



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Thomas Dorsey

The Opening Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns above
Hymnal 408

The Welcome

The Children's Corner

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 ~ Proverbs 31: 10 - 31

A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

The Second Reading ~ James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7 - 8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sequence Hymn

O Master, let me walk with thee
Hymnal 660

The Holy Gospel ~ Mark 9: 30 - 37

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever

welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Rita Henault

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.

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 Carolyn and Tucker;
People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;
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 the members of our Nominating Committee, Philip, Kasey, Brother, Katie, J.J., Bill, and Fred, and our Vestry members, Marianne, Tony, Marge, Anne, Mary Frances, Polly, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Roy that they may be guided by your Holy Spirit.

 We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Jude, Elise, Sarah, Wesley, Frankie, Sherry, Steven, and Jay.

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

The People may add their own petitions.

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

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 Sentence

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Blessed Is The Man - Psalm 1
music by Rhett Barnwell

The Presentation Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
Hymnal 482

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 130

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 147



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 164

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion Anthem

Bread of the World
Gilbert Martin

The Communion Hymn

Lord, make us servants of your peace
Hymnal 593

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

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. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Remember in your Prayers

From The Daughters of the King: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP)

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: Melissa Odom, Neal Miller, Brooker Wolfe, Margaret Francis, Rev. Everett Lees, Carolyn Masters, Tucker Dye.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Brink Howard, Greg Parsons, Annie Bulford, Bo Warren, Ernie Williams, Anne Murphy, Jim Myrick, Ashton Hughes, Lamar Toole, Elizabeth Briscoe, Buddy Sullivan, Larry Maze, Saralyn Singletary, Jason Reynolds, Linda Tudor, Greg Olsan, Candy Waldron, Bob Lewis, Beth Gourley, Andy West, Michael Gullledge, Dean Henderson.

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, Alex Eversoll, Phillip Beatty.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Jude Henderson, Elise Wendelburg, Sarah Crow, Wesley Trammell, Frankie Hardin, Sherry Porto, Steven Wright, and Jay Macke.

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	Sarah Huxford
Verger(s)	Tony King
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob & Heather Heaberlin
Acolytes	Liam Bulford (1st); Jaden Reynolds (2nd); Jack Bulford (Banner); Cora Borders & David Pape (Torchbearers)
Prayer Intercessors	Betsy Candler & Mary Frances Honea
Ushers	Hadley Heindel, Brian Lewis, Rusty Martin, Tammy Martin, Roy Reynolds, & Cathy Sandlin
Altar Guild	Kathy Ellison & Juliane Reynolds
Flower Guild	Louise Howard

Year-to-Date Giving Through August 31, 2024

	Budgeted	Received
Open-Plate/Non-Pledged	\$ 46,666.67	\$ 60,397.54
Pledged	\$ 272,625.50	\$ 238,121.92

The parish notices are on the following pages. Feel free to tear off the pages to take with you.

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CLERGY AND Staff

Rev. Canon C. John Thompson-Quartey, Interim Rector; **Nicole Walters**, Seminarian; **Rev. Deandre Bruton**, CYF Director; **Rhett Barnwell**, Organist/Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Geoff Mattered**, Communications Director; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate; **Nicole Edwards**, Parish Administrator; **Kimberly Stokes**, Financial Administrator.

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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Parish Notices

Prayer Card: Please sign the prayer card that is on the table in the Narthex.

Christian Formation at St. Paul's

For Sunday, **September 22nd**, there will be **no** Love Languages for Children class and **no** Sunday School for middle and high school students.

Join in for Spiritual formation, Godly Play, on **September 22nd** for our elementary-age children with Elizabeth Pape and Tammy Martin will be offered. Godly Play classes are held in the children's wing classroom.

Adult Formation Hour with Canon John - The Gospel of Mark: Most likely the first of the four gospels in the bible to be written, Mark's account of Jesus' life, ministry, crucifixion, death, and resurrection is the shortest, and yet has a more detailed account of God's good news in Jesus Christ. Mark recounts the story of Jesus in a vivid style, in a rapid succession of incidents. Mark emphasizes Jesus' message regarding the reign of God (kingdom of God) now breaking into human life as Good News. To Mark, Jesus himself is the Good News of God. In Jesus, God is reconciling the world (humanity) to God's self (Mark 10:45).

