



St. Paul's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant
The Rev. George Adamik, Homilist

**HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organist

Processional

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 390

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Children's Processional

All Things Bright and Beautiful (Vs 2)

Hymn 405

Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
"Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.

Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.
He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.

He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.

We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.

Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,

and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
 in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
 give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
 and the ruthless have sought my life, *
 those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
 it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
 in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
 and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
 and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

A Reading from James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

Gradual

When Jesus Left His Father's Throne (Vs 1 & 2)

Hymn 480

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

Homily

The Rev. George Adamik

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

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All who are able, kneel. Minister and People

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

The 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

BCP 360

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

Announcements

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

With a Voice of Singing
St. Paul's Choir

Martin Shaw

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

(organ)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, _____ heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

(organ)

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

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

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Hymn 659

Hymn 635

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

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

Hymn 477

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 thanksgiving for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of
Fill and Janet Bowen.

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TODAY – SEPTEMBER 22, 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 the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to 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): Hosted this week by the Lobster Fest Committee. Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation.

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Our series *The Book of Exodus* begins today with "Now a new king rose over Egypt (1:1-2:25)" presented by Fr. Javier.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Education Building): Classes are meeting from 10:15-11 a.m.

Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade (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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Have Fun with Us at Lobster Fest! Don't sit on the sidelines, come and share in the fun on Oct. 5! The team atmosphere for this event is one of its hallmarks. We laugh and work together as we prepare to fill a thousand (*or more*) orders. Please see our volunteer webpage for a list of teams with descriptions of the different work areas; or just email us and say "Put me anywhere!" Crews start prepping on Oct. 2. Questions? Contact Alana Loughlin at alanaloughlin817@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals: Join us on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. in the St. Paul's Courtyard for the annual Blessing of the Animals as we cherish the earth and all its creatures in the spirit of Francis of Assisi. Bring your pets and invite your neighbors and friends of your pets as well. All are welcome.

ONE Wake at St. Paul's: We need YOU to be a presence at ONE Wake's Local Non-Partisan Candidate Assembly on Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Listen and learn as candidates for Wake County Board of Commissioners and Raleigh City Council react to our Homeownership to Equity Campaign. We have pledged to have 35 St. Paul's members present as a sign of our commitment to change the story on who can afford to live in Wake County. Stand up for this effort by registering at onewake.org. Contact Mary Kintz and Christina Myers at onewake@stpaulscary.org for more information, especially if you need a ride on Oct. 10.

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.

Newcomer Luncheon: Are you new to St. Paul's? Please join us in the Youth Wing on Sunday, Oct. 13 from 12:30-2 p.m. to share a sandwich and some stories with others who have recently joined us. Children are welcome, and we'll have the Kids' Club open as well. The clergy and members of our hospitality ministries are excited to welcome you and get to know you better. RSVP online or contact Community Connector Mary Kintz at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org.

Welcome the Newly Baptized: A very special welcome to Norah Elizabeth Kager, child of Willian and Lauren Kager, grandchild of Cindy and Jeff Kager, and Lisa Porter and Charles Porter. Also Charlotte Catherine Limbouris, child of Jonathan and Jennifer Limbouris, and grandchild of Cindy and Jeff Kager, and Michael and Jeanne Limbouris. Both will be baptized at the 11:15 a.m. service today.

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, Rebecca, Ali, Peter, Christopher, Bill, Melissa.

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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