 9:00 A.M. SERVICE OCTOBER 5, 2025

Prelude Processional

All Are Welcome

Carol Yeargin, Organ



# 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.



# Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-10

A Reading from Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,

and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision:

make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

The Psalm

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \* do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \* and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \* dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, \* and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \* and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \* and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD \* and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \* the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \* do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \* but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

# **Second Reading**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and future, immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

Gradual O Jesus, I Have Promised Hymn 655

The Gospel Luke 17:5-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, `Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, `Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, `Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, `We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

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.

**BCP 360** 

The peace of the Lord be always with you. Celebrant

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.



# Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Be Thou My Vision John Rutter St. Paul's Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art: Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord, Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might: Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Be thou mine inheritance now and always: Be thou and thou only the first in my heart: O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Enriching our Worship (EOW) 57

# Offertory Response

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

# The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing. The Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant The Lord be with you. And also with you. People Celebrant Lift up your hearts. People We lift them to the Lord.

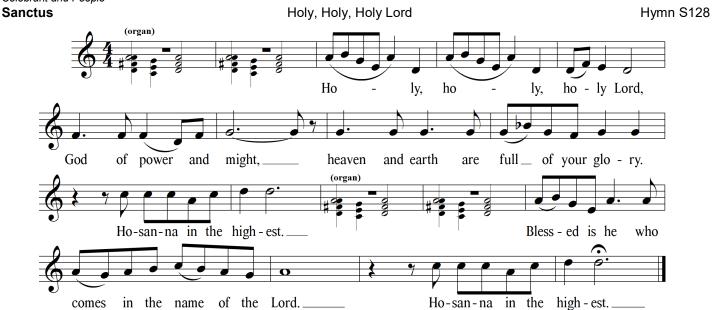
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

**Eucharistic Prayer I** 

# Celebrant and People



#### 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,

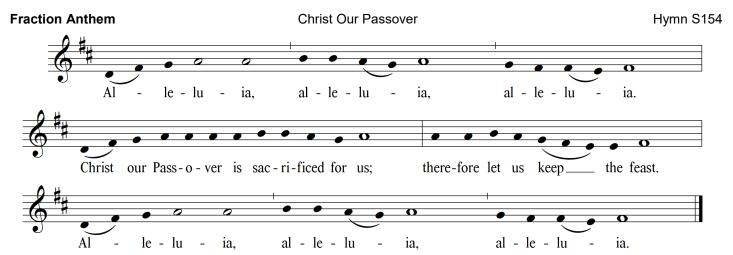
Lord's Prayer BCP 367

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.



### **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

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

Hymn 659 Hymn 671

**EOW 69** 

### **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.

**Blessing** 

**Recessional** All My Hope on God is Founded Hymn 665

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 memory of Harry and Mary Jane Pugh, by Jennifer O'Connor.

# **TODAY – OCTOBER 5, 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 the third Sunday of the 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.

**Coffee Hour (Parish Hall):** Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation; come and learn more about our upcoming programs on immigration.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Our series on Affordable Housing in our Community continues today with "Yes, in God's Backyard" presented by Rich Beech, Vice President of Faith Relations, Habitat for Humanity.

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.

Blessing of the Animals (Courtyard, 1:30 p.m.): Join us for the annual service as we cherish the earth and all its creatures in the spirit of Francis of Assisi. Bring your pets and invite their friends as well!

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

### **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lobster Fest Thank You: Thank you to all who supported Lobster Fest 2025 with your labor, your participation, your purchases, your prayers for our efforts - it all mattered! One measure of success is smiles and good vibes, and we had that in abundance! More information on the event will be available soon.

Call for Vestry Nominations: 2026 is going to be a very important year for St. Paul's: the four new vestry members we elect in November will be a part of the group that will call our next rector and further develop our vision. The vestry meets monthly and gathers for an annual weekend retreat to accomplish the meaningful, necessary work that underpins all that happens at St. Paul's. All confirmed adult members in good standing are eligible to serve on the vestry. The deadline for nominations is Oct. 5; self-nominations are welcome. Nominate someone by notifying Dan Loughlin at danloughlin@gmail.com.

Racial Equity Institute Training Returns to Cary Oct. 9-10: The Racial Justice Planning Group and the Outreach Support Team are hosting a Racial Equity Institute (REI) Phase I training on October 9-10 in the Youth Wing. REI's two-day workshop is designed to provide attendees with a vocabulary and historical framework for racism to better understand how it damages lives in all communities. The training is open to the public and has limited spaces. Please find more details on the St. Paul's website or contact Kevin McIntire at kvn.mcintire@gmail.com for more information.

Parish Wide Yam Jam/Sweet Potato Gleaning Oct. 11: All parishioners are invited to join us for a morning of gleaning at a local farm. We'll collect leftover sweet potatoes to support local food banks—serving neighbors, caring for God's creation, and building community. Final details and directions will be emailed on October 10th. Please sign up online to get updates and carpool info. Questions? Contact Shannon Robinson at shannon3b@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Christmas Pageant 2025 - Register by Oct. 12: It's time to plan the pageant again! All families of St. Paul's are invited to participate in our Christmas Pageant, a magical way to celebrate the birth of Christ. All roles (speaking and non-speaking) are played by children ages preschool through 5th grade. Older children are welcome to volunteer to help. The pageant will take place during the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 21. All information, including rehearsal dates, can be found on the Christmas Pageant page on the website.

Welcome the Rev. Isaac Villegas on Oct. 12: Noted author and Mennonite pastor Isaac Villegas is coming to St. Paul's Sunday, Oct. 12 to preach at the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services and lead the Adult Forum, discussing his book "Migrant God." The forum presentation will focus on Christians who are putting hope into action, bearing witness to the work of solidarity among people with and without US citizenship. Isaac's biblical, theological, and political reflections will prod our imagination as we consider a holistic vision for life in solidarity with migrant neighbors.

Become an ICE Watch Verifier: Are you interested in learning to help verify reports of ICE activity in our community? Join volunteer trainers from Siembra NC on Monday, Oct. 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall to learn more. This is about helping Siembra volunteers protect the legal rights of non-citizens and citizens who may be subject to wrongful detainment. Information and registration links can be found on the St. Paul's website.

Diaper Train Drive Starts Oct. 19: 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 Oct. 19 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.

Retreat at the Pauli Murray Center Oct. 25: Join us on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for a retreat at the Pauli Murray Center in Durham. After a tour of the recently renovated family home, we will 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. Snacks and drinks will be provided, but please plan to bring lunch. Participants are also encouraged to watch the movie, "My Name is Pauli Murray" before attending. Email aleta@att.net with any questions. Generous funding by the St. Paul's Endowment makes this opportunity available at no cost, but space is limited so you must sign up in advance (http://bit.ly/4npzbnl).

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.

Prayer List: Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Virginia, Doug, Guy, Katie, Cathy, 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, Dave, Chuck, Kay, Claudia, Sharon, Ron, Jack, Caryn, Gary, Max, May, and Bryan.

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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