



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 06, 2026 • 10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer & is printed in its entirety here. Hymns are located in the Blue Hymnal.

The Opening Voluntary

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

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The Processional Hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymnal 376

The Welcome

Children's Corner

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand as you are able

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

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

The Celebrant continues

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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All may 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 (sung by the Choir)

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 Sequence Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymnal 635

The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 18:15-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A period of silent prayer.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are 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 worshipped 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.

The Prayers of the People ~ Form III

Please kneel as you are able

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, especially Robert,
our Bishop, and Winston, our Rector, Nicole our Associate Rector,
and Daniel our Seminarian.
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Donald, our President, Brian, our Governor, and James, our Mayor

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, Especially Julie, Brooklyn, Wye, Cliff, Charles, the McCarty family, Holly, Bill, Lynn, Karen, Kurt, Kim, Nancy, Paul, Frank, Ryan, C.R., Margaret, Felicia, and Alex.

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Ken.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor We pray for our Vestry members: Jeff, Mark, Nick, Anne, Nikki, Sarah, Katie, Elizabeth, and Bill

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Marc, Hunter, Gary, Sarah, Debbie, Catherine, Emery, Lucy, Walter, Meredith, and Kat

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Continue kneeling. Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All say together

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.

Celebrant continues

The Absolution

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.**

The Peace

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

The Announcements

The Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

Simple Gifts

Brunner

The Holy Communion

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant 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.

The Great Amen

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And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

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). A mobility-impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand.

Gluten-free wafers are available and will be served by the vergers behind the altar. Please approach the gluten-free station by walking around on the right side to the back of the altar.

Celebrant 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.

The Communion Anthem

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether

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The Communion Hymn

Where Charity and love prevail

Hymnal 581

The Lay Eucharistic Prayer

Please kneel as you are able. Celebrant and People

In the name of this community of St. Paul's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Please continue kneeling as able. Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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 Closing Hymn

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal 344

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

Joyful, Joyful

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Service Participants

Celebrant

Father Winston Arthur

Preacher

Mother Nicole Walters

Vestry Person of the Week

Anne Graner

Vergers

Brother Massenburg and Tony King

Eucharistic Ministers

Heather Heaberlin and Wendy Llosa

Acolytes

Mary Scott Fabrizi, Rowan Mattera,
Pearl Borders, Tristram Whitted, David
Pape, and Jack Bulford

Prayer Intercessors

Anne Graner and Frank West

Reader(s)

Dean Eelman

Ushers

Mark LeVan, Austin Aulds, Danny Brown, Taylor Josey, and Virginia Williams

Flower Guild

Louise Howard

Altar Guild

Polly Hopkins and Wendy LeVan

Java

Beth Gorley

Coffee Hour

There is no host for Coffee Hour this week

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, Mebane Ham, The Jones family, Cliff Daly, Charles Smith, Holly Mitchell, Peyton Hopkins, Allie Robinson, The McCarty family, the Ewing Family, Bill Keir, Lynn Dombrowski, Ryan Olsan, Paul Moss, Zac West, Bob Williams, Carla Brown, John Boothby, Heather Victorine, Jennifer Thomasson, the Matthews and King family, Betty Maddox, Pat Flanigan, Alex, and Bruce MacLane (Sr).

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brooklyn Williams, Karen Searle, 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, Francis Cooper III, Jackson Daniel, 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

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.

The Memorial service for Fr. Allan Sandlin will be at St. Barts on Monday, September 28th @ 2 pm.

Classroom Volunteers Needed at Jefferson Parkway Elementary

For the third year, St. Paul's is partnering with Jefferson Parkway Elementary to support teachers and students this school year. Volunteering in the classroom is an incredibly rewarding way to give back to our community. **Training:** Scheduled for September 3, 6 pm, Jefferson Parkway Elementary. Step out of your comfort zone and experience the joy of helping children succeed. Email stan.mcmichael5@gmail.com to sign up or ask questions.

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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