St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport, MA Sunday, July 27, 2025 10:00 am The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost stpaulsnewburyport.org





St. Paul's Episcopal Church is an inclusive Christian community. It's a community that takes God's love for the world seriously, fosters a living faith, and cares for one another—it's a community of belonging. We're also a community that welcomes doubt as part of faith, values questions alongside answers, and provides a home for exploration, wherever you find yourself on the spectrum of belief and in your pursuit of truth.

At St. Paul's we worship God, pray for our world, build community, and seek to serve others by working for justice, peace, and reconciliation. That work brings those who are vulnerable, rejected, overlooked, or marginalized in our world to the center of our life together. This is the story we embody every time we gather for the Eucharist, as we join in Jesus Christ's offering of himself for the life of the world—Christ, who became the poor, marginalized, rejected one on the cross for our salvation.

The Eucharist (also called the Mass or Holy Communion) is our share in that offering. It's at the heart of everything we are and do, and so we celebrate it with reverence, solemnity, and great joy. The word Eucharist means "thanksgiving," and in it we offer our whole selves to God in thanks our frustrations and conflicts, our peace and joy, our sorrow and pain and receive ourselves back anew, transformed by Christ's presence. Like our Baptism, the Eucharist is a sacrament of unity. In it we are made a true community, united in love and service as the family of Christ. The Eucharist is also a revolutionary act of justice and equality (as is our Baptism, through which we enter this family of Christ). In the Eucharist we, regardless of the color of our skin, our gender identity or sexuality, our age, our abilities, our social or economic status—people who in many places in our world would not be seen under same roof together receive the same life-giving bread and call each other one body and one family. There is perhaps no more radical act in our world than this. Through this offering of the Eucharist, we become a eucharistic gift ourselves, an offering of love and mercy to the world.

As we enter into and embody this story of God's love, everything you need to follow along is in this booklet. Maybe you're with us just for the day, maybe you're getting to know us just a little bit more, but maybe, just maybe, you've found a home. If you're interested in learning more about being baptized or becoming a member of St. Paul's, or you have questions or need anything at all, please don't hesitate to talk to me after the service or reach out any time.

Grace and peace,

The Rev. Dr Jarred Mercer (Fr Jarred)
Rector

Prayers of preparation before the Eucharist

As you enter the church and are seated, take time in silence and prayer to prepare yourself for our worship together. Here are some prayers that may help.

Prayer Before Receiving Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.

From the wicked foe, defend me.

At the hour of my death, call me

and bid me come to you

That with your saints I may praise you

For ever and ever. Amen.

The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3–10)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

THE LITURGY OF" THE WORD





Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant & People: 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.



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect, a prayer that gathers the people and their prayers together. All

respond Amen.

First Reading: Hosea 1:2-10

All sit

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

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

Psalm: 85

Benedixisti, Domine

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury * and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; * let your anger depart from us.

- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? * will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- 6 Will you not give us life again, * that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, * and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Reading:

Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on

visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

Sequence Hymn: #119 Our Father who art in Heaven



Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

All stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People:

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord. Celebrant: People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev'd Dr. Steven Notis

The preacher invokes the Name of the Trinity, all respond "Amen," and then sit for the sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

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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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

All stand.

Prayers of the People: Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace. For the just and proper use of your creation;

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For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Julia our Bishop; and

for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray for our Rector, Father Jarred Mercer, during his Sabbatical. May this be a time of rest and inspiration for his spirit; and may he return with a renewed vision for the mission of St. Paul's. We thank you for the *healing* of your Holy Spirit.

Reader: Give rest, we pray, to all who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries fall at this time, that your will for them may be fulfilled and that we may share with them and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy People: Hear our prayer

We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Among those who have asked for our prayers, we pray for:

Paul Thiefels Bea Waring Lisa Ransom Susan S. Mark B. John Patton

Allison Flynn Cypriana Slosky Coehlo

Jeff Kimball Abby Reese
Maren Franks David Marsan
Susan Bentley Janet Barnes
Sue Skinner-Kidd Brink Nancy Maylott
Andy More Chet Brown

Irina Deirdre Reagh Smith

Brink Saira and Laila Jim Winslow Tracy Broderick

Thea McCosker

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our L

ord. Amen.

