



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 9, 2023 • 10:30 AM

Rite II without Holy Eucharist

We welcome Lindsey E. Hardegree as the officiant for today's service. The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Opening Voluntary

Prelude on "Hyfrydol"
Arr. Brook Boddie

The Opening Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Hymnal 544

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.

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

All standing, as able, and say the following

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 ~ Zechariah 9:9 - 12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm ~ 145:8 - 15

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Second Reading ~ Romans 7:15 - 25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that

nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Leader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence Hymn

God, my King, thy might confessing
Hymnal 414

The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 11:16 - 19, 25 - 30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and

humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

The Sermon

Lindsey Hardegree, Executive Director
Episcopal Community Foundation

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 Lanier, Stacy, Heather, Mary
Frances, Jane, Brother, Sally, and Moss.

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

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 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.

Officiant 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.

The Announcements

Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Offertory Voluntary

Andante Cantabile
Johann Sebastian Bach

The Presentation Hymn

Come down, O Love divine
Hymn 516

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

Love divine, all loves excelling
Hymnal 657

The Dismissal

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

The Closing Voluntary

Trumpet Tune
Antonio Vivaldi

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, Irene Ferris, Bill Hensley, Sherry McMillian, Johnny Hosmer, Glenn Eaton, George Robinson, Beth Meyer, Sherry Cook, Dora Hayes, Roy Dinsdale, Sandra Yarker, Rea Robles Harrison, Anne Murphy, Anne Stanier.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Greg Parsons, Melanie Patton, Ed Sergent, 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: Rhett, Dawn, Cynthia, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of the Rector Nominating Committee: Philip Hand, Lisa Beerman, Kasey Bulford, Brother Massenburg, Katie McBride-Newman, JJ Thomasson, and Bill Tudor.

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: Lanier Sealy, Stacy Ferguson, Heather Heaberlin, Mary Frances Honea, Jane Huskison, Brother Massenburg, Sally Taylor, and Moss Jack Camp.

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	Daryl Jones & David Waldron
Acolytes	Adele Bulford (1st); Lily Mattera (2nd);
Reader	Nicole Walters
Healing Intercessors	Anne Graner & Mary Frances Honea
Ushers	Virginia Williams, Mike Colpoys, Danny Brown Taylor Josey, Mark LeVan, Justin Nieto, & John Tucker
Altar Guild	Amanda Hand, Louise Howard, & Carolyn Masters
Flower Guild	Louise Howard

Parish Notices

Summer Sunday Dinner: Join us July 16th at 5 pm for dinner! Our Midsummer Sunday Supper and Family Game Night will feature hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the sides, as well as Cornhole, Jenga and a selection of board games and prizes! Please sign up via Realm using the QR code below, or the signup sheet at the Parish Hall bulletin board, or by emailing admin@stpaulsnewnan.org so we have enough food. Suggested donation of \$5 per person to go to our outreach projects is appreciated!



Vacation Bible School: We are rocketing out of this world with Stellar VBS this year! Join us the week of July 24th - 28th from 9 am to 12 pm as we embark on our cosmic quest to shine Jesus' light to the world. To register as a camper or as a volunteer use the QR code below. Come join us and invite a friend or two!



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 without Holy Eucharist are held at 11 am 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 am 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 or via the DOK confidential prayer box in the Narthex.

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