



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 27, 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**

*Meditation on "Stella Maris"*  
Charles Callahan

**The Processional Hymn**

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*  
Hymnal 522

**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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 ~ Isaiah 51:1 - 6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.  
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like  
gnats;  
but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm ~ 138**

*The Psalm is sung by the Choir*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right  
hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your  
hands.

### **The Second Reading ~ Romans 12:1 - 8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*Christ is made the sure foundation*  
Hymnal 518

### **The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 16:13 - 20**

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

Nicole Walters, Seminarian

*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 Ashton and Anne;  
*People*                *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Intercessor            Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Terry;  
*People*                *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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  
Lauriston, Carol, Nick, Gwen, Dana, Margaret, Rev. Hazel,  
Nicole, Dale, and Joan.

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.*

## **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**

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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 Offertory**

### **The Holy Communion**

## **The Offertory Anthem**

*Tu Es Petrus*  
Michael Haller

*Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram  
Aedificabo Ecclesiam meam.*

You are Peter, and on this rock  
I will build My church.

## **The Presentation Hymn**

*Take my life, and let it be*  
Hymnal 707

## **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**

*O Food to Pilgrims Given*

Heinrich Isaac

### **The Communion Hymn**

*Come, Risen Lord. and deign to be our guest*

Hymnal 306

### **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**

*The Church's one foundation*  
Hymnal 525

## **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**

*The Rejoicing*  
George Frideric Handel

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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, Cheyne Thompson, Sylvia Bannerman, the Lahaina community in Hawai'i, Anne Petrey.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: 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, Ashton Hughes.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Mark, Frankey, Marge, Mary Frances, Polly, Tony, Roy, Virginia and for the Staff: Canon John, Nicole, 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, Trey Bland.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Lauriston Hardin, Carol Curcio, Nick Watts, Gwen Garrison, Dana Rethmel, Margaret Colpoys, Rev. Hazel Smith Glover, Nicole Walters, Dale Fielder, and Joan LeVan.

We pray for those who have died, especially Terry Dilwarth. 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>	Polly Hopkins
<b>Vergers</b>	Tony King & Jennifer Thomasson
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Frankey Henderson & Mike Scott
<b>Acolytes</b>	Lanie Mae Henderson (1st); Mary Scott Fabrizi (2nd); Elijah & James Edwards (Torchbearers)
<b>Reader</b>	Anne Graner
<b>Healing Intercessors</b>	Betsy Candler & Lou Graner
<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>	Renee Powell
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Nikki Henderson

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Mark and Wendy LeVan in celebration of Joan LeVan's birthday.*

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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 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.

**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.

**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, September 19th.

**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](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**

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**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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