



St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Javier E. Almendárez-Bautista, Celebrant
The Rev. Candy Snively, Homilist

HOLY EUCHARIST
9:00 A.M. SERVICE
JUNE 29, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Processional

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymn 518

Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

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

The following is sung.

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.

O Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

A Reading from Second Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

- 1 I will cry aloud to God; *
I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD; *
my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;
I refused to be comforted.
- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD, *
and call to mind your wonders of old time.

- 12 I will meditate on all your acts *
and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders *
and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God;
the waters saw you and trembled; *
the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered; *
your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world; *
the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea,
and your paths in the great waters, *
yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock *
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1,13-25

A reading from the Letter to the Galatians.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

Gradual

He Who Would Valiant Be

Hymn 565

The Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

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

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

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 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

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

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

BCP 367

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.

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

When Christ was Lifted from the Earth
 O Jesus, I have Promised

Hymn 603
 Hymn 655

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

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, Organ

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for
 The 37th wedding anniversary of Neil and Aleta McClenney.*

TODAY – JUNE 29, 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 on 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 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): Our next Coffee & Chaos takes place after the 9 a.m. service on July 6. The playground will be open with coffee, snacks and restrooms in the parish hall lobby. 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.

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

Volunteer 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 your help! More hands are needed to make snacks and assist our lead teachers - volunteer once or many times, it's super easy and it helps us spread the love to our youngest members! Learn more at our display in the narthex; youth contact us at vbc@stpaulscary.org. Please help us make this a time of wonder for all!

ONE Wake Affordable Housing Accountability Action: Help us fill the room for the ONE Wake Accountability Action on July 12 at noon at Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Raleigh (near Tryon and Gorman St). Stand with others as we hold local and state elected officials accountable for the commitments they made to expand affordable housing across Wake County. Learn more online or by contacting Mary Kintz and Christina Myers at onewake@stpaulscary.org.

Dorcas Christmas in July Food Drive: Dorcas Ministries in Cary is again sponsoring a drive to stock their food pantry with much-needed items during the summer months. Starting July 6, we will have a big box to fill with items specified each week. "Items of the Week" information will be posted soon. Help us keep the pantry shelves stocked! Questions? Contact the church office at 919-467-1477.

Rise Against Hunger Impact: Thanks to your efforts, we had over 80 volunteers, raised over \$2000 and packaged over 10,000 meals on June 1 with Rise Against Hunger. Ministry leader Ramsey McIntire reports "In our entire history of partnership with RAH, St. Paul's alone has now packaged over 160,000 meals!" Thank you for your generosity.

RJPG Book Group: The Racial Justice Planning Group is offering three book studies this summer and early fall as we dig deeper into our history and into our responsibility as Christians to actively work for a more just world. Each session will be in-person at the church. Anyone is welcome to join us for one, some or all sessions. First up: "How to End Christian Nationalism" by Amanda Tyler, meeting Sunday, July 20 from 12-1:30 p.m. Learn more about the schedule and sign up online. Email Aleta McClenney at aleta@att.net with questions.

Ladies' Night Lemonade: Ladies, please plan to join us in the Youth Wing for a casual evening of socializing on Tues. July 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Youth Wing. We'll supply the lemonade, you supply any delicious add-ins or snack foods you'd like to share. This is an adult gathering, simply for fun. Learn more and RSVP online (bit.ly/4nfjZJJ) or in the narthex.

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.

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 July 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. 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 to learn more.

Prayer List: 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, Patrick, Sarah, Ryan, Nancy, Ben, Chris, Patrick, Ralph, Louane, Melissa, Bill, Martha, Hannah Paul, Beth, and Heather.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Rick Bennett, and Margaret Connell, mother of Sue Remavich.

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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