All remain standing.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All share signs of Christ's peace with one another, especially seeking to amend any hurts or conflicts.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The altar is set for the Eucharist. Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the Lord's name, bring offerings and come into God's courts. The offering plate is passed. You may also give by scanning this QR code:



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Please stand as you are able.

Eucharistic Prayer: A

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

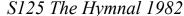
For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image,

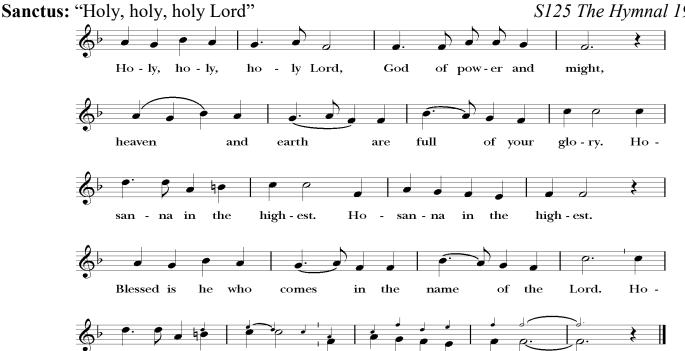
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord

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





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Please kneel as you are able.

san - na in

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

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high-est.

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Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Celebrant then continues Being made one in the power of the Spirit, Let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

Please stand as you are able.

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, The Breaking of the Bread

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.

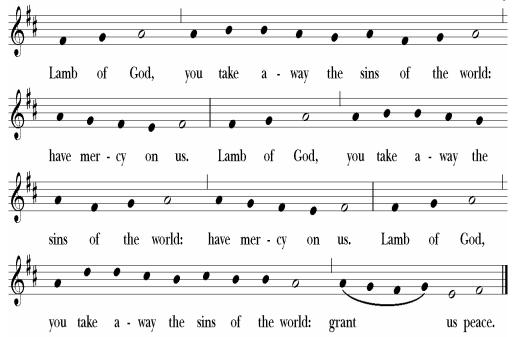
high-est.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God"

S161 The Hymnal 1982



Giving of Communion Please kneel as you are able

Those present come forward to receive communion, released by pew by an usher. There is no requirement to be a member of St. Paul's or Episcopalian to receive communion here. We believe that all are welcome, regardless of tradition or denomination, to be nourished at Christ's table and strengthened to live the faith of their baptism. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign of this.

If you would like communion brought to your seat, please let your usher know.

Prayers for healing and wholeness are offered by going through the door to the left of the pulpit. If you would like prayer for any kind of personal need you are welcome to go that area when you come up for communion.

If one wishes to receive the bread only, this in no way diminishes the sacrament. It has always been the teaching of the Church that the whole Christ is present to us whether we receive both bread and wine together or only one. Please avoid Intinction (dipping bread into the wine). Please take a sip from the common cup to receive. If you are not receiving the wine, cross your arms over your chest in front of the chalice after receiving the bread an acknowledge Christ's presence with us by saying "Amen" after the chalice bearer says, "the blood of Christ." All remain kneeling as they are able upon returning to their seats after communion

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Those unable to be present who are worshiping with us at a distance may pray this prayer of spiritual communion:

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Post-Communion Prayer

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After communion the Celebrant continues: Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

The celebrant pronounces a blessing, after which all respond **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God

Closing Hymn: #601 O Day of God



Organ Voluntary: Trumpet Tune

John Stanley (1713-1786)

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TODAY'S SERVICE LEADERS

Clergy: The Rev'd Canon David Lee Carlson & The Rev'd Dr. Steven Notis

Music Director: Mary Jodice

Lay Eucharist Minister: Bev Brennan

Lector: Doug Peck

Broadcast Team: Tom Hussey and Vanessa Ayersman

Ushers: Bill and Kim Wright **Coffee Hour:** Wayne Melvin

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Sunday Parish Eucharist: 10AM

Weekday Eucharist: On hiatus for the Summer; Morning Prayer: On hiatus for the summer,

First Saturday Eucharist: On hiatus for the summer.

