



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 06, 2026 • 8:30 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite I

The service begins on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer and is printed in its entirety here.

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Blessed be God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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

All standing, as able, and say the following

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost alway resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading ~ Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Epistle~ Romans 13:8-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 18:15-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to thee, O Lord

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained

that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Sermon

Mother Nicole Walters

A period of silent prayer.

The Nicene Creed

Stand as able. All say together

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.

Please kneel as you are able

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Robert, our Bishop, Winston, our Rector, Nicole, our Associate Rector, and Daniel, our Seminarian, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also, so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President, Brian, our Governor, and James, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially, Julie, Bruce, The Jones family, Wye, Cliff, Charles, Brooklyn, Bill, Lynn, Holly, Sadie, Kim, Nancy, Frank, Margaret, C.R., Ryan, Paul, Alex, and Felicia.

We beseech thee to bless the members of our Vestry, Jeff, Mark, Nick, Anne, Nikki, Sarah, Katie, Elizabeth, and Bill, that they may be guided by your Holy Spirit.

We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Marc, Hunter, Gary, Sarah, Debbie, Catherine, Emery, Lucy, Walter, Meredith, and Kat

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life, especially Ken. In thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service;

and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of blessed Paul and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept. The celebrant may add a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

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

Celebrant says

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Announcements

The Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right to do so.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us peace.**

Celebrant and the people continue

We do not come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

This is an open table; all are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. A mobility-impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Remember in your Prayers

From The Daughters of the King: O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for those with timely concerns: Julie McCloud, Cliff Daly, Charles Smith, The McCarty family, Brooklyn Williams, Mebane Ham, Bill Keir, Karen Searle, Lynn Dombrowski, Ryan Olsan, Paul Moss, Zac West, Bob Williams, Carla Brown, John Boothby, Daryl Jones, Heather Victorine, Jennifer Thomasson, the Matthews and King family, Betty Maddox, Pat Flanigan, and Bruce MacLane (Sr).

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Holly Mitchell, Alex, The Chunn family, the Francis Family, Kim Ramsey, Nancy Jaworski, Frank Moss, Margaret Jackson, C.R Phillips, Dennis Bouchard, Greg Parsons, Jason Reynolds, Greg Olsan, Dean Henderson, Paul Peatoy, Brittany, Del, Don, Jerry Jones, Dianne Teer, Caroline Abbey, Eric Flock, Steve Edge, Dottie Woody, Ron Wilson, George Robinson, Ginny Lyles, Candy Waldron, Sam Candler, Felicia Wahlen.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jeff, Mark, Nick, Anne, Nikki, Sarah, Katie, Elizabeth, and Bill, and for the Staff: Fr. Winston, David, Dawn, Geoff, Cole, Abbie, and Charlene.

We pray for our Community of Hope, Inc. Chaplains: Cleopatra Benjamin, Chris Borders, Bill & Dawn Harrison, Mary Frances Honea, Polly Hopkins, Katie McBride, Stan McMichael, Robyn Olsan, Linda Tudor, and Frank West.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phillip Beatty, Ashlie Benjamin, Trey Bland, Linda Boyce, Kevin Bradley, Jacob Britt, Tom Choate, Joe Clay, Francis Cooper III, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Arron Essex, Cameron Everett, Alex Eversoll, Victoria Eversoll, Adam Harrison, Dariel Johnson, Stephen Malcom, Beau Massenburg, Charles Mathews, Sean McGraw, David Norwood, Alex Pee, Steven Puckett, David Robinson, Lanier Sealy, Zach Simkins, Sam Vermilyea, Luke White, Tommy White, Ryan Whitfield.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Marc Honea, Hunter Snyder, Gary Cramer, Sarah Paschal, Debbie Brown, Catherine Heindel, Emery Allen, Luct Thrasher, Walter Jones, Meredith Brown, and Kat Connell.

We pray for those who have died, especially Ken Whittaker. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

Service Participants

Celebrant and Preacher	Father Winston Arthur
Preacher	Mother Nicole Walters
Vestry Person of the Week	Anne Graner
Eucharistic Minister	Renee Powell
Ushers	David Farmer
Altar Guild	Polly Hopkins and Wendy LeVan
Flower Guild	Louise Howard
Java	There is no Java host this morning

This week's altar flowers were given by Renee Powell, in thanksgiving for Amarie Warren on the occasion of her birthday

Parish Notices

The Huskison family will host **Wednesday Night Supper** this week.

To view more of this week's notices and to access the sign-up links for activities, please scan the QR code below. To scan the QR code, open your phone's camera and point it at the code. Tap the link that appears on your screen.



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