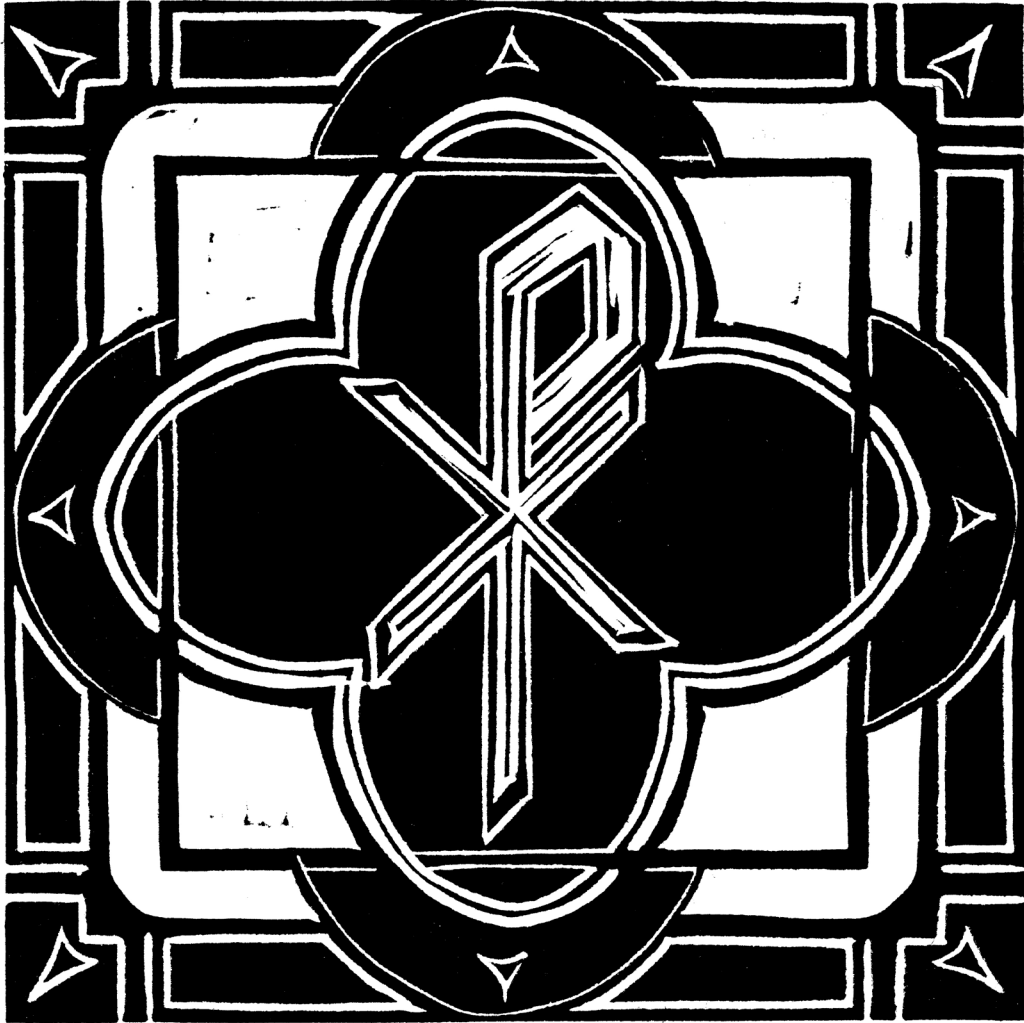


SAINTE PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024  
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

# WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

Whatever brings you here, and whoever you are,  
we are glad you are here!

## *First Time Worshipping at St. Paul's?*

St. Paul's is an Episcopal Church and uses liturgy or language for worship from *The Book of Common Prayer*. While we use a variety of other resources, all the words and music needed for today's service are found in this bulletin. There are helpful tips on when to stand and sit; however, do what feels most comfortable for you throughout the service.

## *Are you new to St. Paul's or the surrounding area?*

Let us know by filling out a Welcome Card located in the pew rack and on the website, and we will connect with you. We also have a Welcome Table you can visit following the service in the Gathering Space of the Parish House. A host will be at the table throughout coffee hour, which is an opportunity immediately following the service to share refreshments with our members and visitors here today.

## *Restrooms*

Restrooms are located in the Parish House. You are welcome to use the bathroom that best aligns with your gender identity.

