



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Celebrant
The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Please stand if able

Processional

Lord of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy

Hymn 482

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated

Children's Processional

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (v. 1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Hymn 293

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

A Reading from Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD-- and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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

The Response: Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
 I will trust in him and not be afraid.
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
 and he will be my Savior.
 Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
 from the springs of salvation.
 And on that day you shall say, *
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
 see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
 and this is known in all the world.
 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A Reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Please stand if able

Gradual

O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Hymn 632

Remain standing

The Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

People remain standing until the homilist invites all to be seated

Homily

The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth

Please stand if able

Nicene Creed

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.*

Please stand if able

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Please be seated

Welcome & 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

O Lord! That Seest from Yon Starry Height
St. Paul's Choir

Charles Wood

*O Lord! that seest, from yon starry height,
Centred in one the future and the past,
Fashioned in thine own image, see how fast
The world obscures in me what once was bright!
Eternal Sun! The warmth which thou hast given,
To cheer life's flowery April, fast decays;
Yet in the hoary winter of my days,
Forever green shall be my trust in Heaven.
Celestial King! O let thy presence pass
Before my spirit, and an image fair
Shall meet that look of mercy from on high,
As the reflected image in a glass
Doth meet the look of him who seeks it there,
And owes its being to the gazer's eye.*

Please stand if able while the offering is presented

Offertory Response

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Enriching our Worship 1 (EOW) 60

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymn S128

The musical score is written for four staves. The first staff is for the organ, marked '(organ)', and the second and fourth staves are for the vocal parts. The third staff is also for the organ, marked '(organ)'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.'

Please stand or kneel if able

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, blessed Paul, and all the saints who have gone before us, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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 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

Jerusalem, My Happy Home
If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Hymn 620

Hymn 635

Please stand or kneel if able

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

Please stand if able

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
Margie Best by Mary Kintz.*

TODAY – NOVEMBER 16, 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 this morning 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.

Thanks-for-Giving Celebration (Parish Hall): Join us during coffee hour (10:15 a.m.) as we celebrate the wonderful generosity of our parishioners during the 2026 Annual Giving campaign. Connect with friends and share yummy fall snacks, including a pumpkin pie competition!

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Education Building): Classes are gathering in the church from 10:15-11 a.m. for a pageant rehearsal. All children are welcome, regardless of their involvement in the pageant.

Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Pre-EYC (4th and 5th grade): Join us from 5-7 p.m. this evening in the parish hall for games, a pasta bar dinner and our service project (making ornaments for folks at Spring Arbor).

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): We are NOT meeting this evening. Plan to join us next Sunday from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing for our 3rd Annual Friendsgiving Potluck.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grow with Us - We are Rooted in Love! This week, the 2026 Annual Giving Campaign is wrapping up with our Thanks-for-Giving Celebration in the parish hall during Coffee Hour. Help us move forward with budgeting plans for 2026 by making your pledge right away! Forms are available in the narthex and online as well. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal: The first rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant is this morning at 10:15 a.m. in the church. We will have a read-through of the script and practice the songs. We will also briefly describe the blocking and the set. It would be helpful to have at least one parent present per family, especially if your child has limited attention in a busy setting. Lastly - it's not too late to join us! We can always use more shepherds, soldiers, angels and animals. All are welcome; just come to the rehearsal! Contact Melanie Williams at melanie.moyer.williams@gmail.com with questions.

Thanksgiving Food Drive for Dorcas: The transitional kindergarten class of St. Paul's Preschool is helping Dorcas Ministries collect food for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner Basket drive. You can support their efforts by dropping off goods in the narthex (lobby) in the labeled container. Needed items are listed on flyers in the narthex as well.

Visit the St. Nicholas Giving Tree: The St. Nicholas Tree is in the narthex, ready for you to select tags and do your shopping! Invite the elves in *your* life to join you in providing Christmas magic to a group of siblings. Find new information on the St. Nicholas website to guide your shopping; use the QR Code on the tag to find your way. Remember, all gifts should be brought to the church on or before Dec. 7, when St. Nicholas makes his annual visit at both the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services. Monetary donations (supporting ministry costs and need-based supplemental gifts) are welcome; please indicate "St Nick" in the memo. Contact Colette Hibberd at hibberdfamily@yahoo.com for assistance.

Diocesan Convention: The Diocesan Convention takes place this weekend (Nov. 21-22) in Winston-Salem, and St. Paul's will have four lay delegates and our clergy in attendance. These conventions are an interesting blend of business and spiritual journeying, as resolutions are debated in sessions and inspired liturgies/speakers spark new thoughts for the future. This year, in particular, there are thoughtful selections about the work around reparations, reconciliation and healing, and how to allow our discomfort to draw us into deeper discoveries. All are encouraged to learn more on the diocesan website.

Our Sunday Livestream is Moving to YouTube: Beginning Nov. 30, our livestream of the 9 a.m. service will be moving to our YouTube channel (@stpaulscary). Please help us spread the word about this change. Morning Prayer will continue daily at 8 a.m. on Facebook Live, but the Sunday services will be broadcast on YouTube.

Card Making and Cookies: Please join with families in the parish hall during coffee hour (10:15 a.m.) on Nov. 30 to munch on cookies and make Christmas cards! The Children's Ministries Committee will share your cards with friends from our outreach

ministries. Enjoy some treats while sharing your creativity with others!

Wednesday Evening Contemplative Services in Advent: Join the clergy in the chapel at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Dec. 3, for a contemplative Eucharist service. We will use the readings for Advent as our guide and have ample time for meditation and reflection.

Rector Search Update: The Rector Search Committee is excited to be moving into the next phase of our discernment: in-person visits by selected candidates. These confidential visits will be conducted during November and early December. You can learn more about the search process and how we are moving forward together on the parish website.

Openings at the Preschool: St. Paul's Preschool currently has openings in our class for three-year-olds as well as our transitional kindergarten. Spread the word and let your friends know spots have opened up! Contact Brooke Bowersox at preschool@stpaulscary.org to learn more.

Prepare the Way, O Zion! An Advent Quiet Day with Julian of Norwich: A Quiet Day is a day set aside for prayer, listening, and honest reflection, allowing for new clarity on life and a widening connection to God. On Dec. 6, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh, Fr. Robert, our associate interim rector, will lead retreatants through reflections from the great medieval mystic and theologian, Julian of Norwich. Refreshments and lunch will be provided, as will nursery care. Cost is \$50, and scholarships are available. More information is available in the narthex (lobby) and online. Contact Fr. Robert at robert@stpaulscary.org to register.

Advent Lessons and Carols: Mark your calendars for Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. as the St. Paul's Choir, Voices of St. Paul's and the Bells of St. Paul's present the service of Advent Lessons and Carols, directed by Minister of Music Rusty McKinney, accompanied by Organist Carol Yeargin. The Bells of St. Paul's will perform a special prelude, and there will be congregational hymns throughout the service. Come join us for an afternoon of beautiful music and scripture readings in the Anglican Tradition. A reception follows in the narthex (lobby).

Interest Survey for Children's Choir: We are investigating whether there is sufficient interest among the children and parents of St. Paul's to form a children's choir of 1st through 6th graders, and we need your help. Please learn more and complete a short survey online (bit.ly/49zd1Le) to help us discern the way forward. We'd appreciate your input by Dec. 15.

Prayer List: We pray for 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, Jan, Bertha, Herman, Joyce, Carl, Martha, Farley, Jeff, Sandy, Clarence, Susan, Debbi, Ron, Carolyn, Rick, Elizabeth, Myrna, and Laura.

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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