



# St. Paul's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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

HOLY EUCHARIST  
9:00 A.M. SERVICE  
JULY 13, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Processional

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 390

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

**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**

Amos 7:7-17

A Reading from Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the LORD .

You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the LORD:

‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line;

you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.' "

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

**The Psalm**

Psalm 82

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince."
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

**Second Reading**

Colossians 1:1-14

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual**

In Christ There is No East or West

Hymn 529

**The Gospel**

Luke 10:25-37

Gospeller       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People           *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

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**

*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**

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord  
 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Hymn 304  
 Hymn 660

**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.*

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**Blessing**

**Recessional**

Come, We That Love the Lord

Hymn 392

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

Carol Yeargin, Organ

## TODAY – JULY 13, 2025

**Please wear your nametags when you're here at church!** And if you don't yet have a nametag, please complete an order form in the narthex (lobby) so we can get you one!

**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](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 in Worship at St. Paul's:** Children are always welcome in our worship services without exception, but if parents should wish for a space where your kids have more room to move around during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Comfort Room (glassed-in room at the rear of the worship space from which you can still hear and see the service). Ask an usher if you need help finding it. Also, our Kids' Club (free nursery care) is available during the 9 a.m. service, and infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

**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 will 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 20. 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.

**Music Ministry at St. Paul's:** The St. Paul's Choir and Voices of St. Paul's are taking a break in July but will be back in August. In the meantime, our organist, Carol Yeargin, will continue to supply her wonderful accompaniment for hymns and service music as well as engaging offertories for the month. Please contact Minister of Music Rusty McKinney at [rusty.mckinney@stpaulscary.org](mailto:rusty.mckinney@stpaulscary.org) if you are interested in joining the choir or other Music Ministries ensembles.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Waves of Wonder Vacation Bible Camp (VBC):** *Waves of Wonder* launches tomorrow! Please keep all the children and volunteers in your prayers for a fun week of deepening our understanding of the importance of water and how we might join God in caring for this precious natural resource! More information is available in the narthex.

**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. Throughout July, we will have a big box to fill with items specified each week. This week we're bringing cooking oil, sugar (2 lb bag), flour (2 lb bag), pancake mix and syrup. Next up: shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet paper, baby wipes, feminine products. Help us keep the pantry shelves stocked! Questions? Contact the church office at 919-467-1477.

**Annual Pauli Murray Commemoration Service:** The 16th annual commemoration of the life and work of the Rev. Pauli Murray will be held at Murray's childhood church, St. Titus' in Durham, on July 17 at 6:30 p.m. This annual service includes an original liturgy and a choir drawn from across the city. The preacher for the service will be the Rev. Melanie Mullen from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

**Rainbow Gathering Presents a Conversation with Atty. Shray Shetty:** St. Paul's Rainbow Gathering invites you to join us on July 17 at 7 p.m. in the Youth Wing for a special evening of fellowship and thoughtful conversation with Shray Shetty, attorney with the Justice Initiative. Learn more about his work as a civil rights attorney and explore what we can do to help with this work. All are welcome, whether a longtime member or new to our congregation; bring a friend and an open heart. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP online to help us plan. Learn more by contacting Deborah Turner at [morecats9@gmail.com](mailto:morecats9@gmail.com)

**Intergenerational, Interactive Sermon at 9 a.m. Eucharist on July 20:** Families with school-aged children, you might want to prioritize getting to church on July 20th! Fr. Frank Hubbard will invite any children present at the 9 a.m. service that day to join him around the altar rail during the sermon to help him "explain that Sunday's Gospel to the grown-ups." Fr. Frank, a retired priest from New Jersey, and his wife Elda have recently joined our St. Paul's community. Fr. Frank has many years of experience offering intergenerational sermons that engage children and inspire the whole congregation. We'll celebrate the conclusion of a great week of Vacation Bible Camp, and there'll be "Coffee and Chaos" in the playground after church, too!

**Racial Justice 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 Sun., July 20 from 12-1:30 p.m. Learn more about the schedule and sign up online. Email Aleta McClenney at [aleta@att.net](mailto:aleta@att.net) with questions.

**Ladies' Night Lemonade (and more!):** This is an invite for all the women of St. Paul's (and non-binary folks who happen to like the company of women), please join us in the Youth Wing (with its comfy couches and AC) for a casual evening of socializing on Tues. July 22 from 7-9 p.m. We'll supply the lemonade. You supply any delicious add-ins (alcoholic or not), and any snack foods you'd like to share. This is an adult gathering, simply for fun! Learn more and RSVP online ([bit.ly/4nfjZJJ](http://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.

**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, 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, Heather, Henry, Carter, Althea, Beth, Anne, Joe, Barbara, and Gary.

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.



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