## *Nursery*

The nursery is open from 8:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is a child-size restroom and a changing table available as well as the ability to hear service.

## *Contact the Clergy*

The St. Paul's clergy are eager to hear from you and to support you. On most Sundays a member of the clergy is available to pray with you during Communion at the station to the left of the altar railing. If you are going through a life transition, have an emergency, or are in need of pastoral care for any other reason, please call the church at 804.643.3589.

## *For Families and Children During Worship*

Young ones need to be able to see and experience worship. Our ushers are happy to direct you to our **Family Space** at the front of the church where you will find picture books, paper and crayons, and small hand-held toys. We also have **Worship Bags** as you enter the church that contain **Children's Bulletins**, paper and crayons. During the **Gospel Procession**, children and families are encouraged to participate, and Children's Chapel follows. Kids will leave with our staff to participate in their own time of prayer and fellowship. They will return after the sermon during the Peace.

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prière à Notre-Dame, from *Suite Gothique*, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

## HYMN

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
\*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

*Text:* Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

*Music:* *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Part II, 1789;  
harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*All say together the Collect for Purity.*

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day  
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,  
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

*Text:* Michael A. Perry (1942-1996)

*Music:* *Thaxted*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**O** LORD, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 15-19

**D**AVID AGAIN gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL: PSALM 24 *Domini est terra*

*The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

**B**LESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

## HYMN

*All are invited to participate in the Gospel procession, especially children. Simply follow the Gospel book around the church and stay in place for the Gospel reading. After the reading, the children are invited to attend Children's Chapel. They will return to the church at the Peace.*

1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who  
 2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the  
 3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -  
 4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may  
 called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,  
 faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,  
 a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,  
 take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,  
 that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.  
 ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.  
 sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.  
 his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

*Text:* John E. Bowers (1923-2019), alt.

*Music:* Decatur Place, Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

**K**ING HEROD heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### THE SERMON

The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Community Engagement*

#### THE NICENE CREED

*The people stand.*

**W**E 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

*Presider* In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*Intercessor* God of inclusive love, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be united in your compassion.**

*Intercessor* Grateful for assurance of our adoption into Christ,  
grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intercessor* Looking to our leaders for courageous guidance, we pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intercessor* Heeding your call for an end to selfish power and the tyranny of violence,  
we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intercessor* Give us wisdom and grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may accord with your loving purposes.**

*Intercessor* We pray for victims of violence and abuse, and for all in need of healing in body, mind, and spirit,  
especially *N.*, and those we name now. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or  
trouble,

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intercessor* We remember those who have died and those who mourn, especially *N.*, those who have died due  
to disease and violence, and those we name now. Give to the departed eternal rest,

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intercessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Presider* God of prophetic voices, whose word cuts through the webs of power and holds the tyrant to  
account: be with those who speak against violence and oppression and all who suffer for the sake  
of conscience. Help us to stand with them and speak your word of comfort and mercy. Guide  
our actions in witness to the building up of your kingdom, where justice and righteousness  
provide abundant life for all people. We offer our prayers in the powerful name of Jesus, through  
the comfort of your abiding Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God, self, planet, and neighbor.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*People* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our  
lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have  
created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on  
our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may  
abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Presider gives the absolution.*



## THE PEACE

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# —————THE HOLY COMMUNION—————

### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

My Spirit longs for thee	Of so divine a guest
Within my troubled breast	Unworthy though I be
Though I unworthy be	Yet has my heart no rest
Of so divine a guest.	Unless it come from thee.
Unless it come from thee	No rest is to be found
In vain I look around	But in thy blessed love
In all that I can see	O let my wish be crowned
No rest is to be found.	And send it from above.

