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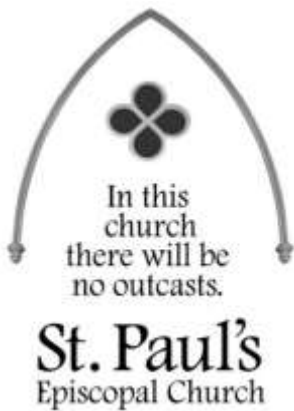
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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 23, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I - 8:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II & HOLY BAPTISM- 9:30 AM

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

8:00 AM

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Prelude Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 J.S. Bach
(Blessed Jesu, we are here)

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9:30

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J.S. Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

Gathering

Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Proclaiming the Word

THE COLLECT

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, YEAR A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO Matthew 16:13-20

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Dr. Greg Welin

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

BCP, p. 301

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present *Penelope* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will with God’s help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will with God’s help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP p. 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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>Celebrant</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
<i>People</i>	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP, p. 305

The Celebrant says

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader	Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader	Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

BCP, p. 306

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant says

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

BCP, pgs. 307-8

Penelope, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this your servant* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross saying

Penelope, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

The Offertory

*Please place your offering in the basket as it is passed, or give [online](#). You may also scan the QR code on the back page of the bulletin to make a donation. **Please STAND as you are able as the gifts are brought forward in procession to the altar.***

Offertory Hymn LEVAS 141 Shall we gather at the river *Hanson Place*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer C) BCP, p. 369

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

We will be offering communion in both kinds (including wine). Although communion in one kind (bread only) is full and sufficient, those who wish to receive wine as well are invited to do so. You may request gluten-free wafers by turning your palms downward at the altar rail. Grape juice is also available and may be requested in the same way. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come to the altar for a blessing; this is indicated by crossing one's arms over the chest.

Communion Music Let Us Break Bread Together arranged by M. Sobaje

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP, p. 366

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Life's Milestones

Announcements

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people

The Dismissal

Postlude

Processional for a Joyful Day

D. Wood

THE ST. PAUL'S PRAYER LIST

Today, we pray for Rectory School, Pomfret; Salisbury School, Salisbury; South Kent School, South Kent; Students, teachers & chaplains at Episcopal schools preparing to begin the school year; Church of the Province of West Africa; for our Presiding Bishop Sean and our Bishops Jeffrey and Laura.

We pray for peace and justice in our world, especially places of war and conflict. We pray for peace in Sudan, Yemen, Ukraine, and Russia. We pray for peace and an end to the war in Iran, the Gulf States, Lebanon and Israel. We pray for a spirit of respect and civility in our nation that people may be free to live and speak without fear and with respect. We pray for other concerns mentioned silently or aloud...

We pray in thanksgiving for the baptism of Penelope Guido today, and offer other thanksgivings mentioned now silently or aloud...

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Penelope Guido.

We pray for those in any need or trouble, especially for Shawn Winberg; for Noreen Pascal; and for those named now silently or aloud...

We pray for the departed: For those named now silently or aloud.....

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME – and thank you for your presence and prayers today. Thank you to Darlene James for playing the organ today while Music Director, Jay Lindsay is on vacation returning next Sunday, 8/30. Thank you to Patti Cullen (8:00 crucifer/intercessor), Jane Smith (8:00 1st reading/Minister of Communion), MaryLiz Williamson (8:00 2nd reading), Gene Gervais (8:00 usher), Jackie Dietz (9:30 crucifer), Carol Gervais (9:30 1st reading/Minister of Communion), Charmaine Craggs (9:30 2nd reading), and Wendy Oestreicher (9:30 intercessor). Thank you to the Tech team for tech support.

Healing Prayer Sunday is TODAY, Sunday 8/23 – please see members of the Healing Prayer team with your prayer requests.

Choir and Choristers - Now is a great time to join the Choir or Choristers! Choir rehearsals will begin on September 3rd and will be held on Thursdays from 7 - 9 pm. Choristers is open to anyone in K-8 who would like to sing. Rehearsals will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month immediately following the 9:30 service. The first rehearsal will be on September 27th. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our music director Jay Lindsay at musicdirector@stpaulswallingford.org. Hope to see you there!

Church School - I hope everyone has had a wonderful and restful summer! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Ingathering Sunday on September 13, following the 9:30 service. We will have family-friendly games, church school registration, opportunities to sign up to teach church school, food, and fellowship! As we begin the new church school year with two classes, I would greatly appreciate as many volunteers as possible. This is important and meaningful work, and our children truly appreciate the time and love you share with them. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. I hope to see everyone there and am looking forward to a wonderful church school year together! Warmly, Becky Scalesse

The Wednesday Fellowship and Joy Club – We meet at noon to worship, share a bag lunch and then join in playing some simple games and conversation. Usually ends by 2pm.

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Ingathering Sunday this year will be held on September 13th. - We hope you will join us as our parish comes together to celebrate the upcoming year. There will be a potluck brunch in Wilkinson Hall following the 9:30 service with live music, a ministry fair, and registration for church school. Sign-up sheets for the brunch are posted on the easel in the back of the church. When you sign up, please indicate the number of people attending and what you would like to contribute to the brunch. If you're not able to sign up at church, please call the church office at 203-269-5050 to let us know you'll be coming. We hope to see everyone there!

Rector's Discretionary Fund - The Church has a small fund to help members in times of need, and we need to replenish it from time to time. On the first Sunday of the month, we will use any loose offering (offerings other than pledge income) to fund the account. There is also a new category for online giving for donations to the Discretionary Fund. It is especially appropriate to make small donations as gifts of thanks, and we often receive gifts for weddings, baptisms, or to give thanks for a loved one.

Contact information for the Rev. Greg Welin - You may reach me in the office on most Wednesdays and Thursdays. It would be best to make an appointment to see me if you can. My email is rector@stpaulswallingford.org . In the event of an emergency, you may call my cell phone at 203 206 4802.

The Summer Parish Office Hours-The parish office is open on Wednesdays and Fridays during the summer from 11:00AM-1:00PM. Please email or call the office at (203) 269-5050 to arrange any additional times to meet. Calls, emails and other matters will generally be addressed during business hours of 9:00-1:00 Tuesday-Friday.

The church is open on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm for prayer & reflection.



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