

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Praise Service with Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Liturgy taken from Episcopal and Anglican resources.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

On ZOOM: Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3FcKREH> Meeting ID: 824 1236 4013 Password: 308693  
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The Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Gardner  
Bishop of Nevada  
The Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff  
Rector  
The Rev. Mike Margerum  
Deacon  
The Rev. Linda Smith  
Deacon

### Welcome to All

St. Paul's is a theologically diverse community seeking to embrace our diversity in order to live through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be a place of learning and belonging for all people.

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### CONCERT AT ST. PAUL'S

Featuring  
**WESTWIND**

Bluegrass, Classic Country &  
Western music.

Saturday,  
August 27, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$20.00  
They can be purchased at the  
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through the church office  
@ 775-358-4474.

(Kids 18 and under are Free)

### Holy Communion in Your Seat

If you desire to receive Holy Communion but are unable to walk up to receive it, please notify an usher.

They will inform the clergy of your request, and the clergy will gladly bring Holy Communion to you in your seat.

### Gluten Free Communion Wafers

Are you in need of a gluten free Communion wafer?

If so, there is a small basket as you enter the north side of the worship space. In it you will find a stone. When it is time for you to receive Communion, hold the stone in the palm of your hand and the clergy will exchange it with a gluten free wafer.

### Guests and Visitors

We are especially excited to have you here with us today. Please take the time to sign the guest book located on the Welcome Wagon near the south entrance.

If you have any questions about St. Paul's or the Episcopal Church, please don't hesitate to visit with one of our clergy, either today or during the week.

### Helpful Hints for Receiving Holy Communion

- You do not have to be a member of the Episcopal Church to receive Communion. You are invited.
- The usher will let you know when it is time for your row to go up for communion.
- Watch the people in front of you to get the flow of things.
- Only receive bread in your palm if you are skipping the wine.
- To receive the bread and if you want to Intinct ("dipping" the wafer into the cup of wine) the minister will place the wafer between your thumb & pointer fingers (pinch it) then you can Intinct (dip) the wafer into the chalice.
- Please do not drink from the cup. Intinction only.

**PRELUDE** “*God Has Spoken*”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG** “*You Are Awesome*”

**THE GREETING**

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

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

*Presider:* Gracious God, as we prepare our hearts and minds for shared worship, mold us into one body through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*Presider:* Come, let us sing to the Lord.

*People:* **Let us praise God’s holy name.**

**SONG OF PRAISE** “*I Will Call Upon the Lord*”

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON** *Genesis 18:20-32*

*Lector:* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not

destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit  
is saying to God’s people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 138**

*Lector:* We will now read Psalm 138  
responsively by whole verse.

*Lector:* I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

*People:* **I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;**

For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.

**When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.**

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of  
my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

**THE SECOND LESSON** *Colossians 2:6-19*

*Lector:* A reading from Letter of Paul to the  
Colossians.

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the

elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit  
is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Presider:* Let us all stand in body or spirit as we  
welcome the Gospel into our midst.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      *"In His Time"*

#### **THE GOSPEL**      *Luke 11:1-13*

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get

up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON:** The Rev. Kirk Woodliff, Rector

#### **THE NICENE CREED** (*All in unison*)

*Presider:* Let us all stand in body or spirit  
and affirm our faith in God.

**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.**

**\*\*\*SPECIAL BLESSINGS and QUILTS**  
*If there is a quilt, the clergy will bless it now.*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Leader:* Let us pray for the church and for the world. *[Pause]*

*Leader:* Jesus, you are the light of the world. Shine your light to the ends of the earth and use each of us and the leaders of the world to be instruments of your freedom, justice, and peace. *[Pause]*

*Leader:* God of love and hope,  
**People: we lift our prayer to you.**

*Leader:* Lord, make us faithful stewards of your creation and help us use our abundance to the glory of your name. *[Pause]*

*Leader:* God of love and hope,  
**People: we lift our prayer to you.**

*Leader:* Lord, you are the bread of life. Use us to feed the hungry and nourish us with your Spirit. *[Pause]*