Join us at 9:30 am in classroom #1 for an excursion through the Gospel of Mark (**from September 15 until October 27**).

We will be guided by A J Levine's book *The Gospel of Mark*, and we will be covering the following topics:

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| Session 1: Sept. 15 | God's Good News Begins [Gospel of Mark 1-4] |
| Sept. 22 | No Class |
| Session 2: Sept. 29 | Restoration and Wholeness [Gospel of Mark 5-7] |
| Session 3: Oct. 6 | Sacrifice, Ransom, Prophet, Messiah [Mark 8-10] |
| Session 4: Oct. 13 | Fig Trees and Tenants (parables) [Mark 11-12] |
| Session 5: Oct. 20 | Little Apocalypse [Gospel of Mark 13] |
| Session 6: Oct. 27 | Judas and the Naked Young Man [Mark 14-15] |

HOW WE TALK ABOUT GOD MATTERS! What is Fundamentalism, Evangelicalism, and Christian Nationalism? If you are interested in any of these, join us for an informal conversation. This is a four-week discussion of one of the most interesting and disturbing religious trends – Christian Nationalism – and the impact it has on our common life and politics. We will discuss some of the underlying theology that supports Christian Nationalism.

Discussion topics include, but are not limited to, Rapture Theology, Apocalypse, Dispensationalism, Fundamentalism, and the “Seven Mountain Mandate.” Dogmas such as original sin, substitutionary atonement, and “Hellfire and damnation” as opposed to God’s love, mercy, and healing will be touched upon.

The class will be offered by the Rev. Rita Henault, a retired Episcopal Priest, and draws on her studies of the phenomenon as well as her personal experience in a fundamentalist church. This is offered as a spirited adult/young adult discussion. Please bring your questions and observations. Classes today, **September 22nd**, will be in Classroom 2 **after the 10:30 am** service during coffee hour.

Faith, Fire, & Fellowship (F3): Host homes are needed for **9/28** or **9/29**, **10/05** or **10/06**, **10/12** or **10/13**, **10/19** or **10/20**. If you’re interested in hosting, please contact Rev. Deandre at revdeandre@gmail.com.

Outreach: The Outreach Committee and Wade and Matthew Hand thank you for your generous donations to the local pet food pantry at Newnan-Coweta Humane Society. Our church collected over 60 outreach bags of pet food that will be given to community members who are experiencing financial difficulties. Thank you for caring about all creatures great and small knowing the Lord God made them all. And for helping Wade and Matthew with their wish that, 'No pet should go hungry!'

Faith & Football: Join the Atlanta Falcons for Faith and Football Day on **Thursday, October 3rd**, with a special event before the club's regular season primetime game against divisional rival Tampa Bay Buccaneers! The purpose of the event is for faith-based organizations to have an opportunity to hear impactful discussions and fellowship in a new and exciting way.

The event will take place at the GWCC – Georgia World Congress Center, walking distance from Mercedes-Benz Stadium. **Doors open at 5:30 PM**, start time 6:00 PM, and the event is expected to conclude at approximately 7:00 PM, before the 8:15 PM kick-off. Former Falcons Legends and special guests will serve as the keynote speakers.

Faith & Football Ticket Package includes: \$45.00

- Event Ticket for Faith & Football panel discussion
- Falcons game ticket to Falcons vs Buccaneers @ 8:15 PM
- Each ticket includes a \$10 food and beverage credit, redeemable on game day by scanning your ticket at any concession stand.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Nicole at admin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

Blessing of the Animals: Join us on **October 6th** at **2 pm** for Octoberfest and The Blessing of the Animals service. We will be at The Reserve - Line Creek Brewery.



Altar Flowers Dedication: Altar Flowers Dedication: Donating the altar flowers is a lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday. The cost of the arrangements is \$60 per Sunday. Remember to submit payment via the collection plate or Realm and indicate the purpose of the contribution in the memo line. Submissions should be made by Tuesday at noon to ensure that the announcement is placed in the bulletin on the correct Sunday. You can sign up by scanning the QR code.

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!

