



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 30, 2023 • 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II & Holy Baptism**

We welcome Fr. Rick Callaway as our guest celebrant. The service begins on page 299 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.

The Opening Voluntary

Calls of the Innocent
Rhett Barnwell

The Opening Hymn

Earth and all stars
Hymnal 412, vs 1-3

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.

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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

The First Reading ~ I Kings 3:5 - 12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm ~ 119:129 - 136

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
 therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
 it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; *
 I long for your commandments.

- 132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

The Second Reading ~ Romans 8:26 - 39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

The Sequence Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light
Hymnal 490

The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 13:31 - 33, 44 - 52

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

The Sermon

Fr. Rick Callaway

A period of silence is kept.

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Candidates for Baptism:

McKay "Mack" Strauss Moreno and Maren Michael Napier

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The parents and godparents say in unison

I present Mack Strauss to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Maren Michael 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 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 candidates have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Mack and Maren in their 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 Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for Mack and Maren who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring them 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

Mack Strauss, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Mack Strauss, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Maren Michael, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Maren Michael, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *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.*

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 Baptismal Anthem

See This Wonder

Carl Schalk

Sung by the St. Cecilia Choir

See this wonder in the making: God himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in his keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.
Miracle each time it happens, As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams: "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"
Far more tender than a mother, far more caring than a father,
God into your arms we place them, with your love and peace embrace them.
Here we bring a child of nature, home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter, born again by Word and Water.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Announcements

Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

We Are God's People
VBS Campers and Volunteers

We are God's people, can you hear us shout it?
We come to worship. We come to praise. We sing this song. We lift up his name.
The Lord is God. His love endures forever ever.
Shout for joy all the earth. Worship him with gladness.
Enter his gates. We give him thanks. The Lord is faithful through all of our days.
The Lord is good. His love endures forever.
Every generation, lift up your voice. We are his people.

The Presentation Hymn

This Little Light of Mine
(The congregation is invited to sing along.)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine
Even when I'm afraid, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, NO. I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine.
Don't let satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine.

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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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 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

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.

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.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion Anthem

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

(The congregation is invited to sing along.)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim. In the light of His glory and grace
O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior And life more abundant and free.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim. In the light of His glory and grace
(Repeat)

The Communion Hymn

Shine Jesus Shine

(The congregation is invited to sing along.)

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain:

Lord, I come to your awesome presence From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

As we gaze on your kingly brightness So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Refrain:

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

The Closing Hymn

Thy Kingdom come
Hymnal 615

The Closing Voluntary

Rondeau
Jean-Joseph Mouret

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

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: Dan Hensley, Henry Coggin, JoAnn Gillardon, Michelle Clarke, Bill Keir, Kaley Clarke, Marie Miller.

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	Virginia Williams
Vergers	Frankey Henderson, Tony King, & Katie McBride-Newman
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Jones, Michele Mattera, & Scott Seiler
Acolytes	Adele Bulford (1st); Liam Bulford (2nd); Sydney Pape (Banner); Elijah & James Edwards (Torchbearers)
Reader	Anne Graner
Healing Intercessors	Bill Harrison & Nicole Walters
Ushers	Hadley Heindel, Brian Lewis, David Martin, Rusty Martin, Tammy Martin, Roy Reynolds, Cathy Sandlin, & Steve Umberger
Altar Guild	Wendy LeVan, Kathy Ellison, Dawn Harrison, & Juliane Reynolds
Flower Guild	Nikki Henderson

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Candy and David Waldron in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.*

Parish Notices

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.

Salvation Army: The canned food donations for the Salvation Army has been a success! The Men's Club appreciates those who have donated so far. A donation box along with a list of needed items are located in the hospitality foyer.

Kairos at Burruss CTC: *Thanks be to God!* Kairos Prison Ministry has re-entered Burruss Correctional Training Center (CTC) in Forsyth with Prayer & Share and Reunion Sessions on the second Tuesday of every month from 4-6 pm. For information contact Bill Harrison, 678.416.2435 or harrytartan63@gmail.com. The next session will be Tuesday, August 8th.

Java Crew: The Java Crew brewing team are 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 or via 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 2023. If interested in joining the Coffee Hour ministry, please contact Nikki Henderson, 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!

American Red Cross: Please consider giving! St. Paul's next sponsored Blood Drive will be held Monday, October 23rd.

The Daughters of the King: Information pamphlets are available on the bulletin board outside of the parish hall for anyone interested in learning more about The Daughters of the King. We welcome any prospective members!

Altar Flower Dedications: A lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday is to donate the altar flowers. The cost of the arrangements is \$60 per Sunday. Please remember to submit payment either via the collection plate or Realm and complete the "Flowers for the Altar" form by visiting St. Paul's website or email 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 or via the DOK confidential prayer box in the Narthex.

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