

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 13

AUGUST 3, 2025

WELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

This service sheet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* (“WLP,” green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Voluntary:	Adagio in G Minor	Tomaso Albinoni
Hymn of Praise: 559	Lead Us, Heavenly Father	<i>Dulce carmen</i>
Sequence Hymn: 510	Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove	<i>Saint Agnes</i>
Offertory:	Simple Gifts Shaker melody/arr. Aaron Copland	
Communion:	At the River	Robert Lowry
	<i>Chandler Moran, Soloist</i>	arr. A. Copland
Closing Hymn: 408	Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above	<i>Mit Freuden zart</i>
Closing Voluntary:	Crown Imperial	William Walton

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: John Currie (8:00)

Walter Rohlin, Kitty MacDowell (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Dewart (8:00)

Cynthia Miller, Kevin Frisch, Vicki Harrison (10:15)

Altar Guild: Jane Newcomb, Lila Kennedy, Jackie Barnes, Louise Moore, Jennifer Bleecker

Ushers: Jennifer Bleecker, Philip Bleecker, Susan Dow, Malual Thongjang

ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Cheri Potter (10:15)

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's closing voluntary, Crown Imperial, was written by William Walton (1902-1983) for the coronation of King George VI at Westminster Abbey in 1937. As with many English marches it begins with a rousing opening, followed by a poetic middle section which is transformed into an inspiring and rousing conclusion.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:1-11

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

PRAYER LIST

Larry, Josh Davis, Donna Grear, Gwen Cheney, John, Betty Ann Conlon, Jamie Pacermo, Eric, Hans Thurston, Nathan, Noreen, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Jeff, Tom, Bob Potter, Sr., Hank Couch, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, and Bill Dewart.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dalton and Oemisch families

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ Our Rector, Rob Picken, is away this week on a pre-planned holiday. He returns on Saturday.
- ❖ **Back-to-School Collection:** During August, St. Paul's will be collecting school supplies for School #9. Look at the supply list on the narthex table and consider picking up a few essential items. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be put in the baskets under the narthex table.
- ❖ **Altar Flowers:** There are opportunities to donate altar flowers on the Sundays listed below, "In memory of" or in "celebration of" an event. Please call Nancy Andrus at 406-8545 or email nancyandrus308@gmail.com. The following Sundays are available for the High Altar - August 17, and the Chantry Altar - August 10, 17.
- ❖ **"Sunday on Thursdays"** – our outdoor Eucharist in Paul's Cross – continues to meet each Thursday evening at 5:30 pm through August 28th. (If there's inclement weather, we will move inside the church.)
- ❖ **You're Invited** to a celebration of Rob's ministry on **Sunday, August 24, at 4:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. Please join us as we offer our thanks and send him off to this next chapter in his ministry with our love and prayer.



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