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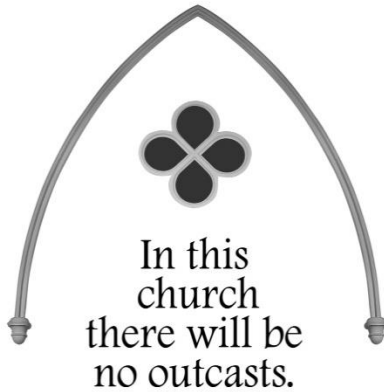
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Welcome



St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 1, 2023

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II
8:00 & 9:30 AM

Music notations for 9:30 service only.

**In the name of Christ,
we are truly delighted to worship together.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering

Whether worshiping in person, online or tv, we are One in Christ.

We invite you to support God's mission in and through this parish community by placing your gift in the plate at the offertory or by giving [online](#). Thank you.

Hymn 435

At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

Words of Welcome

Opening Sentence

Prayer Book page 78

The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. *John 4:23*

CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF PARDON

Prayer Book page 79

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *AMEN.*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Prayer Book page 80

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

The following Antiphon is said before and after the Invitatory Psalm (Jubilate).

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: **Come let us adore him.**

Jubilate: Psalm 100

Prayer Book page 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

Officiant and People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the

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children's teeth are set on edge"? "As I live," says the Lord God, "this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways," says the Lord God. "Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone," says the Lord God. "Turn, then, and live."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 14 A Song of Penitence *Kyrie Pantokrator* Prayer Book page 90

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their vast array.
All things quake with fear at your presence; *
they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

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You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.
In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my

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presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15 S242 The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Prayer Book page 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THIRD READING

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do

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these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Homily

Amy Foster

The Apostles Creed

Prayer Book page 96

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,**

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the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Prayer Book page 97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

SUFFRAGES B

Prayer Book page 98

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE *Said in unison.* Prayer Book page 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE *Said in unison.* Prayer Book page 100

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR MISSION *Said in unison* Prayer Book page 101

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR YOUNG PERSONS Prayer Book page 829

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Children's Homily (*at 9:30 only*)

Nathan Leach

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Life's Milestones

Offertory Sentence "But do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." *Hebrews 13:15,16*

Offertory Anthem

To Thee, O Lord

Sergei Rachmaninov

Text: Psalm 25

To Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

My God, I trust in thee.

To Thee, O Lord, do I lift my soul.

My God, I trust in thee.

A PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING *Said in unison.* Prayer Book page 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Dismissal

Prayer book page 102

Let us bless the lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
Romans 15:13

Hymn 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

Announcements

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

Postlude

**Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren,
BuxWV 214**

Dietrich Buxtehude



THE ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Trinity, Torrington; Christ Church, Trumbull; Trinity, Trumbull; For all companions and service animals, all livestock & wild animals, great and small; and for the people of St. Paul's, particularly for those who volunteer their time and talents every week to keep our church strong.....

For the world, nation, and community: For Presiding Bishop Michael Curry who is recovering from surgery and for all others dealing with sickness or injury; and for other concerns mentioned now silently or aloud.....

In Thanksgiving: For the healthcare providers caring for Bishop Curry and for all healthcare providers around the world who do their best to care for patients every day; and other thanks offered now silently or aloud.....

For those in any need or trouble, mentioning by name today: Gavin Tormollan, Sue Butler, Tom T., Karl Swenson, Nancy & Jim Jermine, Sean Schenk, Linda Gervais, Nancy Hall, Dave Falasco, Richard Chevalier, Ottilie Bulakites, Ken Berry, Kylie, Ava Mae, Stephanie Leone and her family, Richard Libassi, Sandra Hanson, Kaley, Velta Inglis, Sophia and Benny, Donna Calvi, Garth Singer, Beverly Chevalier, William Voigt, Phil, Joyce Boisvert, Laura Moran, Colleen Rommel, Eli Pattberg, David Clarke, William, Jane, Charles Parker, Aksel Kohn, Madison "little bird" Barbieri, James Padgett, Sue Esposito, Dorothy Adams, Bruce Corriveau, June Casso, Barbara Busque, Deborah Rice, Cooper Anthony, Christine Pollnow, Ellen Shea, Nancy Benhart, Anthony Gagliardi, Donna Smith, Jessica M., Linda Coleman, Louise Ferrando, Gail and George Blicharz, The Charles Family, Madison Oquendo, Matt, Remmy & Shannon Sullivan, Shirley, Stan Rogalski, Caley, John Ferrara, Lydia Scott, June Lape, Todd Hlavac, Chuck Guglielmino, Bob Bartosiak, Josh Oquendo, Chuck Johns, Mary Tondalo, The Torres Family, Cole Geib, Michele M., Lauren Dorio, Maria Feola, Sharon Lentine, Jacob Thieringer, Ann P., Karen Burgess, Terri Flynn, Jackie Iversen, Shirley J. Thomson, Walter Gordon, Moe Hanson, Mark Kohn, Lucy Smith, Ethan Tidd, Ann Winberg, Claire Mills, James Guimond, Hayley Martini, **Jeanne Cohen, Patrick Leveille, Beverly Jean Martin, Christopher Bean, Steven Eddy, Allen Gervais, Zack Bernier**, Mark Gervais, Roger Haynes, Sarah, Michael Lentine, Karen Doonan, Lui Nobrega, Gail Hart, Duffy Ayers, Cheryl Schmidt, Mac Sjovall, Liz Stokes, Eileen Grady, Rene Moran, Angie G., Holly Maynard Richter, Carmen Brown, Marilee Reitman, Kate Johnson, Dee Roselle, Pat Martini, Kristine Mullin, Scott C., Wayne Jones, Sam Jones, Cynthia Ayers, Rob & Melanie Tanner & family, Catherine Rose Hall, Kara Boettger, Brittany Landers, Kenneth, David Barr, Jr., Roger Campbell, Pete Weisner, Judith Terrill, Donna Z., Lara Luppi, Julia Gwynn, Bea White, Judi Petro, Crystal Gordon; and others named silently or aloud.....

