
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 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 13, 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.

ORDINARY TIME

We are in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, or the Season after Pentecost. "Ordinary" in this sense doesn't mean that the season is boring; rather it refers to its Latin derivative ordinal, which means that which is counted. Accordingly, each Sunday is identified based on its distance from the day of Pentecost (the day when Jesus sent his Spirit to God's beloved so that they could continue the ministry of reconciliation and love). Ordinary Time continues through the last Sunday before Advent, Christ the King Sunday, which marks the end of the church year and anticipates the reign of Christ over all creation. As the longest season of the church year, it is known as the "growing season," as it is a time to focus on how God's Spirit is refining and strengthening us as beloved of God. The readings during the liturgies of Ordinary Time help us to live out our Christian faith in our daily lives, telling us, in effect, that "every moment counts." The liturgical color is green, symbolizing growth.

+ = 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

Joyous Procession

Ellen Jane Lorenz

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

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

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
voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are some triplets in the piano part, indicated by a '3' above the notes.

WE HEAR GOD'S STORY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Lord of living waters you save us from the flood of violence and despair: reach out to us when faith is weak, when we are going under and make us unafraid to walk with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we are raised. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *1 Kings 19:9-18*

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer and thus he need not despair. 7,000 Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor. In doing so, God affirms the continuity of God's mission through ordinary people like you and me!

There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The LORD's word came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

Elijah replied, "I've been very passionate for the LORD God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too!"

The LORD said, "Go out and stand at the mountain before the LORD. The LORD is passing by." A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the LORD. But the LORD wasn't in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the LORD wasn't in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the LORD wasn't in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his coat. He went out and stood at the cave's entrance. A voice came to him and said, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

He said, "I've been very passionate for the LORD God of heavenly forces because the Israelites have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars, and they have murdered your prophets with the sword. I'm the only one left, and now they want to take my life too."

The LORD said to him, "Go back through the desert to Damascus and anoint Hazael as king of Aram. Also anoint Jehu, Nimshi's son, as king of Israel; and anoint Elisha from Abel-meholah, Shaphat's son, to succeed you as prophet. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill. Whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. But I have preserved those who remain in Israel, totaling seven thousand—all those whose knees haven't bowed down to Baal and whose mouths haven't kissed him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 85:8-13

The psalmist both celebrates and prays for the Lord's gracious favor, forgiveness, deliverance, and justice. This national lament seems to have been composed originally for a particular historical situation of affliction and then to have passed into general use.

⁸ I will listen to what you are saying, *
 **for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to you.**

⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, *
 that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² You, O God, will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

+ GOSPEL HYMN

Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Piney Song Book 114
verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

In today's reading, Jesus demonstrates his mastery over wind and sea (which, in the Old Testament, symbolized the powers of chaos and death) and is near to rescue the disciples when they desperately need help. He identifies himself by using the words, "It is I," which echo God's own self-description that became the proper name for God in the Old Testament (Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10-13). This story has many similarities to the narratives of the resurrection appearances; the disciples are afraid, they don't recognize Jesus, they take him for a ghost, and finally they are reassured by him. Peter asks for and receives a share of Jesus' power, but when his attention is distracted he begins to give way. His doubt is neither a denial of faith, nor intellectual questioning, but a lack of trust.

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his

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: **Chris, Kenny, George, Diane, Joyce, Maudie, Barbara, Ed, Rodgers, Shauna, Dick, Vera, Betty, Angela, May, Rachel, Patrick, Woody, Eileen, Bishop Curry, Brogan, and Karina.**

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.

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings for those who have died and those who grieve may be offered.

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

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 *Be Not Afraid* Bob Dufford, SJ

+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 Bless-ed is He who comes in the name
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 30 of the Lord, of the Lord.
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 35 Ho - san - na in the high est,
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 40 ho - san - sa in the high - est.
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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 to all. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the priest know if you need a gluten-free wafer.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Eternal Father, strong to save

Today We are All Called to be Disciples

Hymnal 608

Piney Song Book 115

+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

Birthdays 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.

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

+THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal 665

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go now to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Short Fantasy in a minor

Walker Baylor

DAILY PRAYERS AND REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Reflection Question

After Jesus caught Peter in the water, was Jesus' question, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" a reproach? When we are facing a great difficulty, do we doubt God's power? Do we doubt ourselves? Can you recall other biblical stories, or a story from your own life, when God reached out to rescue or to overcome doubt and fear with the gift of increased faith?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, the new day begins with such promise. Help me to enter into this day with joy and confidence in your power and goodness. Whatever challenge I may face, help me to trust in your presence, remembering that you are stronger than any difficulty or threat. If you will surround me in the embrace and affection of steadfast love and faithfulness, of righteousness and peace, then I will be lifted up and strengthened to follow you. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, favor me with the sheer silence of your presence at the end of this day. Quiet any voices of fear and doubt that would trouble me, toss and turn me. Grant me, and anyone who enters the night hours with anxiety or pain, your perfect peace. Favor your children with calm and rest, with healing and renewal, as we sleep and dream in your arms of mercy. In your Son's dear name, I pray. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Chris Dorosz, Kenny Fraser, George Thompson, Angela H., May J., Rachel K., Patrick H., Woody W., Eileen S-B, Bishop Curry, Brogan C., Karina L.

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mary's Church, DC

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVA TURNER SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Next Sunday is the last day to bring supplies. We are collecting packages of underwear, undershirts, and socks, crayons, markers, glue sticks, folders with prongs, highlighters, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, Clorox cleaning wipes, and dry erase markers (wide point).

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

Calling all students and educators: bring your backpacks/briefcases/work bags to church on August 27 to receive your back-to-school blessing.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Upcoming available dates: August 20 & September 17. Please contact the office at office@stpaulswaldorf.org to sign up. Thank you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES: SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

In order to avoid scheduling conflicts, please log into your Ministry Scheduler account and update your "can't serve dates" for September & October by Tuesday, August 22. You may also contact the office for availability. Thank you.

SUNSET WILDERNESS CHURCH

Join the Episcopal Churches of Charles County for Sunset Wilderness Church on Sunday, September 17, 5:30 p.m. at Port Tobacco River Park, 7740 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD. Walk, sing, and share God's glory together with poetry, prayer, and Holy Communion.

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MINISTERS IN WORSHIP

	August 13
VPOD	Donna Gryn
Acolytes	Benjamin Berkowitz, Jackson Berkowitz, Sub Requested
Chalice & Psalm	Paula Truitte
Lector	Jeannie Paz Hicho
Prayers of the People	Sewell Truitte
Ushers	Phil & Judy Hamilton
Live Stream	Sub Requested
Nursery	Fern Brown
Coffee Hour	OPEN
Altar Guild	Jane Fruh, Catherine Montes
Counters	Beth Berkowitz, Kathy Fornadley, Sub Requested
	August 20
VPOD	Frank Pilato
Acolytes	Jovero Forrest, Emily Lopez, Kayden Lyon
Chalice & Psalm	Greg Ferguson
Lector	Mike Fritz
Prayers of the People	Fern Brown
Ushers	Joyce Scofield, Sub Requested
Live Stream	Laurie Jaffe
Nursery	Donna Maki
Coffee Hour	OPEN
Altar Guild	Joyce Scofield
Counters	Greg Ferguson, Colleen Meadows, Cheryl Williams
Recycling	8/16 - Buddy Weaver

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