*Text:* John Byrom (1692-1763)  
*Music:* Philip Godfrey (b. 1964)



*The vibrant ministries, creative worship, and faithful witness of St. Paul's are made possible by the generous commitment of our congregation. Our community extends beyond our city through our expansive mission programming and inclusive online presence. As our community has grown, we have developed innovative engagement opportunities to extend fellowship and hospitality to meet the needs of our congregation. Regardless of how you join us this morning, all are invited to use the QR to offer a gift to support our vital ministries.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

*Presider* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

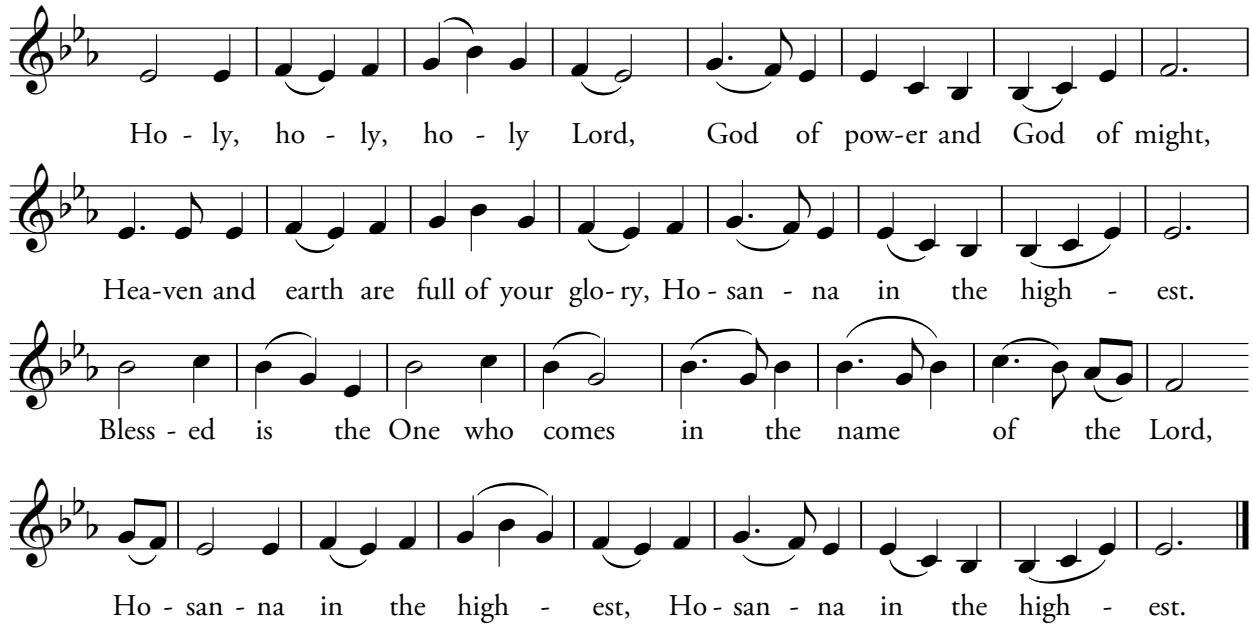
*Presider* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Presider* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us.**  
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Presider*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and God of might,  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Text:* Mass Ordinary, Fifth century

*Music:* *Ye Banks and Braes*, arr. Larkin Bryant and Robert Feol

*The people stand or kneel as the Presider continues*

And so, merciful God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*The people and Presider say together*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Presider continues*

O God of our ancestors; God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*The people and Presider say together*

**Risen One, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*The Presider continues*

Accept these prayers and praises, Holy God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

*The Presider continues*

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

*The people and Presider say together*

**O**UR 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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

#### **THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at God's table. An usher will signal when you may go forward. All are invited to the altar rail to receive the sacraments (bread and wine) or a blessing. Bread will be placed in your hand by the priest. If you choose to receive the wine, the preferred (and most sanitary) way is by drinking from the common cup, guiding it by the base to your lips. While our preference is to keep fingers OUT of the chalice, if you plan to intinct, please use hand sanitizer before coming to the altar rail. Hand sanitizer is located on the tables in the back of the church.*

## HYMN

1, 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as Christ to you;  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers on the road;  
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time of your fear;  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such har - mo - ny,

1, 6. Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant, too.  
2. We are here to help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.  
3. I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.  
4. I will share your joy and sor - row 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.  
5. Born of all we've known to - geth - er Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

*Text:* Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

*Music:* *The Servant Song*, Richard Gillard (b. 1953)

## SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*The people stand.*

*Presider* In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth to share communion with *N.*, who cannot be present at this table.

