

# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TRINITY SUNDAY

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant  
The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
JUNE 15, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Processional

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Hymn 362

## Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

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.*

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal 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 - migh-t-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, 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

**Collect of the Day**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Children’s Processional**

All Things Bright and Beautiful (v. 1)  
*Children’s Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.*

Hymn 405

**First Reading**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A Reading from Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?  
 On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
 "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.  
 The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.  
 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.  
 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth--  
 when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.  
 When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
 when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,  
 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
 and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,  
 rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

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

**The Psalm**

Psalm 8

- 1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

## Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

## Gradual

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (vv.1 & 4)

Hymn 366

## Gospel

John 16:12-15

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

## Homily

The Rev. Sarah Phelps

## 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.*

## Commissioning of the 2025 Appalachian Service Project (ASP) Team

**ASP Team:** Frankie Borders, Theo Borders, Sam Bowersox, Alex Gatchalian, Jon Gates, Evelyn Gates, Heather Gates, Logan Gates, Brooke Hershberger, Joseph Hunt, Amara Kanesharan, Mike McInerney, Kevin McIntire, Adeline McLaughlin, Paul Metivier, Warren Price, Ryan Prudich, Zach Prudich, Benita Rizk, Randall Robinson, Grant Sasser, Adam Springfield, Kevin Swann, Matthew Yun.

Celebrant Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

*Senior Warden addressing the ASP team*

Vestry Member You have been called to serve those living in poverty in the Appalachian mountains of North Carolina as part of the Appalachian Service Project, a mission St. Paul's has shared in every year for the last 25 years.

People *Praise be to God for calling you to this service!*

Celebrant Let us pray. Father/Mother God, your Son taught us that the greatest of your commandments is to love you and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We ask you to look with favor upon all the members of this ASP team whom you have called to serve among the people of the Appalachian mountains. Fill them with your Holy Spirit as they minister with joy, generosity, respect, and mutual love among those they meet and serve in the mountains; we pray in the name of the Holy Trinity. *Amen.*

Celebrant In the Name of our Triune God, St. Paul's parish sends you forth with God's blessing and with these symbols of your service... (symbolic gifts are given). Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All *Thanks be to God!*

### Prayers of the People

*Congregational response following each petition*

Reader Blessed Trinity,  
People *Hear our prayer.*

### Confession and Absolution 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 Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### 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

Carol Yeargin, Organ

### Offertory Response

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

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*The People remain standing.*

*The Celebrant proceeds.*

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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*

### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Hymn S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven 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.

*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:

### Memorial Acclamation

*Celebrant and People*

*We 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,

### Lord's Prayer

*People and Celebrant*

BCP 367

*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.*

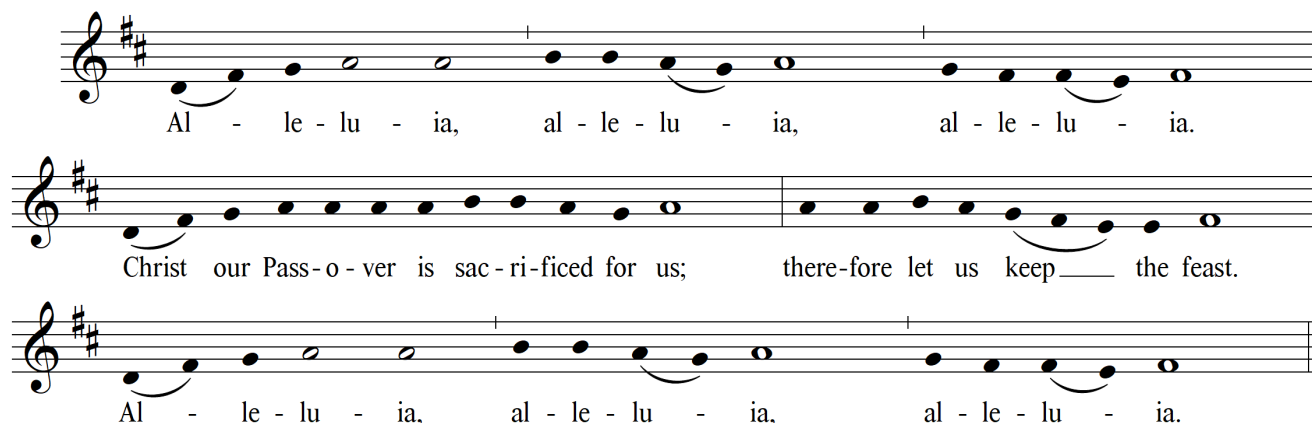
## Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymn 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

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face  
And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

Hymn 318

Hymn 337

### Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

BCP 366

### Blessing

### Recessional

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

Hymn 371

### Dismissal

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

### Postlude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for  
Kaela and Caitlin's graduations, by Tom and Myrna Belington.*

## TODAY – JUNE 15, 2025

**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 this morning at 10:15 a.m.** to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at [mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org](mailto:mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org) to find out more about us!

**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.

**Kids' Club (Education Building):** Our Kids' Club (nursery) is available during the 9 a.m. service today; infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend. Children are always welcome in the service.

