



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Ascension**

**May 21, 2023 • 10:30 AM**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II & Holy Baptism**

*The service begins on page 299 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.*

## **The Opening Voluntary**

## **The Opening Hymn**

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*  
Hymnal 460

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

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

*Celebrant* 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.*

## **The Collect of the Day**

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### **The First Reading ~ Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Psalm ~ 93**

*The psalm is sung by the choir.*

1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \*

the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure \*

that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

### **The Second Reading ~ Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*All our hope on God is founded*  
Hymnal 665

### **The Holy Gospel ~ Luke 24:44-53**

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

*People*        *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Hannah Anderson

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **The Baptismal Hymn**

*Like the murmur of the dove's song*  
Hymnal 513

### **The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

**Candidate for Baptism:**  
*Dean Richard Jones*

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The parents and godparents say in unison*

I present Dean Richard to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*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.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate 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 the candidate have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support  
Dean Richard in his life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*The Celebrant continues*

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

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

*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.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* 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.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the  
breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in  
Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

### **The Prayers for the Candidate**

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for Dean Richard who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Intercessor* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Bring him 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 for ever. *Amen.*

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant*

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**

Dean Richard, 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 these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.*



Dean Richard, 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**

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

*People* And also with you.

### **The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship**

The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster-Weltner  
Canon to the Ordinary

*The Minister addresses the Bishop's Deputy and the congregation with these or similar words*

The Priest addresses the congregation with these words

On the first day of October in 2016, I began at St. Paul's. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should retire and leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church ends on May 31, 2023.

*Bishop's Deputy* Do you, the people of St. Paul's, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

*People* We do.

*Then the Minister may express thanksgiving for the time of the tenure, with its joys and sorrows, and state hopes for the future of the congregation.*

*The Minister may present to the warden the keys to the parish as a other symbol fitting the occasion.*

*The Bishop's Deputy may then indicate what provision has been made for the continuation of the ministries of the parish. She may express her feelings about the ministry now coming to its end.*

*The departing Minister and the congregation then say together the following prayer*

*All* O GOD, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these almost 7 years now past.

*Silence*

*All* We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

*Silence*

*All* We especially thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

*Silence*

*All* We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

*Silence*

*All* Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## **Blessings and Thanksgivings**

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory Anthem

*(Please return vocal scores to pew)*

*Hallelujah Chorus, Sing along*  
George Handel

### The Presentation Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful*  
Hymn 405

### 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. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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**

*Draw us in the Spirit's Tether*  
Harold Friedell

## **The Communion Hymn**

*God is love and where true love is*  
Hymnal 577

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* 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**

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. *Amen.*

God the Son, our great high priest, who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power from on high. *Amen.*

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful followers of the risen Christ. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## The Closing Hymn

*O God our help in ages past*  
Hymnal 680

## The Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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### *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, Sherry McMillian, Johnny Hosmer, Glenn Eaton, George Robinson, Beth Meyer, Sherry Cook.

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

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: Molly Honea, Connor Heindel, Nadia Walters, Jedidiah Grant, Kurt Edwards, Peggy Colpoys, and Susan Widdowson.

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

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### *Service Participants*

<b>Vestry Person of the Week</b>	Roy Reynolds
<b>Vergers</b>	Daryl Jones, Tony King, & Katie McBride-Newman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Frankey Henderson, Jeff Lawhead, & Marianne Lawhead
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lanie Mae Henderson (1st); Lily Mattera (2nd); Mary Scott Fabrizi (Banner); Rowan Mattera & Palmer Fisher (Torchbearers)
<b>Readers</b>	Lauren Gallagher, Rowan Mattera, & Elijah Edwards
<b>Healing Intercessors</b>	Mary Frances Honea & Nicole Walters
<b>Ushers</b>	Hadley Heindel, Brian Lewis, David Martin, Rusty Martin, Tammy Martin, Roy Reynolds, Cathy Sandlin, Steve Umberger

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*We welcome as a part of today's service our very special guests,  
The Rev. Canon Alicia Schuster-Weltner, The Rev. Hannah Anderson, &  
Mason Copeland.*

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### *Parish Notices*

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

**Sunday Services:** There will be only one service, Holy Eucharist II at 10:30 a.m. on 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](mailto:cathy.sandlin@charter.net) or via phone at (770) 328.7988.



**Youth Readers:** Calling all youth, grades 4-12! Are you interested in being a Youth Reader? Youth Readers are scheduled every other week, reading either the Second Lesson or the Prayers of the People. This equates to reading about three times per year. We would love to have you! Please email Lauren Gallagher at [laurengallagher77@gmail.com](mailto:laurengallagher77@gmail.com) and let me know. We will be making a new schedule for the school year, so this is a good time to join our ranks.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@stpaulsnewnan.org), or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

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