
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The mission of St. Paul's is to be a community of open arms, listening hearts, serving hands,
and diverse voices... because we believe that Christ's Love is a commitment not a sentiment.*



*The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost:
The Feast of Pauli Murray
July 2, 2023*

WELCOME

Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we are glad you are here. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

In the Episcopal Church, we often say that praying shapes believing, so how we worship in word and action shapes how we believe and respond to God. We are physical creatures made in God's image, and the physical nature of our worship helps us to connect more fully to God. This liturgy (*the work of the people in worship*) is enriched by the participation of everyone in the room. Regardless of what others are doing, how you physically worship is up to you and how you experience God. We invite you to read the **"About Our Worship"** card in the pew rack to learn more about our worship.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP & NURSERY CARE

We are delighted to have children in our midst no matter how squiggly they may be. Worship bulletins for children are located on the table in the rear lobby. "New Friend" Activity bags and a small library of books can be found right outside of the left door next to the piano. A staffed nursery is located upstairs for children 6 months-4 years.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located at the end of the hallway to the left of the church. Exit through the front or rear doors and walk 50 feet and turn left at the stairs.

THE FEAST OF PAULI MURRAY

Today we observe the Feast Day of Pauli Murray (transferred from July 1). Anna Pauline "Pauli" Murray was an American civil rights activist, lawyer, gender equality advocate, poet, and the first African-American woman ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church. Her 1950 book *States' Laws on Race and Color* became the legal blueprint for the long civil rights movement of the twentieth century and was the legal basis for Thurgood Marshall's argument in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which overturned *Plessy v. Ferguson's* 1896 "separate but equal" ruling. Murray went on to serve on Presidential Commission on the Status of Women and was co-founder of the National Organization for Women. At 66, Murray discerned a call to the priesthood and was ordained in 1977. In all she did, Murray offered a vision of the healing of the world that looked upon the wounds of history with honest and open eyes, lamented that which was/is broken in human beings, and sung of God's grace and hope for new creation, a new humanity.

+ = You are invited to stand.

During the months of July and August, our liturgy comes from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer—a tangible reminder that amidst time and space, we are linked in faith with our Anglican siblings across the globe.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

RECTOR'S WELCOME

PRELUDE

Somebody Bigger Than You And I

We begin our worship by observing a musical prelude during which we quiet our thoughts and voices and breathe in the peace of God.

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O God of every nation

Hymnal 607

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider Let us pray.

People **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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful; in the Lord I will re-joice! Look to God; do not be a-fraid. Lift up your voice-es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voice-es; the Lord is near." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are triplets in the piano part in the second and third systems.

WE HEAR GOD'S STORY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 3:23-29

Today's reading reminds us that in Christ our unique differences do not supersede the core of our belonging, identity, and unity in Christ. How might you ground yourself in the fullness of this truth and ensure that others in your neighborhood, school, work, and community experience that same fullness and belonging?

Before faith came, we were guarded under the Law, locked up until faith that was coming would be revealed, so that the Law became our custodian until Christ so that we might be made righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian.

You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

+ THE PSALM

Psalms 119:17-24

Today's psalm is a song of lament and a plea for rescue. Through no fault of his own, the psalmist has endured rejection, despair, and trouble and asks God to fill his life and song with joy.

- ¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant, *
that I may live and keep your word.
- ¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may see*
the wonders of your law.
- ¹⁹ I am a stranger here on earth; *
do not hide your commandments from me.
- ²⁰ My soul is consumed at all times *
with longing for your judgments.
- ²¹ You have rebuked the insolent; *
cursed are they who stray from your commandments!
- ²² Turn from me shame and rebuke, *
for I have kept your decrees.
- ²³ Even though rulers sit and plot against me, *
I will meditate on your statutes.
- ²⁴ For your decrees are my delight, *
and they are my counselors.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42

Today's readings focus on the rewards and blessings of following the way of Jesus—and what happens when either we don't do so or are challenged by others for doing so. Jesus' words also invite us to consider how we reject Jesus in failing to receive, welcome, and honor the stranger, for everyone bears God's image. In other words, every moment is an invitation to receive Jesus and what Jesus might be calling or asking of us through our encounters with others.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple— truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Maria A. Kane, Ph.D.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

Compassionate God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for justice, freedom and peace for all people.

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings for the universal church may be offered.

Holy One, enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings for the world may be offered.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace:

that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings for the community may be offered.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others:

that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need, including those on our prayer list: Amy, Chris, Colin, Lizzy, Kenny, Elijah, Stephanie, George, Laraine, Wendy, Diane, Joyce, Maudie, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Shauna, Dick, Vera, Betty, Pat, Bishop Curry, Angela, May, Rachel, Patrick, Woody, and Florice.

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings for those in need may be offered.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone, including Brice Trossbach.

Abba, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings for yourself may be offered.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins.

Please kneel and allow a moment of silence for reflection.

All Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Presider Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, set you free, and keep you in life eternal. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

At the offertory we offer back to God the first fruits of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money given. You may place your offering in the offering tray or scan the QR code to give securely online. Thank you for your generosity.



MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *The Lord Is My Shepherd*

+THE DOXOLOGY

Mary Luti

**Praise God, the source of breath and birth,
who formed us from the dust of earth,
and made us kin in unity
to love and set each other free. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Eucharist (from the Greek word eucharisteo, meaning “thanksgiving”) begins as we lift our hearts with thanksgiving and continues as we remember the story of creation, redemption, and renewal. In the act of remembering and in the Spirit’s blessing upon the bread and wine and the gathered assembly, Christ is made present to us now, giving us strength for the journey.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

THE SANCTUS

Sanctus is the Latin word for "holy." When we sing the Sanctus we are rejoicing in the holiness of God.

