



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

Trinity Sunday
June 4, 2023 • 10:30 AM
Rite II without Holy Eucharist

We welcome Mark S. Johnson, our deacon, as the officiant for today's service. The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Opening Voluntary

Silent procession

The Opening Hymn

Holy, holy, holy
Hymnal 362

The Liturgy of the Word

All standing, as able, and say the following

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant and people

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 Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading ~ Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea

monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Leader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm ~ 8

- 1 O LORD our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
 the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
 you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
 you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
 even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Second Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

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The Sequence Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word
Hymnal 371

The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 28:16-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mark S. Johnson

The Nicene Creed

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 VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Rob, our Bishop; and for
all bishops and other ministers;
People *For all who serve God in his Church.*

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Anne, Terri, Ernie, Sarah,
Wade, Jason, Houston, Jack, Parker, and Caroline.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and all those on our prayer
list.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader Hear us, Lord;
People *For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Nan, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People *Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant says

The Absolution

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 Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Presentation Hymn

Holy Father, great Creator
Hymn 368

The Officiant will now offer a selection of prayers. The People may stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

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.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

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.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* (2 Corinthians 13:14)

The Closing Hymn

All things bright and beautiful
Hymnal 405

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

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, 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 Sergeant, Ernie Williams, 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 Staff: 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: Anne Berry, Terri Barker, Ernie Williams, Sarah MacDonnell, Wade Hand, Jason Darby, Houston Hawes, Jack Janas, Parker Ferguson, and Caroline Ferguson.

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

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Marge Bass
Vergers	Dwight Ellison & Daryl Jones
Acolytes	Liam Bulford (1st); Lily Mattera (2nd)
Reader	Mary Frances Honea
Healing Intercessors	Betsy Candler & Nicole Walters

Ushers

Virginia Williams, Danny Brown, Mike Colpoys,
Taylor Josey, Mark LeVan, Justin Nieto, &
John Tucker

Parish Notices

Adult Formation: Adult formation will not convene during the summer. Classes will resume in mid-August, 2023.

Jr. EYC: Jr. EYC programming will not convene during the summer. Classes will resume in September 2023

Children's Chapel: Children's Chapel will not convene in June and July.

Cherub and St. Cecilia Choirs: The children's choirs will not convene during the summer. Classes will resume in the Fall of 2023.

Men's Club: The Men's Club will host their monthly meeting, Sunday, June 4th at 6 p.m. at the Men's Club BBQ pit. Questions should be directed to Bob Heaberlin at (770) 316-8533 or Heabies5@numail.org. All the men are welcome!

Men's Retreat: The Men's Retreat will be August 18-20, 2023 at Camp Mikell. For questions or to register, please contact Frank West at (262) 501-7547 or frankankay@gmail.com.

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

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 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: The Coffee Hour Ministry is one of the best ways to reconnect with one another and especially to invite newcomers to join our fellowship. A new SignUp Genius has been released for volunteers to fill in for the months of June through December. If interested in joining the Coffee Hour ministry, please contact Nikki Henderson via email at Nikki.Henderson@cowetaschools.net for more information and to receive the link for the Signup Genius. Coffee hour is held Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. Come, grab a cup and a treat, and connect with your St. Paul's family. All are welcome!

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online or via admin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

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