The flowers at the front steps of the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Victor and Nellie Karbowski.

For the departed: For those named now silently or aloud.....

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life –This week's word is: TURN. In today's reading from Ezekiel, we are encouraged to "Turn, then, and live." What do you need to turn toward, so that you may live and love more deeply? What do you need to turn away from? And how can you let God help you?

WELCOME – and thank you for your presence and prayers today. Thank you to Darlene James for volunteering to play the 8am Prelude; From God I will not Depart, BWV 658, J.S. Bach. Thank you to Brian Sahlin (8:00/9:30 officiant), Zac Boulier (8:00 crucifer/2nd reading), Patti Cullen (8:00 1st reading/3rd reading), Stephanie Crump (8:00 intercessor), Helen Stowe (9:30 crucifer), Carol Gervais (9:30 1st reading/intercessor), Bjorn Fahy (9:30 2nd reading), Wanda Pizzonia (9:30 3rd reading), Samantha Martinez (cantor), Tammy Napoli (9:30 usher) and Amy Foster for preaching at both of today's services. Thank you to Nathan Leach for preaching at the 9:30. Thank you to the Tech team for tech support.

Worship Leaders – Calling all readers, crucifers, ministers of communion! Sign-up sheets are available on the easel in the back of the church.

Church School will meet at 8:30 a.m. **this Sunday, October 1st** at Marcus Cooke Park for a STORY WALK after which the children are invited to be in church for the entirety of worship.

Adult Forum – Exploring Matthew's Gospel - The Adult Forum will resume this fall with an exploration of the Gospel of Matthew, the primary gospel we have been hearing during worship throughout this liturgical year. We'll learn about who the author of this gospel might have been, who his intended audience was, and how this gospel connects to and differs from other gospels. We will share with each other what messages this gospel has for us today. The Adult Forum is a discussion group open to all and will meet in person on Sunday mornings between services in the Common Room. For our meeting on 10/1 please read Chapters 5-7. For our meeting on 10/8, please read Chapters 8-11. If you have questions, please contact Amy Foster (foster9092@gmail.com)

Website updates - The St. Paul's website (www.stpaulswallingford.org) is getting a refresh! If you are involved in a parish ministry and would like to submit new text or photos, please see Hope McGrath in person or email hopenmcgrath@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour - We invite everyone back to celebrate the beginning of our harvest coffee hours. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the easel in the back of the church if you would like to host a coffee hour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CELEBRATE WALLINGFORD 2023

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7 - 11AM - 6PM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8 - 11AM - 5PM

October 7 & 8 is Celebrate Wallingford on North Main Street – St. Paul's will again have a booth in front of the church and will be handing out St. Paul's tote bags, pens, flashlights, and informational sheets. The Thrift Shop will also be open for extended hours on both days. Volunteer signup sheets are on the easel in the back of church. Any time you have to give is appreciated. For info contact Carole Ireland, 203-988-7405.

Food and Diaper Drives We had a lot of competition around town from other food drives on the day of our September Food and Diaper Drive. We collected 181 lbs of food and \$55 for Master's Manna and \$95 for diapers for the Community Day Care. Please take advantage of the sales at the grocery stores and help us fill the shelves at Master's Manna. We are back on our regular schedule for the rest of the year – the next food and diaper drive will be on Saturday, October 14th. Our mascot Bowie will be there to welcome you. But if you cannot be there that Saturday, you can leave your donations by the church office and we will pick them up.

Organ Concert - On November 5th, at 4 pm our Music Director, Jay Lindsay, will be giving an organ concert featuring our historic Holtkamp pipe organ. Works will include Bach, Schumann, Hindemith, Beach, and a spooky Halloween piece! The concert will be free with a free-will offering to benefit Master's Manna.

Boy Scouts Troop 4 Fall Fundraiser – Troop 4 Boy Scouts fundraiser will be with Beaumont Farms, 945 East Center Street in Wallingford (Hours: Sunday-Saturday 9-5) from September 15-October 31st. Please support Troop 4 in one of the following ways: Mentioning Troop 4 at Check Out *Presenting Flyer (flyers are located at both church entrances) *Show Facebook post *A portion of the sales will be donated to Troop 4. All annuals, perennials and decorations will be included in this fundraiser (excludes regular garden veggies like corn, tomatoes, etc.)

BEWARE SCAMS – Please be mindful that scammers prey on the goodwill of church communities. Do not answer or forward any emails or texts purportedly from church staff that seem unusual or suspicious. Instead, when in doubt, reach out to us individually to ask. Remember, parish staff will NEVER privately ask you for money, gift cards or “favors”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church is open Wednesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm for prayer & reflection, with healing prayers offered noon-1:00.

The Parish Office Hours – The parish office is open to the public on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11AM-2:00PM. Please email or call the office at (203) 269-5050 to arrange any additional times to meet during the week. Calls, emails and other matters will generally be addressed during business hours of 9:00-3:00 Tuesday-Friday.

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