



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024 • 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

Air
Johann Sebastian Bach

The Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Hymnal 390

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.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Father's Day

O Lord our God, creator of heaven and earth, through your Son Jesus Christ you have revealed yourself as a heavenly Father to all of your children. Bless, we pray, all earthly fathers. Strengthen them to nurture, protect, and guide the children entrusted to their care. And through the ministrations of your Holy Spirit, may all fathers be strong and steadfast examples of faithfulness, responsibility, and loving-kindness; 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 Samuel 15: 34 - 16: 13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm ~ 20

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven, with the victorious strength of his
right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

The Second Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 5: 6 - 10, 14 - 17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence Hymn

We walk by faith, and not by sight
Hymnal 209

The Holy Gospel ~ Mark 4: 26 - 34

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private

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 IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Bless our Nominating Committee, Philip, Kasey, Brother, Katie, J.J., Bill, and Fred, and our Vestry, Marianne, Tony, Marge, Anne, Mary Frances, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Roy that your Holy Spirit may guide them.

Bless those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Hadley, Ed, R.B., Laura, Barbara, Freddy, Lisa, and Cecilia.

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Van; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People *Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People *Hear our prayer.*

The Prayer In Times of Conflict [*prayed by all*]

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. {BCP page 824}

The celebrant adds a concluding collect

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *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 Sentence

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

The Presentation Hymn

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

Hymnal 615

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People *By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People *By his blood, he reconciled us.*

By his wounds, we are healed.

Then the Celebrant continues

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S 129

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Parents; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

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.

Holy Communion is offered via the common cup for sipping or intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine). A mobility-impaired individual can receive communion at your seat by raising your hand.

Gluten-free wafers are available and will be served by the vergers behind the altar. Please approach the gluten-free station by walking around on the right side to the back of the altar.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion Anthem

Psalm 137
Brook Boddie

The Communion Hymn

Please stand at the last verse

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Hymnal 302

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. For those not present in the Nave.]

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

The Church's one foundation
Hymnal 525

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Closing Voluntary

Postlude in E Minor
J.S. Bach

Remember in your Prayers

From The Daughters of the King: O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Nominating Committee: Almighty God, Giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (from St Martin in the Fields)

We pray for those with timely concerns: Roger Hines, Andrew Davis, Connie Edge, Kathryn Martin, Bill Garrett, Barbara Marshall, Seth Hart, George Abbott-Maze, Billie Harper, Mary Ellyn Booth, Bill Henry, Dianne Teer, Jason Reynolds, Linda Tudor, Van Coots.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Greg Parsons, Annie Bulford, Bo Warren, Ernie Williams, Kelsey Crow, Anne Murphy, Jim Myrick, Ashton Hughes, Karen Mosley, Lamar Toole, Elizabeth Briscoe, Buddy Sullivan, Larry Maze, Zack Henderson, Saralyn Singletary, Bella Pacini, Greg Olsan, Amber Wolfe.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Marianne, Tony, Marge, Anne, Mary Frances, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Roy, and for the Staff: Canon John, Nicole, Rev. Deandre, Rhett, Dawn, Geoff, Cole, Nicole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., 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, Ethan King.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Hadley Heindel, Ed Sergeant, R.B. Thomasson, Laura Foust, Barbara Parsons, Freddy Wendelburg, Lisa Beerman, and Cecilia Foster.

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

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Marianne Lawhead
Vergers	Daryl Jones & David Waldron
Eucharistic Ministers	Wendy Llosa & Scott Seiler
Acolytes	Verger (1st); Lily Mattera (2nd); Rowan Mattera & Elijah Edwards (Torchbearers)
Prayer Intercessors	Anne & Lou Graner
Reader(s)	Anne Graner
Ushers	Bill Tudor, John Crow, Dwight Ellison, Nick Eversoll, Christian Llosa, Linda Tudor, Frank West, & Ron Wilson
Altar Guild	Dawn Harrison & Renee Powell
Flower Guild	Louise Howard

Parish Notices

Vacation Bible School: Help us advertise for VBS! After worship today, please take a yard sign from the lobby and place it in your yard. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **July 8 - 12**. Registration is now open!

Summer Youth Gathering: Do you have a pool, a firepit, or just want to provide space for students to get to know you and one another? Or perhaps you have a really nice yard you would like to show off to a bunch of middle school and high school students? Do you have a knack for hospitality? Rev. Deandre is looking for a few host homes for a weekly (you only host once unless you want to host more than once) youth gathering. Gatherings will commence beginning July 15th - September 15th. If you're interested in hosting please contact Rev. Deandre for details and to signup.



Men's Retreat: The men's retreat is scheduled for August 16th - August 18th at Camp Mikell. Registration is now open. You can register via Realm using the QR code or you can pick up a green printed form from the Narthex.

Altar Flowers Dedication: 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. Remember to submit payment either via the collection plate or Realm and make sure to indicate in the memo line the purpose of the contribution. Submissions should be made by Tuesday at noon to ensure that the announcement is placed in the bulletin on the correct Sunday. You can also use this QR code to sign up.



