



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 20, 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

Salve Regina
Gregorian Chant, arr. by Rhett Barnwell

The Processional Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns above
Hymnal 408

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading ~ Isaiah 56:1, 6 - 8

Thus says the LORD:

 Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
 and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
 to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
 and hold fast my covenant--
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
 and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
 will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
 for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
 who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
 besides those already gathered.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm ~ 67

The Psalm is sung by the Choir

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
 show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Second Reading ~ Romans 11:1 - 2a, 29 - 32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

The Sequence Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy
Hymnal 470

The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 15:21 - 28

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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;

People *That we all may be one.*

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 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 Terry, Cheyne, Sylvia, Geoff, Michele, Rowan, and the Lahaina community in Hawai'i;
<i>People</i>	<i>That they may be delivered from their distress.</i>
Intercessor	Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Edward;
<i>People</i>	<i>Let light perpetual shine upon them.</i>
Intercessor	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
<i>People</i>	<i>May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.</i>
Intercessor	We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Robyn, Joe, Emily, Annie, Emily, Madison, Louise, Dwight, and Brandy.
Intercessor	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially the St. Paul's Men's Club who are on retreat.

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.*

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

Locus Iste
Anton Bruckner

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.*

This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.

The Presentation Hymn

From all that dwell below the skies
Hymnal 380

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 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

Soul of My Savior
Fr. Maher

The Communion Hymn

My God, thy table now is spread
Hymnal 321

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

Christ for the world we sing
Hymnal 537

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 C
Domenico Zipoli

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, Terry Dilwarth, Cheyne Thompson, Sylvia Bannerman, Geoff, Michele & Rowan Mattera, the Lahaina community in Hawai'i.

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: Robyn Olsan, Joe Williams, Emily Ferguson, Annie McEntire, Emily Sealy, Madison Brown, Louise Howard, Dwight Ellison, and Brandy Eversoll.

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
Vergers

Mary Frances Honea
Frankey Henderson, Daryl Jones &
Katie McBride-Newman

Eucharistic Ministers
Acolytes

Lauren Gallagher & Wendy LeVan
Adele Bulford (1st); Liam Bulford (2nd);
Sydney Pape (Banner); Elijah & James
Edwards (Torchbearers)

Reader

Marianne Lawhead

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Healing Intercessors
Ushers

Lou Graner & Mary Frances Honea
Mike Scott, Mike Gallagher, Chris Howell,
Amy Jones, Daryl Jones, Brother Massenburg,
Michele Mattera, & Bill Stemberger
Kathy Ellison & Dawn Harrison
Nikki Henderson

Altar Guild
Flower Guild

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Renee and Hank Powell in celebration for their daughter, Kathryn Land's birthday and by
Kathy Ellison in celebration for her husband, Dwight Ellison's birthday.*

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 for August and September has started off as a success! We are collaborating with Abby's Closet. Abby's Closet distributes school supplies to students in need. The Men's Club are continuing the Salvation Army Food Drive. An Abby's Closet black wagon and the Salvation Army donation box along with lists 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. 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. The next session will be Tuesday, September 12th.

Coffee Hour: Join us for Coffee held Sundays at 9:30 am in the Hospitality Foyer and at 11:30 am 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.

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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