
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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and diverse voices... because we believe that Christ's Love is a commitment not a sentiment.*



The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 16, 2024

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.

In the Episcopal Church, worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. As physical creatures made in God's image, the physical and participatory nature of our worship helps us to center us, renew us, and connect us more fully to God. This liturgy (*the work of the people in worship*) is enriched by everyone's participation of everyone. You will find some people kneeling, bowing, or making the sign of the cross as outward expressions of an inward posture. All is optional; nothing is required. 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.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP & NURSERY CARE

Children—including their squiggles and sounds—are an integral part of our worship, and we fully embrace them. 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 doors near the piano, walk 50 feet, and turn left at the stairs.

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST (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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Intermezzo

James Mansfield

Please silence all conversation as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

OPENING HYMN

God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal 594

OPENING GREETING & PRAYER FOR PURITY

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

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.

WE HEAR GOD'S STORY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of the misfit, whose prophets came like weeds to an ordered garden, shaking all that deadens with your love: give us faith in your kingdom's growth, unruly and exuberant, and let it be a shelter wide enough for all; through Jesus Christ, our teacher. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Prior to today's reading, God had already rejected Saul as king because of his disobedience. Unlike Saul, Samuel waits for God's instructions as to the selection of the next king. God then sends Samuel to Bethlehem, where he anoints David, the youngest of the sons of Jesse, to succeed Saul as king.

Then Samuel went to Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah. Samuel never saw Saul again before he died, but he grieved over Saul. However, the LORD regretted making Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long are you going to grieve over Saul? I have rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and get going. I'm sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem because I have found my next king among his sons."

"How can I do that?" Samuel asked. "When Saul hears of it he'll kill me!"

"Take a heifer with you," the LORD replied, "and say, 'I have come to make a sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will make clear to you what you should do. You will anoint for me the person I point out to you."

Samuel did what the LORD instructed. When he came to Bethlehem, the city elders came to meet him. They were shaking with fear. "Do you come in peace?" they asked.

"Yes," Samuel answered. "I've come to make a sacrifice to the LORD. Now make yourselves holy, then come with me to the sacrifice." Samuel made Jesse and his sons holy and invited them to the sacrifice as well.

When they arrived, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, That must be the LORD's anointed right in front.

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Have no regard for his appearance or stature, because I haven't selected him. God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the LORD sees into the heart."

Next Jesse called for Abinadab, who presented himself to Samuel, but he said, "The LORD hasn't chosen this one either." So Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said, "No, the LORD hasn't chosen this one." Jesse presented seven of his sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD hasn't picked any of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Is that all of your boys?"

"There is still the youngest one," Jesse answered, "but he's out keeping the sheep."

"Send for him," Samuel told Jesse, "because we can't proceed until he gets here."

So Jesse sent and brought him in. He was reddish brown, had beautiful eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, "That's the one. Go anoint him." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him right there in front of his brothers. The LORD's spirit came over David from that point forward.

Then Samuel left and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 20

Today's psalm is a prayer of deliverance and assurance prayed in ancient worship.

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

**send you help from the holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;**

may the Lord remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

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

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

**Now I know that God gives victory to anointed one; *
out of holy heaven God will answer, with a strong and victorious right hand.**

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

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

⁹ O God, give victory to our sovereign, *
and answer us when we call.

+ GOSPEL HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Piney Song Book 40

verses 1-2 before the Gospel and

verse 3 after the Gospel

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people in ways they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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 to his disciples.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED *(all)*

The Nicene Creed, the Church's central statement of belief, emerged out of the first four councils of the Church in the 4th and 5th centuries in response to controversies about Jesus' divinity. It does not proscribe belief so much as it narrates the Christian story and establishes the framework for Christian identity and engagement. To believe, in its original ancient context, was not an assent of the intellect alone, but an assent of the heart. Amidst doubts, questions, and competing allegiances, the Creed calls us to ground ourselves in the framework of creation and redemption. The term "apostolic" refers to the historic succession of the early church leaders through our bishops. The term catholic refers to the universal church throughout the world.

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

Celebrant

We come before God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Intercessor

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Mariann, St. Alban's Church, DC, Iglesia San Albano, and the upcoming triennial General Convention.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nature sings your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. Dispel the inclination toward bigotry, anger, and violence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises. Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility concerns, and people facing chronic pain. May those on our prayer list know of your mercy: **Mary Anne, Dorothy, Mary, Angel, Destiny, Fred, Kathleen, Diane, Joyce, Tony, Maudie, Barbara, Rodgers, Audrey, Shauna, Dick, Thelma, Vera, Betty, Donna, Doug, Kathy, Dan, Susan, Kent, Ben, Pat, Ginny, Jeff, and Diane.**

Please add your intercessions, silently or aloud.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With gratitude, we remember the saints who are now at home with you, including Margaret Bashoum and Jefferson Jeronimo. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The Celebrant will add a concluding prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Please kneel and allow a moment of silence for reflection.

All 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 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 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. Your offering goes entirely to support our ministry and daily operations. 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 O Breathe on me, O Breath of God

+PRESENTATION HYMN *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Hymnal 304
verses 1, 3

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love, you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.

Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of praise:

THE SANCTUS

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

C Dm7 C Dm7 C F C
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow - er and

Ddim Am7 F Dm7 C Dm7 C G
God of might! Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

Am7 F Dm7 G Csus C
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

C Dm7 C Dm7 C F C
Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is one who comes in the

Ddim Am7 F C Dm7 C Dm7 C G
name of God. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

Am7 F Dm7 G
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the

Csus C Dm7 G Csus C
high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Celebrant continues,

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

People **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

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.

