



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

## **Youth Sunday**

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 3, 2021 • 10:30 AM**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.*

**The Processional Hymn**

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*  
Hymnal 376

### *The Liturgy of the Word*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The People say together*

**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 Gloria**

Hymnal S 280

*Children ages 4-8 are invited to gather at the rear of the church to attend Children's Chapel, return during the Peace.*

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*All may be seated.*

## The First Lesson: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm: 26

*The psalm is sung by the choir.*

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.

- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

### **The Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*Now thank we all our God*  
Hymnal 397

### **The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**People**            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

## The Sermon

Lily Hopkins and Lanie Mae Henderson

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 worshiped 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 [Revised for Youth Sunday]

*Intercessor*     *Let us pray for the Church and for the world.*  
*Dear God, let your love and truth bring people together in our world.*

*Silence*

**People**        **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*     *Let all people work together, not fight, and do right by one another.*

*Silence*

**People**        **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*     *Show us how to respect the earth and its people, and make sure that it's taken care of for the generations to come.*

*Silence*

**People**        **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*     *Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, religion, or culture.*

*Silence*

**People**        **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Watch over people of all ages who have faced hardships or loss during the pandemic.

*Silence*

**People** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Let us serve Christ with people in our community and love one another as Jesus loved us.

*Silence*

**People** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Give courage and hope to all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

*Silence*

**People** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* We pray for all people who have died. May their souls and loved ones be at peace.

*Silence*

**People** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Leader and People*

**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*

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 Blessings and Thanksgivings**

### **The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory Anthem**

*Hallelujah. Amen!*

G.F. Handel

**The Presentation Hymn**

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

Hymnal 657

*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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

**The Sanctus**

Hymnal S 125

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.

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.



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

**Communion Anthem**

*Come as a Child*  
Mark Wilson

*When parents brought children for Jesus to bless, His followers noticed His need for rest.  
And knowing children noisy at play, they said to the parents, "please take them away!" But Jesus said,  
"Bring the children to me! The Kingdom of Heaven is theirs, you see"  
And holding them close He blessed them and smiled, "Who ever would enter must come as a child"*

*"Let the children come to me, The kingdom belongs to them.  
You must be open to joy and love, and come as children do."*

*The children I know are noisy it's true; inquisitive, open and loving too.  
So maybe God's Kingdom is meant to be a circle of love, filled with people like me!*

*"Let the children come to me, The kingdom belongs to them.  
You must be open to joy and love, and come as children do." And come as children do.*

**The Communion Hymn**

*My song is love unknown*  
Hymnal 458

*Celebrant: 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.***

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn**

*All hail the power of Jesus' name!*  
Hymnal 450

**The Dismissal**

***A prayer for Guidance and Protection: (From the Daughters of the King)***

O Lord, our redeemer, be our protection. Direct our minds by your gracious presence. Watch over our paths and guide us with your love through the hidden snares of life. Fix our hearts on you as we go forward, and following in faith arrive at your goal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Remember in your Prayers*

We pray for those who are sick and those who love them, and for those who have died because of the coronavirus; for those who are oppressed by fear. Let us also pray for those in the medical, scientific, research and pharmaceutical communities devoting their time and talent to the cause of global health.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman, Joan Kelley, Carol Paschal, Donald Simpson.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Brink Howard, Danielle Doughtie, Rena McMichael, Michael Coxand, Dustin Brown, Ernie Williams, Mandy Screven, Steven Stellen, Marcia Mack, Bill Harrison, Vashti Ravenell, Gavin Stuart and family, Heather & Martha Pennell-Glover, Anne Murphy, Heather, Quinn Harrison, Jason Allen, Ethan Page, Luke Bourneuf, Ruthie Stewart, Don Jones, Frank West, Ivy Roman.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, Jennifer; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Charmaine, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Kimberly, Cole.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Mike Ferguson, Ken Cass, Juliane Reynolds, Michael Colpoys, Leslie Brown, Tony Payne, Sara Wieda, Jack Bulford, Jill Bankston, Aubrey Nall, Mary Huskison.

### *Parish Notices*

**ADULT FORMATION** - Please join us this Sunday in the Library at 9:30 for this season of Adult Formation. We are reading **Faith After Doubt** by McLaren.

**BIBLE STUDY: "Prayers in Scripture: A six-week Bible Study"** will begin on October 6th and will meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 in Room 2 off the parish hall.

**EPISCOPAL 101 class on Sundays at 9:30 continues this Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021** with Rev. Hazel.

**2nd SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** From 9am - 10am **Sunday, October 10th**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - St. Francis Day:** At Greenville Street Park next **Sunday, Oct. 10 at 2-4 p.m.**

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Please join us in the mission of saving lives on **Monday, October 25 from 1:30-6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Please email Virginia Williams or Wendy Llosa to make an appointment.

### **SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS**

<b>VPOW</b> [Vestry Person of the Week] - <b>Mark LeVan</b>				
<b>Verger</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Readers</b>
Frankey	Jeff Lawhead	Hadley Heindel, Nick Eversoll, Anne Josey, Brian Lewis, Rusty Martin, Tammy Martin, Roy Reynolds, Steve Umberter, Cathay Sandin	Adele Bulford - 1st Server Liam Bulford - 2nd Server Jude Henderson - Banner Sydney Pape - Torch 1 Mary Huskinson - Torch 2	<b>Lessons:</b> Mikayla Pape Mary Huskinson Adele Bulford <b>POP:</b> Jude Henderson