Church Office Hours Tuesday – Friday, 9AM – 1PM

Coffee Hour Hosts Our Coffee Hour time after the Service is a great time of fellowship which is hosted by volunteers each week. Thank you to all who signed up to help in August and September. We only have a few slots left! Please consider helping out so that we can continue this lovely time together. Sign up here or send an email to alison.novello@gmail.com who will sign you up. Thanks for doing your part!

Garden Flowers for the Altar If some of our stellar gardeners in the parish have something that can be used on the altar, please let me know. It saves us a bit of money and will showcase the beautiful seasonal flowers. Call or text Anne Tuthill at 978-376-3284 or email atuthill@comcast.net. Hope to hear from you!

Parish Planning Study to Be Conducted at St. Paul's

Thank you to all who participated in our Capitol Campaign Meetings. We are grateful for your participation and support.

The St. Paul's Chorister Choir is for children ages 7 to 18, beginning September 2025. This is an opportunity for children to obtain a free musical education. The choir will rehearse Thursday afternoons from 4-5PM. The first rehearsal will be September 11th. Please contact Mary Jodice, the Director of Music to find out more about this program and to set up an audition. The deadline to make an appointment for an audition is August 1st. All are welcome, auditions are simply to assess entry skill level. maryjodice1@gmail.com

Among Friends Needs Your Help! Each month we will be asking for a donation of certain items for Among Friends. In July we would like cake and brownie mixes. You can leave your donations in the basket at the front of the church or drop them off in the parish hall during the week. Thanks! Afghan Families Help Needed! We are in desperate need of volunteers with medical training to assist the Afghan families with doctors' appointments. It is extremely difficult for them to navigate our health care system. They need advocates to help them make appointments, understand medical testing and the results, go to some of the more serious appointments with them and arrange the follow ups. It could be as much time or as little time as you are willing to give. We are also in need of volunteers who are willing to drive to Lexington, Boston, Waltham and Peabody for Boston Children's Hospital appointments. Please email Mary Condella at mcondella@me.com or Betsy Marshall at betsy.marshall@gmail.com

Drivers needed for our Afghan Families We need drivers to help transport the Afghan families to/from medical appointments and sport related events. Please note that this may require additional driving now that our families reside in Amesbury. For sports, even being able to provide transportation one way – either 'drop off' or 'pick up' would be welcomed. A CORI check is required for all volunteers. We are pleased that members of both families are in the process of obtaining their driver's permit licenses and we look forward to them being able to assume more of this responsibility in the coming months. Until then, we would greatly appreciate your help! Please contact Mary Condella (mcondella@icloud.com) or Deirdre Budzyna (deirdrebudzyna@gmail.com) if you would like to help!

Do you like music? Please consider joining our Arts and Culture Team and serve as an usher at

our upcoming plays and concerts. Email dbudzyna@necc.mass.edu if you are interested. **Do you enjoy working with children?** Please consider joining our Children's Formation Team. Email dbudzyna@necc.mass.edu if you are interested in joining this important ministry. **Confirmation, Baptism, and Reception into The Episcopal Church.** If you are new to Christianity, or come from another Christian tradition and have never been baptized or confirmed, get in touch with Fr Jarred to discover how this is an important step in your faith and life. Baptism and Confirmation are for all ages. If you have been baptized and confirmed in another Christian tradition or denomination and would like to be received into The Episcopal Church, also reach out to Fr Jarred. SSJE Workshops and Retreats The Brothers at the monastery in Cambridge are offering several workshops and retreats. Check out the schedule at https://www.ssje.org/programs/

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Jess & family	Ethan & Family	David Marsen
Katie, Brian & family	Grace Novello	Dorothy & Jerry
Paul Thiefels	Kate Prescott	Allison Flynn
Lindsey Leitko	Nancy Maylott	Cypriana Slosky Coehlo
Sue Skinner-Kidd	Susan Bentley	Chet Brown
Gail Bishop-Davis	John Patton	Andy Moore
Cecile Novello	Jeff Kimball	Brink
Brown Reinhardt	Saira and Laila	Thea McCosker
Ginny Abby	Deirdre Reagh Smith	Jim Winslow
Tracy Broderick	Deborah Demopoulos	Nancy Burkholder

St. Paul's Vestry 2025

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Alison Novello, Emily Russin

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