



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Second Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 11, 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**

**The Opening Hymn**

*Lift high the cross  
Hymnal 473*

**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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Reading ~ Hosea 5:15-6:6**

Thus says the Lord: "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

*Leader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Psalm ~ 50:7-15**

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.
- 15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

### **The Second Reading ~ Romans 4:13-25**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*Come, thou fount*  
Hymnal 686

## **The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*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 Mark,  
our Deacon; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*People For all who serve God in his Church.*

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Roxanne, Mark, Edie, June, Chris, Hadley, Benjamin, Adelaide, and Ed.

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 Shirley, 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**

*What does the Lord require*  
Hymn 605

### **The Prayers**

*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

*God of grace and God of glory*  
Hymnal 595

## The Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

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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: 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: Roxanne Wallis, Mark Bulford, Edie Haugen, June Francis, Chris Borders, Hadley Heindel, Benjamin Montequin, Adelaide Himes, and Ed Sergeant.

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

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### *Service Participants*

<b>Vestry Person of the Week</b>	Frankey Henderson
<b>Vergers</b>	Katie McBride-Newman, Jennifer Thomasson, & David Waldron
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lanie Mae Henderson (1st); Lily Mattera (2nd); Sydney Pape (Banner); Rowan Mattera & Palmer Fisher (Torchbearers)
<b>Readers</b>	Lisa Beerman & Mary Huskison
<b>Healing Intercessors</b>	Lou Graner & Mary Frances Honea
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Scott, Mike Gallagher, Chris Howell, Amy Jones, Daryl Jones, Brother Massenburg, Michele Mattera, and Bill Stemberger

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### *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 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](mailto:frankankay@gmail.com).

**Healing Service:** Wednesday Healing Services without Holy Eucharist 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](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:** 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](mailto: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 (DOK) prayer list may be submitted online or via [admin@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsnewnan.org) or via the DOK confidential prayer box in the Narthex.

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**CLERGY AND Staff**

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