

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Celebrant Dr. Erica Ridderman, Homilist 9:00 A.M. SERVICE NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Processional

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymn 401

Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

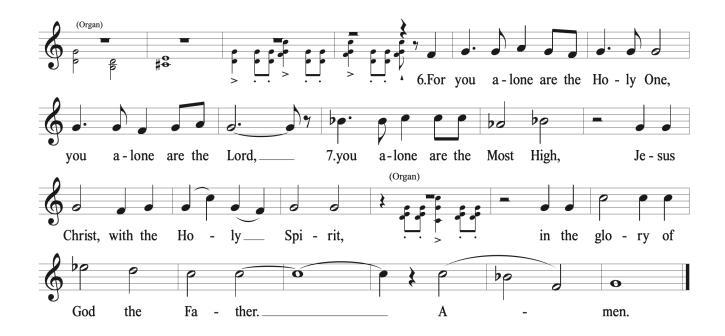
People

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 2.Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y peace to his peo-ple on earth. God and wor - ship you, we Fa - ther. give you thanks, we we praise ___ you for 3.Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, ry. Lamb of God, 4.you take a-way the of the world: have mer sin cy us; on seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive you are our prayer.



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

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

Job 19:23-27a

A Reading from Job.

Job said,

"O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see on my side,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

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

The Psalm Psalm 17:1-9

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;

give heed to my cry; *

listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *

let your eyes be fixed on justice.

3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, * melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *

I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; * in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; * incline your ear to me and hear my words.

7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *

O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; * hide me under the shadow of your wings,

9 From the wicked who assault me, * from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from the Second Letter to Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

Gradual Ye Holy Angels Bright Hymn 625

The Gospel Luke 20:27-38

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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

Homily Dr. Erica Ridderman

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

the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

People's Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All who are able, kneel. Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found 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 Sing a New Song Roland E. Martin St. Paul's Choir

Sing a new song to the Lord, wonders he has done.

His right hand and holy arm victory have won,

The Lord makes known his triumph, his righteousness is shown.

In the sight of all the nations his glory shall be known.

He recalls his faithful love to his Israel; he remembers his love.
All the ends of the earth have seen, and his glory tell.
Acclaim the Lord, all you peoples, Lift your voice, rejoice and sing, with trumpet, harp, and voices, shout with joy before the King!

Let the sea resound with praise and all that dwell therein,
The lands around the earth his praise begin.
Then clap your hands you rivers, and mountains lift your voice.
The Lord our God shall come, and his people shall rejoice.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

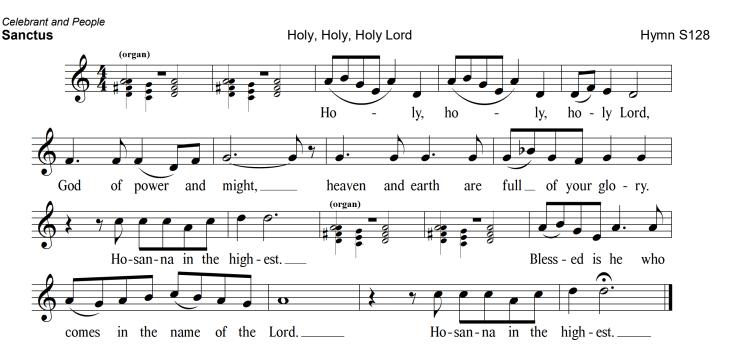
Enriching our Worship 1 (EOW) 60

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:



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*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

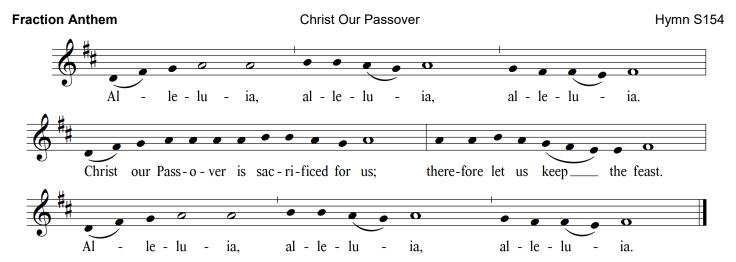
Lord's Prayer BCP 367

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

For the Bread Which You Have Broken Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Hymn 341 Hymn 313

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

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 Alfredo Belingon and Pablo Fernando by the Belingon family; and in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Sue Harrison and Rich McCreery.

TODAY – NOVEMBER 9, 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 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): Hosted this week by our ASP (Appalachia Service Project) Ministry. Join us for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Parish Hall): Join us in the Parish Hall from 10:15-11 a.m. for "With Ears that Hear: Listening as Sacred Ground for Faith, Life and Ministry," presented by Fr. Robert. All are welcome to this exploration into holy listening as the basis for all we are and all we do as Christians.

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.

Pre-EYC (4th and 5th grade): Join us at Triangle Rock Club in Morrisville from 4-6 p.m. Parents will gather at Panera at Parkside Town Commons for some social time once the climbers are settled in. Contact Jacob Nelson at jacobnelson77@hotmail.com for more information.

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! This week the 2026 Annual Giving Campaign speaker highlights multi-generational life and worship in our parish. Pledge sheets are available in the narthex, and members of the giving campaign committee will be available for assistance after the service. If you haven't had the chance yet, please make your pledge today. Thank you for your generosity!

Diaper Train Drive Ends Today: We've had a great response to the 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. Today is the last day of the drive. Questions? Contact Susannah Vitaglione at susannahv@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

EYC Fun Night!: On Saturday, Nov 15 the youth (6th-12th graders) are gathering in the Youth Wing for a night of food and fun (with hide & seek, of course). Invite your friends and join us for dinner and fun from 6-9 p.m.

Thanks-for-Giving Celebration Nov. 16: Join us during coffee hour (10:15 a.m.) in the parish hall as we celebrate the wonderful generosity of our parishioners during the 2026 Annual Giving campaign. Connect with friends and share yummy fall snacks — we're including a pumpkin pie competition to add to the fun! No RSVP is required, but if you would like to enter the pie contest or bring a snack, please see the link to sign up in the narthex or on the church website.

The St. Nicholas Giving Tree is Coming!: The St. Nicholas Tree is coming next week - get ready to select tags and do your shopping! Please note tags for individual gifts and singular children will still be available, but ALL families will be strung together as sibling units. To fulfill this year's need, we encourage you to ask your family, friends, and neighbors to join you in giving Christmas magic to a family - we can't do this alone! Monetary donations (supporting ministry costs and need-based supplemental gifts) are welcome; please indicate "St Nick" in the memo. We have lots of helpful information guides on our St. Nicholas webpage. As a reminder, all gifts should be brought to the church on or before Dec. 7, when St. Nicholas makes his annual visit to St. Paul's. Please contact Colette Hibberd at hibberdfamily@yahoo.com for assistance.

Pre-EYC (4th and 5th grade) November Events: Today is our Rock Club event (see above), and we will be gathering again on Nov. 16 from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall to make Christmas ornaments for folks at the Spring Arbor Memory Care Unit. We'll also enjoy a pasta bar and play some games while we're together. Contact Jacob Nelson at jacobnelson77@hotmail.com for more information.

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.

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.

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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