



St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Dr. Erica Ridderman, Celebrant
The Rev. Dr. James Weldon, Jr., Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 A.M. SERVICE
JUNE 28, 2026

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Please stand as you are able.

The Processional Hymn

"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

The Hymnal 1982 #423
St. Denio

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.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 22:1-14

A Reading from Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

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

Psalm 13, *Usquequo, Domine?*

Thomas Pavlechko



- 1 How long, O LORD?
will you forget me for / ever? *
how long will you hide your / face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after / day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph / over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my / God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in / death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed / over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have / fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your / mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving / help.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me / richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most / High.

The Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Please stand as you are able.

The Gradual Hymn

“Morning has broken”

*The Hymnal 1982 #8
Bunessan*

The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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 kneel or stand as you are able. The Celebrant 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 stands and 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.

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 Offertory Response: The Doxology

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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,

People and Celebrant

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.**

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.**

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 a priest will offer a blessing or a deacon 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

“O Master, let me walk with thee”

*The Hymnal 1982 #660
Maryton*

“I am the bread of life”

*The Hymnal 1982 #335
I Am the Bread of Life*

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

“The King of love my shepherd is”

*The Hymnal 1982 #645
St. Columba*

The Dismissal

BCP 366

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

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Mack Smith by Ben, Aaron, and Annette Smith.

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 the third Sunday of the month 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.

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. Jay will discuss "The King of love my shepherd is." 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Rt. Rev. Sam Rodman Announces his Plan to Retire: Bishop Sam Rodman announced this week, "I have made the decision to call for the election of the 13th bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina in November of 2027, and to retire when the new bishop is ordained and consecrated in the spring of 2028." You can read his message, along with a statement from the Standing Committee of the diocese, on the diocesan website; copies are available in the narthex as well.

Refuge for Refugees (R4R) Help for a New Family: We are assisting a family of five (husband, wife, three young boys) from Gaza who relocated from New Jersey to Cary this week. R4R has offered to help with a few items, including grocery gift cards, to support them in the first few months of their adjustment. Details on how you can help are on the website and in the narthex. Learn more about this and all the work of R4R by contacting Deb Richard at debrakrichard@gmail.com.

Free Pride Items from St. Paul's Rainbow Gathering: St. Paul's Rainbow Gathering has a small basket of Pride goodies available in the narthex today, as we close out Pride Month. All are invited to pick up stickers, prayer squares, keychains, small flags, and other tokens of affirmation. Resources for parents and families are also available. We offer these in gratitude for a parish where all are welcome, all are valued, and all are included. These small offerings are visible signs that every person is beloved and belongs fully in our community.

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!

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.

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, Isabelle, Alvin, and Nancy.

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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