Celebrant 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,

Celebrant Behold who you are.

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

You may be seated.

THE COMMUNION

All are invited to Christ's table. Individually packaged gluten-free wafers are available—simply make your need known to the priest.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

I Love to Tell the Story

Piney Song Book 53

O God of Every Nation

Piney Song Book 83

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **O God, you have fed us with bread of the new creation, wine of new promises for tomorrow. May this meal strengthen us to be your strong and steady hands in the world, reaching always for more connection with one another and with you, 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

For the Fruit of All Creation

Piney Song Book 29

WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve God and each other.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Tokkata

Anonymous 17th c.

You may exit quietly or be seated for the postlude.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Parishioners, Family, and Friends: Mary Anne Gebler, Dorothy Moore, Mary, Angel, & Destiny Levy, Fred Ritter, Kathleen Rottier, Donna S., Doug H., Kathy B., Dan B., Susan A., Kent L., Ben B., Pat H., Ginny K., Jeff L., Diane A.

Homebound: Diane Coon, Joyce Ferguson, Tony Hackley, Maudie Holt, Barbara Huiras, Rodgers Johnson, Audrey Laurine, Shauna Lavender, Dick Leman, Thelma Northrup, Vera Otto, Betty Wilson

Armed Forces: Cameron Chase, Jace Gass, 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: Margaret Bashioum, mother-in-law of Kelly Bryant; Jefferson Jeronimo, 5th grade student of Stacey Scofield

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Alban's Church, DC and Iglesia San Albano; General Convention

Community and World: For the people of Palestine, Sudan, and Haiti; those impacted from extreme weather conditions; 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given by Lucky & Betty Ajueyitsi in celebration of their 39th anniversary on June 22.

DAILY PRAYERS

Reflection Question

The passage from 2 Corinthians urges us to be reconciled, to engage in the ministry of reconciliation, and to be ambassadors for Christ. How can you join in a ministry of reconciliation as an ambassador of Christ??

Household Prayer: Morning

New every morning are your mercies, Lord. And new also is this day, full of promise and possibility. Give me eyes to see your new creation that is already coming into being, even as I come and go among familiar places. I pray that you will help me to see others not from a human point of view, but to see them through your eyes of love, grace, and second chances. I will try to walk by faith and not by sight alone. And I will look for ways that I can be a part of Christ's ministry of reconciliation. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, with the psalmist I say: It is good to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night. For all the ways you loved me through the day that is past, I give you thanks. For your faithful watching over me tonight, I also give thanks. Like a bird asleep in its nest, secure on a sturdy branch, I—and all the world—rest in your wide embrace. Despite all evidence to the contrary, headlined in the news of this day, I trust that your kingdom is growing; that all of us are becoming a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAINT & SIP PARTY- SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Join us Saturday June 29, 1:00 -3:00 P.M. for a non-alcohol Paint & Sip Party for ages 10-100. The cost is \$17.00 per person (contact the office for confidential scholarships). Friends are welcome. Bring an apron if you wish. Snacks and supplies will be provided. Make checks payable to St Paul's with "paint party" in the memo line. RSVP to Paula Truitte at paula.truitte@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE WHILE MOTHER MARIA IS AWAY

Mother Maria will be away June 18-28 for her Spiritual Direction Residency. For pastoral emergencies, please call Senior Warden Sewell Truitte (703) 929-8920 or Junior Warden Debbie Brown (301) 848-0380.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed June 21-July 2.

OUR PLACE WALDORF JUNE COLLECTION

band-aids, disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, topical antiseptics (like Bactine or Neosporin), tissues, cotton balls; Q-tips; sunscreen; aloe vera

MINISTRY SCHEDULES: JULY-SEPTEMBER

In order to avoid scheduling conflicts, please log into your Ministry Scheduler account and update your "can't serve dates" for July - September by Wednesday, June 26. You may also contact the office for availability. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 16, Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Wednesday, June 19

6:00 p.m. Ladies' Night Out, Kobe Bar & Grill, Smallwood

6:15 p.m. Men's Night Out, Rucci's

8:00 p.m. AA

Saturday, June 22

8:00 p.m. AA

Sunday, June 23, Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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

MINISTERS IN WORSHIP

	June 16, 9:30
VPOD	Debbie Brown
Acolytes	Drew Lyon, Kayden Lyon, Paula Truitte
Chalice	Cami Caudill
Lector	Sewell Truitte
Prayers of the People	Meg Monroe
Ushers	Kathy Fornadley, Sub Requested
Live Stream	Buddy Weaver
Coffee Hour	OPEN
Altar Guild	Milsa Anglin, Joanne Moodie
Counters	Greg Ferguson, Kathy Fornadley, Deanna Gerhart
Nursery	Cheryl Williams
Recycle	6/19 - Buddy Weaver
	June 23, 9:30
VPOD	Greg Ferguson
Lector	Mike Fritz Paula Truitte Sewell Truitte
Prayers of the People	Sub Requested
Ushers	Jim & Waters
Live Stream	Greg Ferguson
Coffee Hour	OPEN
Altar Guild	Jane Fruh, Arlene Reed
Counters	Mike Fritz, Colleen Meadows, Cheryl Williams
Nursery	Donna Maki

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