



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost  
August 13, 2023 • 10:30 AM  
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

*The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.  
The service is printed here in its entirety.*

**The Opening Voluntary**

*How Can I Keep From Singing*  
arr. by Brook Boddie

**The Processional Hymn**

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*  
Hymnal 410

**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.

**The Gloria**

Hymnal S 280

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

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        And also with you.

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 ~ 1 Kings 19:9 - 18**

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## **The Psalm ~ 85:8 - 13**

*The Psalm is sung by the Choir*

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn  
their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## **The Second Reading ~ Romans 10:5 - 15**

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

**The Sequence Hymn**

*Eternal Father, strong to save*  
Hymnal 608

**The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 14:22 - 33**

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey

*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 III**

Intercessor	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
<i>People</i>	<i>That we all may be one.</i>

Intercessor	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
	humbly serve you;
<i>People</i>	<i>That your Name may be glorified by all people.</i>

Intercessor	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
<i>People</i>	<i>That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and</i>
	<i>Sacraments.</i>

Intercessor	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
	of the world;
<i>People</i>	<i>That there may be justice and peace on the earth.</i>

Intercessor	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
<i>People</i>	<i>That our works may find favor in your sight.</i>

Intercessor	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or
	trouble, especially Candy, Jean, Tracy, and Trey;
<i>People</i>	<i>That they may be delivered from their distress.</i>

Intercessor	Give to the departed eternal rest;
<i>People</i>	<i>Let light perpetual shine upon them.</i>

Intercessor        We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People*                *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Intercessor        We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially  
Olivia, John Will, Tom, Jennifer, Daryl, Kirk, and Bob.

Intercessor        Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *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 Anthem**

*How Can I Keep From Singing*  
Robert Lowery

#### **The Presentation Hymn**

*God, my King, thy might confessing*  
Hymnal 414

## 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:

## The Sanctus

Hymnal S 129

*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.

### **The Great Amen**

Hymnal S 146



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.

### **The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 154

*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.

*Healing Intercessors are available in the side chapel for prayer during Communion.*



**The Communion Anthem***How Beautiful Are the Feet - from "Messiah"*

G.F. Handel

Maria Margiolakou, Soloist

**The Communion Hymn***Jesus, lover of my soul*

Hymnal 699

**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***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymnal 390

**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 G Minor*

Johann Sebastian 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: Rea Robles Harrison, Robert Callahan, Scott Edge, Carla Ross, Pamela Waldron, David Gregory, Roger Hines, Tracy Poteet, Jean Rolls, Trey Bland.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Greg Parsons, Ed

Sergeant, Annie Bulford, Kelsey Crow, Anne Murphy, Jaron Smith, Al Williams, David Waldron, Larry Sams, Rev. Hope Knobler, Jim Myrick, Candy Waldron.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Mark, Frankey, Marge, Mary Frances, Polly, Tony, Roy, Virginia and for the Staff: Canon John, 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: Olivia Brown, John Will Thomasson, Tom Mathews, Jennifer Stemberger, Daryl Jones, Kirk Goodell, and Bob Heaberlin.

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

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### ***Service Participants***

<b>Vestry Person of the Week</b>	Frankey Henderson
<b>Vergers</b>	Dwight Ellison & Tony King
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sarah Huxford, Wendy LeVan, & Elizabeth Pape
<b>Acolytes</b>	Caroline Hawes (1st); India Camp (2nd); Mary Scott Fabrizi (Banner); Pearl Borders & Zachary Reynolds (Torchbearers)
<b>Reader</b>	Nina Watts
<b>Healing Intercessors</b>	Nicole Walters & Frank West
<b>Ushers</b>	Virginia Williams, Danny Brown, Mike Colpoys, Taylor Josey, Mark LeVan, Justin Nieto, & John Tucker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Amanda Hand, Louise Howard, & Carolyn Masters
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Bonnie Umberger

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Tammy and Rusty Martin in thanksgiving and celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary.*

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### ***Parish Notices***

**Healing Service:** Healing Services with Holy Eucharist are held on **Tuesdays** at 11 am in the Nave.

**Market Mission:** St. Paul's Market Mission is collaborating with Abby's Closet for the months of August and September. Abby's Closet distributes school supplies to students in need. The Men's Club are continuing the Salvation Army Food Drive. A donation box along with a list of needed items are located in the hospitality foyer. Please refer to the newsletter for more details on St. Paul's Community Outreach.

**Let's Dance:** The Rutledge Center, a nearby non-profit providing person-centered services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Rutledge clients and staff will be in the Parish Hall on the third Tuesday of every month from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., experiencing a joyful dance-centered time facilitated by Anne Graner. If you are available to assist Anne in setting up the space, interacting with our Rutledge friends, and dancing your heart out, please contact her at 404.444.6015 or [anne.graner@gmail.com](mailto:anne.graner@gmail.com). The next meeting is Tuesday, August 22nd.

**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](mailto:harrytartan63@gmail.com). The next session will be Tuesday, September 12th.

**Java Crew:** The Java Crew brewing team are looking for volunteers! The brewing team prepares coffee for those wishing to fellowship between services at 9:30 am. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Mindy Benefield via email at [gacatfan@gmail.com](mailto: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](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!

**American Red Cross:** Please consider giving! St. Paul's next sponsored Blood Drive will be held Monday, October 23rd. Questions should be sent to Virginia Williams, [vb\\_williams@yahoo.com](mailto:vb_williams@yahoo.com).

**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](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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**CLERGY AND Staff**

**Rev Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey**, Interim Rector; **Rhett Barnwell**, Organist/Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Cynthia Meisinger**, Children and Youth Director; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Director; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate; **Nicole Edwards**, Parish Administrator; **Kimberly Stokes**, Financial Administrator.

**VESTRY**

**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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