*People* **We who are many are one because we all share one bread and one cup.  
Our prayers are with you. Go in peace.**

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The people say together.*

**L**oving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, and renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

## HYMN

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*Text:* Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

*Music:* Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813;  
harm. Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ!  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro maestoso e vivace, from *Organ Sonata in C Minor, Op. 65, No. 2* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Those interested in the St. Paul's History Tour are invited to gather at the baptismal font immediately following the service.*

*The altar flowers are given by Melissa and Doug Callaway in honor of our daughter Sarah.*

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## PARTICIPANTS

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### *Clergy*

The Rev'd Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*  
The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Community Engagement*  
The Rev'd Rainey G. Dankel, *Associate Rector for Worship and Liturgy*

### *Musicians*

Christopher Reynolds, D.M.A., *Director of Music and Organist*  
Summer Choir

### *Lectors*

Paris Ball  
Douglas Callaway

### *Intercessor*

Janet Edmundson

### *Acolyte*

Sally Ray Griffith

### *Eucharistic Ministers*

Sue Davis  
Suzanne Spooner-Munch

### *Altar Guild*

Yvonne Gold, Mary Jo Kearfott, Mary Fran Lowe;  
Michelle Whitehurst-Cook, *Chair*

## EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE AND CREATIVITY

### *A Few Notes about Worship at St. Paul's*

St. Paul's seeks to be a welcoming, open, and inclusive community that values creativity, beauty, and mystery. We try to reflect this mission in our worship so that those from various backgrounds and perspectives will feel at home. We also hope that our worship reflects both a respect and honoring of the traditions of the Anglican church, while also seeking to give voice to how God is speaking in our current contexts. We know that the words we say in worship have a profound effect on our imagination and our experiences of God. Here's a bit of background.

***Expansive Language:*** The Episcopal Church has developed many liturgies that use inclusive and expansive language. Expansive language is a way of incorporating multiple ways of imagining and speaking about God. It refers to the expanded use of metaphorical language for God and humans in new or unexpected and fresh ways. While we continue to value the beauty of our traditions and the importance of language, we recognize that all human language is limited. Expansive language seeks to incorporate as much of the diversity of language as possible to include all persons in the liturgical expressions.

***Our Music:*** Every effort is made at St. Paul's to include music that speaks to the relevance and diversity of the world today. We draw from a variety of resources that include hymns ranging from the traditional, to spirituals, to those written specifically by female composers and poets. In choosing our music, we try to create a balance of music from our sacred traditions with music that reflects the diversity of the church today. In addition to Bach and Howells, we also intentionally seek out music that centers on composers who are writing music today, particularly composers of color and female artists.

A place for prayer, candle-lighting, and contemplation, St. Paul's is a holy space in which we encounter God's presence in many ways.

***Our bulletin and recycling:*** Since we pull from as many as twenty-five sources, as well as write our own liturgical pieces (prayers, choral works, hymns, etc.), the bulletin serves as a way of capturing those elements and putting them into one place: your hands. Without a bulletin that is printed each week, we would not be able to be as creative. Plus, it would be confusing to those who are new to St. Paul's. This bulletin is an instrument of hospitality that allows us, Sunday by Sunday, to welcome and embrace all who are searching for a church home and an authentic encounter with our awakened and active Lord. In an effort to conserve paper usage, we try to print only enough bulletins as are needed for each individual service. If you'd like to help us be good stewards, you can choose to share a bulletin or download a PDF. Each week, our bulletins are responsibly recycled.

***Candle-lighting:*** Lighting candles is an ancient practice of the church. The flame has always been considered a sign of God's presence. On the lectern side of the altar rail is a place set aside for you to light candles. Perhaps you'll light a candle in memory of a loved one, or for a particular thanksgiving or hardship in your own life. Your prayers combine with the prayers of the community as we put our trust and hope in God.

***Being in the presence of Jesus:*** On the pulpit side of the altar rail is a small chapel set aside for quiet contemplation and prayer. An item called a "Tabernacle" is present. It reminds us of the portable tent in which the Hebrews worshiped during their time in the wilderness. This small, wooden cabinet contains the consecrated bread from holy communion, a sign of Christ's presence in our midst. A candle is lit whenever the bread is in place. Even when the church is dark, the light remains, reminding us of the church's role to be a light in the midst of darkness. Here, in Christ's presence, you may spend time in stillness and quiet prayer. On most Sundays during communion, a priest is present to offer prayers for healing for yourself or for someone else.

If you have questions about our worship experience, or to find out how you can be involved in worship, please consult our Ministry Directory or reach out to one of the clergy. To learn more about the guiding beliefs of the Episcopal Church, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/what-we-believe/>

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