



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
July 23, 2023 • 10:30 AM  
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

*We welcome Rev. Hope Knobler as our guest celebrant. The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.*

**The Opening Voluntary**

*It Is Well With My Soul*  
Philip Bliss

**The Processional Hymn**

*Come, thou almighty King*  
Hymnal 365

**The Liturgy of the Word**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*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.

*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**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Reading ~ Isaiah 44:6 - 8**

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

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Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

### **The Psalm ~ 86:11 - 17**

11 Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.  
12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.  
13 For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.  
14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes.  
15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.  
16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.  
17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

### **The Second Reading ~ Romans 8:12 - 25**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*Come, ye thankful people, come*  
Hymnal 290

### **The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 13:24 - 30, 36 - 43**

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they

will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Hope Knobler

*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 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 Nancey, Thomas, McLain,  
Tallis, Sally, Karen, Paul, Maggie, Aidan, Jennifer, and Candy.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation and all those on our prayer  
list, especially Robert, Scott, Carla, Pamela, and David.

*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 Bob, 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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

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

### **The Announcements**

### **The Blessings and Thanksgivings**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory Voluntary**

*Sheep May Safely Graze*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

#### **The Presentation Hymn**

*Almighty God your word is cast  
like seed upon the ground, Hymnal 589*

#### **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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our

Lord. 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:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant continues*

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 and for many 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. *AMEN.*

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.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. A mobility impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand.*

### **The Communion Anthem**

*All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*  
The Southern Harmony

### **The Communion Hymn**

*Father, we thank thee*  
Hymnal 302

### **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**

*Come, labor on*  
Hymnal 541

## **The Dismissal**

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

## **The Closing Voluntary**

*Postlude in A Minor*  
BWV 559, J. S. Bach

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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, Dora Hayes, Roy Dinsdale, Sandra Yarker, Rea Robles Harrison, Anne Stanier, Robert Callahan, Scott Edge, Carla Ross, Pamela Waldron, David Gregory.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Irene Ferris, Greg Parsons, Ed Sergeant, Annie Bulford, Kelsey Crow, Anne Murphy, Jaron Smith, Al Williams, Larry Sams, Rev. Hope Knobler.

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, Victoria Eversoll.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Nancey Leigh, Thomas Gruber, McLain Berry, Tallis Wieda, Sally Wood, Karen Webb, Paul Burke, Maggie Reed, Aidan Mitchell, Jennifer Jones, and Candy Waldron.

We pray for those who have died, especially Bob Anderson. 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 & David Waldron
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary Frances Honea & Wendy Llosa
<b>Acolytes</b>	Liam Bulford (1st); Mary Huskison (2nd); Jaden Reynolds (Banner); Pearl Borders & Zachary Reynolds (Torchbearers)
<b>Readers</b>	Lauren Gallagher & Adele Bulford
<b>Healing Intercessors</b>	Sherry Cook & Frank West
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Heaberlin, Stephen Camp, Rick Candler, David Carver, Heather Heaberlin, Sarah Huxford, Jeff Lawhead, Robert Parsons, Scott Seiler, & JJ Thomasson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathy Ellison & Dawn Harrison
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Patty King

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### *Parish Notices*

**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, use the QR code. Come join us and invite a friend or two!



**Salvation Army:** St. Paul's will begin its Market Mission projects in July. Our first mission project will be a canned food donations drive for the Salvation Army. A donation box along with a list of needed items will be in the hospitality foyer during the month of July.

**Men's Retreat:** The Men's Retreat is 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 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](mailto:laurengallagher77@gmail.com) and let her know.

**Java Crew:** The Java Crew brewing team is looking for volunteers! The brewing team prepares coffee for those wishing to fellowship between the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Mindy Benefield via email at [gacatfan@gmail.com](mailto:gacatfan@gmail.com) or mobile at 678.480.3042.

**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 SignUp Genius is available for volunteers to fill in for the months of July through December. If interested in joining, 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 am service in the Parish Hall. Come, grab a cup and a treat, and connect with your St. Paul's family. All are welcome!

**Altar Flower Dedications:** A lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday is to donate the altar flowers for that special day. The cost of the arrangements is \$60 per Sunday and an announcement will be placed in the bulletin commemorating the day and the donor(s). Sign up for a particular Sunday at the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall. Please remember to submit payment either via the collection plate or Realm and complete the "Flowers for the Altar" form or email [admin@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsnewnan.org) by Wednesday 12 pm to ensure that the announcement is placed in the bulletin.

**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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**Marianne Lawhead**, Senior Warden; **Mark LeVan**, Junior Warden; **Marge Bass**, Outreach; **Frankey Henderson**, Parish Life; **Mary Frances Honea**, Health & Healing; **Polly Hopkins**, Formation; **Tony King**, Worship; **Roy Reynolds**, Communications; **Virginia Williams**, Stewardship.

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