2 3 4

5 6 7 8 9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

10 11 12 13 14

ho - ly Lord God of hosts

15 16 17 18 19

Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry.

20 21 22 23 24

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

25 26 27 28 29

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

30 31 32 33 34

of the Lord, of the Lord.

35 36 37 38 39

Ho - san - na in the high est,

40 41 42 43 44

ho - san - sa in the high - est.

The Presider continues,

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy God; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Therefore we proclaim:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not
into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

As an act of adoration, a moment of reverent silence is kept as the bread is broken, which symbolizes the breaking of Jesus' own body.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

After the invitation and upon the presentation of the consecrated elements,

Presider Behold who you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

You may be seated.

THE COMMUNION

This table is open Gluten-free wafers are available. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Loaves were Broken, Words were Spoken

Piney Song Book 70

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Piney Song Book 40

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.**

MILESTONE BLESSINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

+THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God of our fathers

Hymnal 718
verses 1, 4

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go now to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

In Christ There is No East or West

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Amy Arnold & Chris Cruz, Colin Finley, Lizzy Finley, Kenny Fraser, Elijah Jones, Stephanie Mohney, George Thompson, Laraine Tuttle, Wendy Van Hoozier, Pat H., Bishop Michael Curry, Angela H., May J., Rachel K., Patrick H., Woody W., Florice N.

Homebound: Diane Coon, Joyce Ferguson, Maudie Holt, Barbara Huiras, Ed Jaffe, Rodgers Johnson, Shauna Lavender, Dick Leman, Vera Otto, Betty Wilson

Armed Forces: Cameron Chase, Zach Kettner, Malachi Lakey, Megan Laurine, Michael Montes, Nate Ochsner, Garrett Roberson, Jr.

First Responders: Jimmy Cox, Butch and Janice Keirse, James Laurine, Kenny Levy, Pat Lyon, Alvaro Paz Hicho, Connor Runser, Luke Smith

Dearly Departed: Brice Trossbach, the firefighter who lost his life Tuesday in St. Mary's County

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Independence Day (July 4) Pray for justice, freedom and peace for all people

Community and World: the people of Ukraine; those impacted from the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria; victims of gun violence

In order to keep the list current and to facilitate the intentionality with which we pray, names remain on the prayer list for one month (but can be renewed at any time). To submit a prayer request: email Joyce Scofield: rjscofield@comcast.net or Mother Maria: mkane@stpaulswaldorf.org.

DAILY PRAYERS AND REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Reflection Question

How can we more faithfully discern God's will during times of trial in our life, nation, or church? At the expense of comfort, ease, and half-truths, to whom or to what do you turn for the courage to choose justice, hope, and truth, and what is the reward that you seek?

Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God, I awake this day in expectation and thanks and ask to receive the opportunity to share your hospitality with all whom I meet. May I welcome you in serving others and grow ever deeper in holiness and right relationship. This is my prayer; this is my hope. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Steadfast God, you have traveled with me this day and have seen those places where I flourished and those where I floundered. I give thanks for the gift of finding you at every turn and for the gift to learn of my need for you, in both times of failure and times of attainment. I seek your rest this night, that upon awakening I may find your strength to serve your world with constancy and joy. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 2, Fifth Sunday After Pentecost: Feast of Pauli Murray

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, July 3

3:00 p.m. Dinner at Our Place

Wednesday, July 5

8:00 p.m. AA

Thursday, July 6

12:30 p.m. Daytime Diners

Saturday, July 8

5:00 p.m. Summer Evening Holy Eucharist

8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, July 9, Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAULI MURRAY FEAST DAY RESOURCES

Website: <https://www.paulimurraycenter.com>

Film: *My Name is Pauli Murray*

Books: *Song in a Weary Throat: Memoir of an American Pilgrimage* by Pauli Murray

Proud Shoes: The Story of an American Family by Pauli Murray

Jane Crow: The Life of Pauli Murray by Rosalind Rosenberg

SATURDAY EVENING SUMMER WORSHIP

The first of our two Saturday Evening Summer Worship services will take place next Saturday, July 8 at 5:00 p.m.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Upcoming available dates: July 23 and August 6 & 20. Please complete the form with payment in the Welcome Center or contact the office at office@stpaulswaldorf.org or (301) 645-5000 to sign up. Thank you.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

July 16, 23, 30, and August 6 are open for nursery volunteers. Please consider signing up.

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP

	July 2, 9:30
VPOD	Sewell Truitte
Acolytes	Samira Norman, Grant Pettersen, Troy Pettersen
Chalice & Psalm	Laurie Jaffe
Lector	Mike Fritz
Prayers of the People	Fern Brown
Ushers	Michael & Catherine Montes
Live Stream	Sub Requested
Nursery	Joyce Scofield
Coffee Hour	Lynn & Sallie Lyons
Altar Guild	Jane Fruh, Sandy Mills
Counters	Mike Fritz, Kathy Fornadley, Buddy Weaver
Recycling	7/6 Buddy Weaver
	July 9, 9:30
VPOD	Siad Norman
Acolytes	Benjamin Berkowitz, Jackson Berkowitz, Kayden Lyon
Chalice & Psalm	Paula Truitte
Lector	Emily Lopez
Prayers of the People	Jeannie Paz Hicho
Ushers	Lynn & Sallie Lyons
Live Stream	Sewell Truitte
Nursery	Colleen Meadows
Coffee Hour	Stephanie Hamilton & Cathy Lavender
Altar Guild	Darlene Guy
Counters	Beth Berkowitz, Joe Guy, Phil Hamilton



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