



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

Senior and Youth Sunday
May 7, 2023 • 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 Opening Voluntary

The Opening Hymn

Holy God We Praise Thy Name
Hymnal 366

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 4-10 are invited to gather at the rear of the church to attend Children's Chapel, returning during the Peace.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading ~ Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm ~ 31:1-5, 15-16

The psalm is sung by the choir.

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my
stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *

for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *

for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Second Reading ~ 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

O Love of God, How Strong and True
Hymnal 455

The Holy Gospel ~ John 14:1-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A period of silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

All say together

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 — Form III

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for those on our prayer list, especially Irene, Rea, and Bill. We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Betsy, Cindy, Nathan, Wendy, Pearl, Charlie, and Philip.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Good Christian Men Rejoice and Sing!
Ernest Bullock

The Presentation Hymn

O Praise Ye the Lord! Praise Him in the Height
Hymn 432

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 128

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 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.

The Great Amen

Hymnal S146



The Celebrant then continues

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten-free wafers are available at the side altar.

The Communion Anthem

Jesus Took the Cup
Hal Hopson

The Communion Hymn

Seek Ye First
Hymnal 711

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Hymnal 518

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Remember in your Prayers

A Prayer for Love (From The Daughters of the King): Bless us with Love, O Merciful God; That we may love as you love. That we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring, and love to all. Bless us with your love.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Alice Jakubiak, Anne Petrey, Amaya Wills, Ramsey Hopkins, Vincent Cardinalli, Bob Kirk, David Waldron, Tara Poindexter, Bob McKoon, Carol Costa, Brenda Daniel, Don Jones, David Sellers, Richard Dickson, Brittany Perry, David Boyd, Jr., Keith Williams, Grover Grendzinski, Randy Hendricks, Bob Anderson, Nan Fitts, Susan Roper, Irene Ferris, Rea Harrison, Bill Hensley.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Wendy Llosa, Greg Parsons, Melanie Patton, Father Bruno, Ed Sergeant, Ernie Williams, David Sandlin, Mark Starr, Annie Bulford, Joan Doggrell, Marcy Brewer, Kelsey Crow, Jaron Smith, Al Williams.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Mark, Frankey, Marge, Mary Frances, Polly, Tony, Roy, Virginia and for the Rector and Staff: Hazel, Mark, Dawn, Cynthia, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

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, Ryan Whitfield, Stephen Malcom.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Betsy Candler, Cindy Carrington, Nathan Barker, Wendy Llosa, Pearl Borders, Charlie Jones, and Philip Hand.

We pray for those who have died. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Marianne Lawhead
Vergers	David Martin, Katie McBride-Newman, & Jennifer Thomasson
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Heaberlin, Heather Heaberlin, & Carolyn Masters
Acolytes	Lanie Mae Henderson (1st); Rhett Eversoll (2nd); Kate Howell (Banner); India Camp & Sydney Pape (Torchbearers)

Readers	Mary Tucker Howell, Julie Howell, & Victoria Eversoll
Healing Intercessors	Sherry Cook & Anne Graner
Greeter	Mikayla Pape
Ushers	Mike Scott, Mike Gallagher, Amy Jones, Daryl Jones, Brother Massenburg, Michele Mattera, & Bill Stemberger

Parish Notices

Adult Formation: Looking for a post-Easter discipline? Want to meet a fun group of parishioners who enjoy getting together to discuss current topics in Christianity as they relate to a book chosen by the group? Please meet us in Conference Room 2 off of the Parish Hall on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. as adult formation studies Madeline L'Engle's book *Walking on Water*. L'Engle is the author of *A Wrinkle in Time* and other well-known books. *Walking on Water* is available in paperback through Amazon.

Healing Service: Wednesday Healing Services are held at 11 a.m. in the Nave.

Senior & Youth Sunday: Join us today as we celebrate our graduating Seniors and our Youth! You will see our graduating seniors in various ways throughout both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services and are invited to join us in continuing to celebrate them during coffee hour following the 10:30 am service. Our seniors will have tables set up at coffee hour to show their favorite accomplishments thus far, as well as their plans for the future.

Starting at 4 pm, EYC will have its end-of-year celebration. 5th-12th graders are invited to come together in the youth room as we eat, play games, and celebrate a job well done this school year.

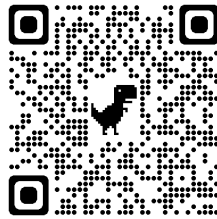
Senior Eucharist will follow this celebration at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join us as we share a more intimate service with our graduating seniors and send them off with a special blessing.

Let's Dance: The Rutledge Center, a nearby non-profit providing person-centered services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Rutledge clients and staff will be in the Parish Hall on the third Tuesday of every month from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., experiencing a joyful dance-centered time facilitated by Anne Graner. If you are available to assist Anne in setting up the space, interacting with our Rutledge friends, and dancing your heart out, please contact her at 404.444.6015 or anne.graner@gmail.com. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 16th.

Hazel's Retirement Celebration: Join us as we celebrate the ministry of The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover! To honor the work of Rev. Hazel prior to her retirement on May 28th, we will have a celebration on Saturday, May 20th, 5-7 p.m., in the St. Paul's Parish Hall.

Sunday Services: There will be only one service, Holy Eucharist II at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 21st and Sunday, May 28th.

Pentecost Brunch: Join us May 28th for brunch on Pentecost Sunday! The brunch will be served at 9 a.m. If you would like to volunteer to bring one of your favorite dishes to share, you can signup by using the QR code below. Signup closes end of the day, *Tuesday, May 22nd*. Questions can be directed to Cathy Sandlin via email at cathy.sandlin@charter.net or via phone at (770) 328.7988.



Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will be available after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. For anyone who is interested in joining the Coffee Hour ministry please contact Nikki Henderson via email at Nikki.Henderson@cowetaschools.net for more information about how to get involved. Come for further fellowship with the St. Paul's family.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online, via admin@stpaulsnewnan.org, or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

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CLERGY AND Staff

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