**Children's Chapel:** Children 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 & Chaos (Parish Hall Lobby):** Join us after the 9 a.m. service for Coffee & Chaos! We have coffee for adults and snacks for children; the playground is open and the lobby has seats and restrooms inside. This is not just for families: all are welcome to enjoy the fun! Coffee & Chaos takes place on the first and third Sunday of each summer month.

**Adult Formation:** Programming resumes in September. Watch announcements for summer book group opportunities, small gatherings and more.

**Children's and Youth Sunday School:** Classes resume in September. Keep an eye out for summer offerings for both children and youth, including volunteering with VBC!

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Supplies for Vacation Bible Camp (VBC):** It's almost time for *Waves of Wonder* (July 14-18), our fun-filled VBC adventure, and we could use help filling our supply list. It's easy to purchase items online through Amazon (<https://amzn.to/43UeOWN>); you can also contact [vbc@stpaulscary.org](mailto:vbc@stpaulscary.org) and ask what's needed or see the flyer in the narthex for more details. Want to join the fun? Our crew has made volunteering super easy and welcoming for adults. Don't miss this opportunity to welcome families and experience a fun week of learning about God's love. Spread the word!

**Additional Listening Sessions:** If you missed our listening sessions in May, the Rector Search Committee is holding more sessions this month. All parishioners are invited to attend these gatherings, to express your vision of what St. Paul's has been, and what it might become under new leadership. While we have identified some dates as related to specific ministry areas, ANYONE MAY ATTEND ANY SESSION. Please choose the session that is most convenient for you and sign up in advance (the link is in the narthex and on the St. Paul's website). All are scheduled to be held in-person in the Youth Wing and should last about an hour. Questions? Email [rectorsearch@stpaulscary.org](mailto:rectorsearch@stpaulscary.org).

Sunday, June 15, 10:30 a.m. - General Session

Tuesday, June 17, 7 p.m. - Outreach

Thursday, June 19, 7 p.m. - Children's, Youth & Family  
Ministries and Adult Formation

Sunday, June 22, noon - General Session

**Adult Formation Summer Reading Group - Tuesday Option Added:** The book study this summer on "The Monk and the Butterfly" will be a change of pace as readers will be comparing Zen Buddhism and Christianity over a 10 week period. Each section of the book focuses on a single characteristic such as mindfulness, patience, and inner peace, so missing a session won't put you at a disadvantage. We will meet on Zoom both Tues. and Wed. evenings from 7-8 p.m. from June 10-Aug. 13. We encourage newcomers and friends to join us - this group is open to the curious. Email Gerri Batchelor at [gerrickairos@gmail.com](mailto:gerrickairos@gmail.com) to register.

**ONE Wake Affordable Housing Update:** Join leaders from ONE Wake at St. Paul's on Sunday, June 22 at 10:15 a.m. in the Youth Wing to hear updates on affordable housing initiatives throughout Wake County. Hear about next steps with the project at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church and learn what you can do to keep pressure on elected officials who committed to invest in new projects. Make plans to attend the next large ONE Wake action on July 12 at noon at Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Raleigh. Contact Mary Kintz and Christina Myers at [onewake@stpaulscary.org](mailto:onewake@stpaulscary.org) to learn more.

**Learn More about Gaza and Israel:** The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina is offering two options to participate in a diocesan-wide, 5-week online class, "Bearing Witness," held on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. on Zoom, beginning either Jul. 1 or Sept. 2. "Bearing Witness" is the free video-based study program from the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ). This series shares the stories of people living in Palestine and Israel and the remarkable ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem bringing hope and healing in this volatile part of the world. More information about the course and how to register can be found online at [bit.ly/4dRQN7m](http://bit.ly/4dRQN7m). The link is also available on the St. Paul's website.

**Researching our Roots:** In the fall of 2024, the Rev. Rhonda Lee shared a report commissioned by the diocese detailing the racial history of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina through the 1960s. Each congregation has been asked to research and learn its own history of the Black, Brown and Indigenous people in the life of their church and community, with regard to land acquisition, early church history and racial history. Join the team working on researching, organizing and presenting information about St. Paul's. Please contact [historykeepers@stpaulscary.org](mailto:historykeepers@stpaulscary.org) to learn more.

**Please Be Aware of the Greenway Crossing:** Although it has not officially opened, the new Higgins Greenway crossing at the entrance of our parking lot is already seeing visitors. Warning signs are not yet in place, so please be on the lookout for those who are not aware that they are crossing a street there. We are working with the Town of Cary on improving safety for all; in the meantime, please be very cautious as you approach that area coming and going.

**Prayer List:** We pray for Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Virginia, Doug, Guy, Katie, Cathy, Alan, Jessica, John, Mary, Susan, Clarence, Susan, Noah, Sally, John, John, Randy, Regina, Parrish, Jackie, Matias, Yosy, Ashley, Barb, Peggy, Carter, Hope, Marty, Janet, Austin, Liddy, Mary, Sue, Brenna, Lynn, Melanie, Ryan, Alyson, Samson, Patrick, Sarah, Ryan, Nancy, Ben, Chris, Patrick, Ralph, Louane, Melissa, Bill, Martha, Hannah Pau, and Beth.

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](mailto: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.



Andrei Rublev, icon most frequently referred to as The Trinity, 1425.

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