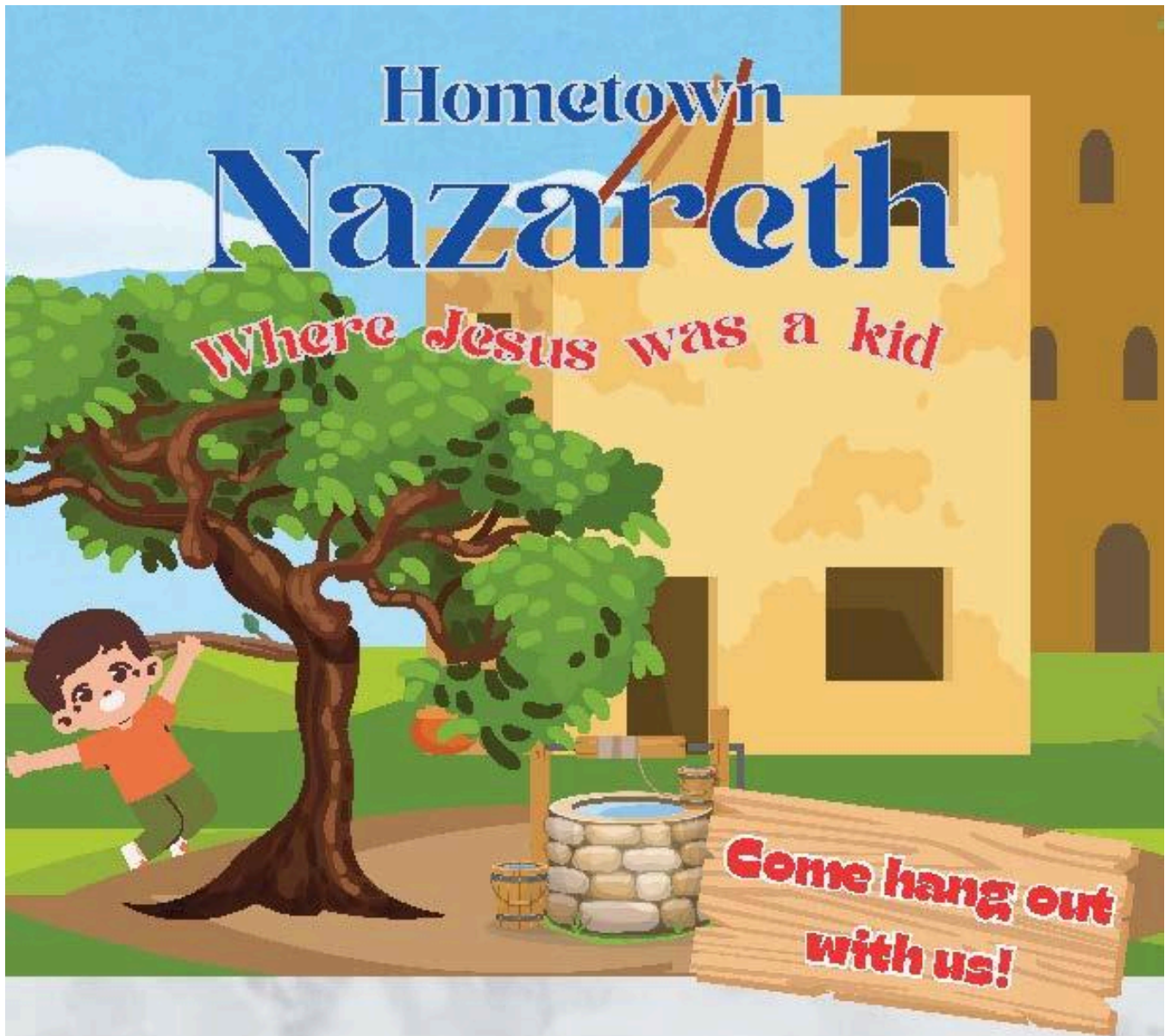
The Daughters of the King: Information pamphlets are available on the bulletin board outside of the parish hall for anyone interested in learning more about The Daughters of the King. We welcome any prospective members!

A Celebration of Father's Day and the St. Paul's Men's Club

Father's Day has been observed since the early part of the 20th century as a way to celebrate the role of fathers in raising children. After hearing a sermon about Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church in Spokane, Washington in 1909, parishioner Sonora Smart Dodd told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although Dodd initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June, where it remains today.

The word *fatherhood* can conjure up a wide range of emotions and reactions. Each of us has a story of origin, and who raised us is a significant part of that story. On this Sunday, we give thanks for fathers and for all of the father figures – *grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors, and coaches* – who reveal God's love.

The St. Paul's Men's Club was formed in 2007. The Men's Club meets one Sunday a month for dinner and fellowship and is open to all St. Paul's men and their guests. The Men's Club hosts an annual BBQ sale & fundraiser, has prayerful conversations, takes on special parish improvement projects, and is an integral part of the St. Paul's community. The Men's Club is honored that our bishop, Robert C. Wright, will be at its annual retreat this August at what will be a special time of fellowship and spiritual renewal. For more information, please contact the church office or Bob Heaberlin (heabies5@numail.org).



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VESTRY

Marianne Lawhead, Senior Warden; **Tony King**, Junior Warden; **Marge Bass**, Health & Healing; **Anne Graner**, Outreach; **Mary Frances Honea**, Strategic Visioning; **Polly Hopkins**, Formation; **Sarah Huxford**, Stewardship; **Elizabeth Pape**, Parish Life; **Roy Reynolds**, Communications.

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