



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

**The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 15, 2023 • 10:30 AM**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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

**The Opening Voluntary**

*Prelude on "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*  
Arr. Rhett Barnwell

**The Processional Hymn**

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies*  
Hymnal 7

**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

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through 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 25:1 - 9**

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Psalm ~ 23**

Sung by Maria Margiolakou  
music by Rhett Barnwell

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures:  
    he leads me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul:  
    he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
    for you are with me; your rod and staff they comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies:  
    you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
    and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## **The Second Reading ~ Philippians 4:1 - 9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Sequence Hymn**

*The King of love my shepherd is*  
Hymnal 645, vs. 1,2,5,6

## **The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 22:1 - 14**

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’”

Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey

*A period of silent prayer.*

### **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.*

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

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

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

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

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the Massenburg Family, Thomas, Parker, Shirley, & Shaleta;  
*People That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Solomon & Anne;  
*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 Chris, Margaret Rose, Hadley, Carol, Kimberly, Hugh, and Pat.

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**

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**

*Rejoice in the Lord Always*  
Anon.

### **The Presentation Hymn**

*This is the hour of banquet and of song*  
Hymnal 316

### **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.*

### 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.

### The Communion Anthem

*Shepherd Me*

Douglas Wagner

Sung by the St. Cecilia Choir

Shepherd me, lead me, Lord guide me in paths of peace. Make me to lie in pastures  
green, beside the waters ever still.

Though I walk through the valley of death, I will not fear for you are with me and  
comfort me still.

Shield me, Lord, guide me, Lord, keep me safe from harm. Be with me now, protect me  
from those who do me wrong.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, and I will live with God through eternity.



## **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.

## **Prayer for those Not Receiving the Blessed Sacrament**

*[Adapted from Saint Augustine's Prayer Book]*

Blessed Jesus, in union with the faithful of every place and people and nation, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I believe that you are truly present in the Bread that has been blessed, broken and given. Since I cannot now receive this holy sacrament, I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Abide with me, that I may embrace you entirely, and submit myself to your love and mercy. Let me never be separated from you, that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence. I ask this for the sake of your love. *Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

## **The Closing Hymn**

*Rejoice ye pure in heart!*  
Hymnal 556, vs. 1-5

## **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**

*Trumpet Tune*  
Henry Purcell

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## ***Remember in your Prayers***

A Prayer for Vision (From The Daughters of the King): Grant Us, Lord God, the vision of your Kingdom, forgiveness and new life, and the stirring of your Spirit: so that we may

share your vision, proclaim your love and change the world. In the Name of Christ. Amen.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Pamela Waldron, David Gregory, Roger Hines, Elisabeth Stubbs, Dr. Henry Wells, Wilbur Maddox, Gary Henault, Max Thomas, Glenn L. Eaton, Ronnie Peoples, Marsha Friedman, Ishmael Thompson, Carol Self, Shirley Cotter, Shaleta Fugua, the Massenburg Family.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Greg Parsons, Annie Bulford, Kelsey Crow, Anne Murphy, Jaron Smith, Al Williams, David Waldron, Larry Sams, Rev. Hope Knobler, Jim Myrick, Candy Waldron, Ashton Hughes, Lanie Mae Henderson, Lamar Toole, Elizabeth Briscoe, William ‘Parker’ Johnson.

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, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of the Rector Nominating Committee: Philip Hand, Lisa Beerman, Kasey Bulford, Brother Massenburg, Katie McBride-Newman, J.J. 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: Chris Howell, Margaret Rose Gallagher, Hadley Heindel, Carol Holden, Kimberly Stokes, Hugh Connell, and Pat Graybill.

We pray for those who have died, especially Solomon Tucker, Sr. and Anne Petrey. 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>	Tony King & Katie McBride-Newman
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lauren Gallagher & Brother Massenburg

<b>Acolytes</b>	Adele Bulford (1st); India Camp (2nd); Jack Bulford (Banner); Pearl Borders & Rowan Mattera (Torchbearers)
<b>Readers</b>	Nina Watts & Jack Bulford
<b>Healing Intercessors</b>	Betsy Candler & Anne Graner
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Tudor, John Crow, Dwight Ellison, Nick Eversoll, Christian Llosa, Tom Mathews, Linda Tudor, Frank West, & Ron Wilson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Renee Powell
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Louise Howard

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Heather & Bob Heaberlin in celebration of their 2nd wedding anniversary.*

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### ***Parish Notices***

**2023 Contributions:** We are in the last quarter of 2023, please log in to Realm and review your profile information, including email address, and your giving so far this year, especially your pledge status. If you need help logging into Realm or you would like a copy of your 2023 giving emailed or printed for you see Nicole or contact [admin@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsnewnan.org).

**2024 Stewardship Campaign:** October 1st we officially kicked off our 2024 Stewardship Campain. More details are coming soon!

**Newcomers Brunch:** All newcomers and any visitors join us on October 15th after the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall for fellowship.

**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, October 17th.

**Acolyte Training:** Canon John will lead Acolyte training on Sunday, October 22nd after the 10:30 service. All children (6 and up), youth, and adults are welcome.

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

**Women's Ministry:** Join us on Thursday, October 26th at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall for Dominoes. Bring a sack lunch and come have fun!

**All Hallows Festival:** Join us for Wednesday Night Supper, October 25th for pumpkin painting. Then, on Sunday, October 29th we will have our All Hallows Festival with "Trunk or Treat" and Supper. More details coming soon.

**Flower Festival & Traditional English Tea:** The Flower Festival and Traditional English Tea are returning to St. Paul's on Saturday, November 4th! This year's theme is **Great Stories From the Bible**. The church will be filled with beautiful flower arrangements created by the St. Paul's Flower Guild. There will be musical performances, flower arranging demonstrations, a craft fair, and, of course, a full sit-down Tea served on fine porcelain. Individual tickets are \$30 and can be purchased via Realm using the QR code.



**The Overnight:** On November 10-11, the Diocese of Atlanta will hold its Annual Council & AC Overnight. After Council business concludes on Friday afternoon, they're hosting The Overnight, a lock-in for all students (grades 6 -12). More details coming soon.

**Kairos at Burruss CTC:** Join the Kairos Prison Ministry at the Burruss Correctional Training Center (CTC) in Forsyth with Prayer & Share and Reunion Sessions. For information contact Bill Harrison, 678.416.2435 or [harrytartan63@gmail.com](mailto:harrytartan63@gmail.com). The next session is Tuesday, November 14th 4-6 pm.

**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!

**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.