



St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth, Celebrant
The Rev. Dr. James Weldon, Jr., Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 A.M. SERVICE
JUNE 21, 2026

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Please stand as you are able.

The Processional Hymn

"God is Love, let heaven adore him"

The Hymnal 1982 #379
Abbot's Leigh

The Word of God

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.

The Gloria: Glory to God

The Hymnal 1982 #S280

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; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 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 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

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

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children's Processional

"All things bright and beautiful" (v. 1)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

*The Hymnal 1982 #405
Royal Oak*

The First Reading

Genesis 21:8-21

A Reading from Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

Psalm 86:1-4, 9-10, 16-17, *Inclina, Domine*

Robert Knox Kennedy



- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and / answer me, *
for I am poor and in / misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am / faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in / you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my / God; *
I call upon you all the day / long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your / servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my / soul.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O / LORD, *
and glorify your / Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do / wondrous things; *
and you alone are / God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy up / on me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your / handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be a / shamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and / comforted me.

The Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Please stand as you are able.

The Gradual Hymn

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

*The Hymnal 1982 #711
Seek Ye First*

The Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

People remain standing until the homilist invites all to be seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. James Weldon, Jr.

A moment of silence follows the homily.

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form IV (adapted)

BCP 388

People's Response: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution of Sin

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please stand or kneel as you are able. The Minister and People say

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.**

The Peace

BCP 360

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

Please be seated.

Welcome, Announcements, & Offertory Sentence

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.



The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Please stand as you are able while the offering is presented.

The Offertory Response: The Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

The Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

The Hymnal 1982 #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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 as you are able.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant then continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

*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.*

People and Celebrant

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982 #S163

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on__ us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on__ us.

Lamb of God____ you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Presentation & Invitation

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 a gluten-free host, extend your hands palms down. 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 with a pottery chalice. If you would like to drink from the chalice directly, please consume the bread first and a communion server will offer you the silver chalice (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 person may be 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.

Music During Communion

"Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"

The Hymnal 1982 #487
The Call

"Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen"

The Hymnal 1982 #314
Adoro devote

"There's a wideness in God's mercy"

The Hymnal 1982 #469
St. Helena

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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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.

The Blessing

Please stand as you are able.

The Retiring Processional

“Love Divine, all loves excelling”

*The Hymnal 1982 #657
Hyfrydol*

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

BCP 366

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of
the 25th wedding anniversary of Brian & Maria Litzinger.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 after the 10 a.m. service to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to find out more about us!

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 10 a.m. service, and infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

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.

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!

HAPPENING TODAY – JUNE 14, 2026

Children’s Chapel: Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children’s Chapel during the 10 a.m. service and will return to their families during announcements.

Newcomer Tour: Those new or newly returned to St. Paul’s who wish to know more can join a tour of our campus this morning after the 10 a.m. service. No sign up is necessary; meet at the welcome area in the narthex (lobby). We’ll end at the reception for Fr. Robert in the Parish Hall.

Favorite Hymn Discussion: During summer, members of the clergy or staff will lead a 20-minute discussion on one of the hymns included in Sunday’s liturgy. Today, Fr. Robert will be discussion “Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.” The discussion will be in the Parish Hall and should begin 15 minutes after the conclusion of the service.

Popsicles and Parables: All children are invited to the playground to hear a Bible story, eat popsicles, and enjoy time to play! We’ll meet after the 10 a.m. service on the playground.

Bidding Farewell to Fr. Robert: Join us in the Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. service today for a light reception as we offer our deepest gratitude to Fr. Robert for the blessing his ministry has been for us these past 10 months.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Schedule Continues Through Sept. 6: Services are 8 a.m. (Rite I) and 10 a.m. (Rite II) through Sept. 6.

Pray for our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Crew: Four teams of youth and a crew of supporting adults departed this morning for Buchanan County, VA, for a week repairing homes and transforming lives. Please keep all in your prayers for a safe, productive week.

Solidarity Food and Household Supply Drive in June: Help restock essential food, hygiene and household items that are needed by families in our area who continue to live in fear and are being increasingly marginalized. Our Community Response Group is helping local organizations like Triangle Mutual Aid and El Pueblo reach families in need. Drop items in the donation box in the narthex throughout June. Learn more about getting involved on the St. Paul’s website.

Refuge for Refugees (R4R) Help for a New Family: We are assisting a family of five (husband, wife, three young boys) from Gaza who are relocating from New Jersey to Cary. R4R has offered to help with bed linens and towels, as well as grocery gift cards, to support them in the first few months of their adjustment. For more details, please see the news post on the St. Paul's website, or our flyer in the narthex, which includes a list of items needed.

Help Support Vacation Bible Camp (VBC): We're gearing up for #KidsConnect (July 27-31) and looking for help from the community. Our crew has made volunteering super easy and welcoming for adults who want to volunteer. You can also help by purchasing supplies from our Amazon wish list. See the flyer in the narthex for more details. Don't miss this opportunity to welcome families and experience a fun week of learning about God's love. Spread the word!

Join in "Prayers for Home: Pride Month at St. Paul's": This June, you and your family are invited to join with others at St. Paul's in an at-home prayer practice. Grab a prayer bag from the narthex! Bags include an instruction sheet plus rainbow-colored popsicle sticks with prayer prompts. Spend time in prayer and celebrate God's inclusive love.

Free Advocacy Pins for June Events: June is recognized as Pride Month and National Gun Violence Awareness Month, and we are offering rainbow ribbons and orange pins on the counter in the narthex for anyone who wishes to wear them as advocates for these causes. Pride Month is an annual event which serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of LGBTQ acceptance; the rainbow has become associated with this acceptance. Those who wish to see gun violence reduced wear orange in June, with June 5 marked as National Gun Violence Awareness Day. Find more info in the narthex.

Help us Pick Hymns this Summer: During the summer, we want to include your favorite hymns on Sunday mornings. Sign up online or on the sheets in the narthex, and we will include them throughout the summer. Parameters: All hymns should be from The Hymnal 1982. One favorite per person. No seasonal hymns, please (i.e. Christmas, Lent).

17th Annual Pauli Murray Service July 1: St. Titus' in Durham will host the diocesan-wide celebration of local saint the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray on Wed., July 1 at 6:30 p.m. More details will be available soon.

We pray for Noah, Sally, Parrish, Janet, Nancy, Susan, Chuck, Carter, Anne, Ethan, Mary Jo, Judy, Carl, Martha, Henry, Althea, Jan, Zemiria, Henry, Louise, Terri, Lee, Andy, Benita, Mary, Sherry, Louane, Keith, Jimmy, Sharo, Claudia, Ethan, Mauricio, Allison, Theresa, Ben, Rich, and Isabelle.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Gay "Mama B" Burkhart, Lori Campbell's sister-in-law's mother; Jane Nettleton, mother of Carolyn (Emory) Anderson; and Susan Ripol, friend of Mary (Tim) Buckley.

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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