



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant
The Rev. Alice Graham Grant, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

From God Christ's Deity Came Forth

Hymn 443

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

The Celebrant says

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The following is sung.

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal S278

(Organ)

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

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



Collect of the Day

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Children's Processional

All Things Bright and Beautiful (Vs 2)
Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Hymn 405

First Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

A Reading from Proverbs.

Wisdom cries out in the street;
 in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out;
 at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
 How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
 and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;
 I will pour out my thoughts to you;
 I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,
 have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

and because you have ignored all my counsel
 and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity;
 I will mock when panic strikes you,

when panic strikes you like a storm,
 and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
 when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
 they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge
 and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

would have none of my counsel,
 and despised all my reproof,

therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
 and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple,
 and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

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

The Psalm

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
 and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
 and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
 and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
 and runs about to the end of it again; *
 nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
 and revives the soul; *
 the testimony of the LORD is sure
 and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
 and rejoice the heart; *
 the commandment of the LORD is clear
 and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
 and endures for ever; *
 the judgments of the LORD are true
 and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
 more than much fine gold, *
 sweeter far than honey,
 than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
 and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
 cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
 heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

A Reading from James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no

one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Gradual

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said (Vs 1, 3, & 5)

Hymn 675

Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Homily

The Rev. Alice Graham Grant

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 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 of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All who are able, kneel. Minister and People

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

The Priest 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.*

Peace

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

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Announcements

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found 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

For the Beauty of the Earth
St. Paul's Choir

John Rutter

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

Eucharistic Prayer I

Enriching Our Worship

The People remain standing.

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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymnal S128

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the organ, marked "(organ)", and features a series of chords and moving lines. The second staff is for the vocal part, with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The third staff is for the organ, marked "(organ)", and features a series of chords and moving lines. The fourth staff is for the vocal part, with the lyrics "God of power and might, _____ heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry." and "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. _____".

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant then continues.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

Lord's Prayer

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People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward for communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail.

If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you.

If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup.

If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer.

A priest is also 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.

If you are at home or otherwise unable to take communion, you may say the following prayer.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

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
And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

Hymn 341
Hymn 337

Final Prayer

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food as we hear your Word proclaimed and gather at your holy Table. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn 525

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration for the birth of Cassidy Lynn McClenney,
daughter of Rachelle and Sam McClenney.

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TODAY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

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 Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat with Greeters 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 at 10:15 a.m. to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to learn more about joining us!

Children's Chapel: Children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and return to their families during announcements.

Coffee Hour (Parish Hall): Join us after the 9 a.m. service for a Ministry Fair.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Plan to join us beginning Sept. 22 as we delve into the Book of Exodus, one of the foundational stories of Scripture, for our fall Sunday forums.

Children's Sunday School (Education Building): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Youth Sunday School (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Meets this evening for fun and fellowship from 5-7 p.m. in the Youth Wing. Parents, please join us for an information session at the same time.

Pre-EYC (4th and 5th graders): Meets this evening for fun and fellowship from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parents are included this evening!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry Fair: Join us in the Parish Hall this morning during coffee hour (10:15 a.m.) for a Ministry Fair. Representatives from many of our ministries will be on hand to share stories and answer questions about what they do and how you can get involved. This is a great way to visit with friends as you share coffee and stories, whether you are new, visiting or just looking to connect. Thank you to all for participating.

Fall Book Study on "The Art of Dying Well - A Practical Guide to a Good End of Life" by Katy Butler: Please join us for a 9-week study of this informative and engaging book, meeting in the Youth Wing on Tuesdays from 2- 3:30 p.m., starting Sept. 24. Group size will be limited to facilitate discussion. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Gerri Batchelor (gerrikairos@gmail.com) or Howard Loughlin (hloughlin@earthlink.net).

HeartSaver CPR/AED Training: We are offering a HeartSaver CPR/AED training course (Adult, Child and Infant) from CPR Consultants on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Paul's. Participants will be instructed in current techniques for basic CPR and learn how to use the AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Cost is \$25. Upon completion of this course, participants receive an American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR AED Completion Card valid for two years from the date of the course. You MUST register in advance. Please see the website for the link or contact Youth Coordinator Ben Bricio at youth@stpaulscary.org for more information.

Mental Health First Aid Training: Mental Health First Aid is evidence-based training that teaches the signs of mental health or substance use challenges, how to offer and give help, and how to guide a person to care if needed. St. Paul's is hosting this professionally-led training on Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. in the Youth Wing. Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina is underwriting the costs of materials for the course; registration fee of \$20 covers lunch. We have thirty spots available for this training; more information is available online or by contacting Celia Hartnett at celiahartnett@gmail.com.

Lobster Fest is LIVE! Now is the time to reserve your Maine delicacy for Oct. 5! More information about the menu and pricing is found on our webpage; advance ordering is the only way to ensure we will have what you want! While you're thinking about Oct. 5, please consider joining one of our many volunteer crews. It's such a fun way to get to know folks while helping raise funds for great projects. Questions? Tad Richard at tadrichard@gmail.com.

ONE Wake at St. Paul's: Join the movement to bring about substantial changes in affordable housing and other issues affecting families in Wake County by signing our petition and showing up for non-partisan meetings with candidates running for local (Oct. 10) and statewide (Oct. 20) offices. Learn more about ONE Wake's proposals by following links on the website, or by stopping at our table in the Ministry Fair today. Show up and make a positive impact!

Prayer List: Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Virginia, Doug, Guy, Katie, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, Sherry, John, Mary, Susan, Clarence, Susan, Mila, Florence, Ron, Liz, Noah, Sally, Chase, Anne, Heather, Ronnie, John, Janice, Kim, Chris, Bill, Dorothy, John, Randy, Nathanael, Becky, Mike, Nancy, Gail, Christy, Andi, the Lytvinenko Family, John, Amy, Bonnie, Connor, Regina, Louane, Judy, Shannon.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Robert Burnett, Sr.



St. Paul's Website

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.