*Leader:* God of love and hope,  
**People: we lift our prayer to you.**

*Leader:* Lord, you are our hope and our strength. Comfort all who are alone, rejected, and unemployed; give courage to all who are without hope. *[Pause]*

*Leader:* God of love and hope,  
**People: we lift our prayer to you.**

*Leader:* Lord, hear our prayers for those who are in need of healing, especially those we lift up to you now, both aloud and in the silence of our hearts. *[Pause]*

*Leader:* Restore the injured, heal the sick and inspire those whose faith is broken.

*Leader:* God of love and hope,  
**People: we lift our prayer to you.**

Lord, you are our ultimate protection. We pray for Mark, Aden, Bradley, Alex, Susanne, and all men and women, both in our neighborhoods and worldwide, who with courage wake each day to keep the peace and protect humanity.

*Leader:* God of love and hope,  
**People: we lift our prayer to you.**

Lord, we pray for each other and for all the people of God, especially for

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Boulder City, for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem, and the Warehouse Christian Ministries, Sparks. May our lives and work proclaim your glory.

*Leader:* God of love and hope,  
**People: we lift our prayer to you.**

*Leader:* Lord, we thank you for all the relationships in our lives: We pray for those who blame us and for those we blame. Help us find healthy ways to discharge our discomfort and pain. *[Pause]*

*Leader:* God of love and hope,  
**People: we lift our prayer to you.**

*Leader:* Lord, point our hearts in the right direction and give each of us the strength to live into the gifts you have given us. *[Pause]*

*Leader:* God of love and hope,  
**People: we lift our prayer to you.**

*Leader:* Lord, you are resurrection and life. We remember before you all who have died: receive them into eternal life and raise us with them into the joy of your heavenly kingdom. *[Pause]*

*Leader:* God of love and hope,  
**People: we lift our prayer to you.**

### **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

*Presider:* Loving God, by your Spirit, the wholeness of your people is sacred. Receive our prayers for all members of your Holy Creation, that in our life and ministry we may truly serve you through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Presider:* Sins are things that cause separation in our lives. Let us reflect on, and confess our sins to God. *(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

*Presider:* God of all mercy,

**People and Presider:**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

Wipe away all worry and shame.  
It is through grace that God forgives you  
and nothing can separate you from the love of God.  
Allow yourself to accept God's forgiveness,  
and live into this new beginning as one who  
is forgiven. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE *Please stand in body or spirit*

*Presider:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**

*Offer one another some sign of Christ's peace.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*The Presider offers and offertory sentence.*

*During this time we make an offering to the church for  
its mission and it is also a time in which we fully offer  
ourselves to be Christ in the world around us.*

If mailing in an offering, please remit to:  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
P.O. Box 737, Sparks, NV 89432  
Or online at

www.StPaulssparks.org: [https://tithely/give\\_new/  
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## OFFERTORY SONG *"Back in His Arms Again"*

*All stand in body or spirit.*

## PRESENTATION SONG: *"Freely"*

## THE PRESENTATION

*Presider:* All things come of thee O Lord.  
**People:** **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer C

*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 our  
thanks and praise.**

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

**People:** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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

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

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

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

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

**People:** **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

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

## THE SANCTUS: *"Santo"*

*The Presider continues*

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

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the  
blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends,  
and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given  
for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of  
the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for  
many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you  
drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

*Presider:* Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

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

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray.

***People and Presider:***

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

***People:* We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

### THE INVITATION

Come and be fed;  
you who have much faith,  
and you who are seeking more;  
you who come here often,  
and you who are new among us;

you who have done well,  
and you who have stumbled along the way.

All of you are welcome and belong here at Christ's table.

So come as you are,  
for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here,  
and these sacred gifts are for you.

### COMMUNION SONG "Take Me to the Cross"

*All stand in body or spirit.*

### SENDING FORTH PRAYER

*Presider:* Let us pray together.

***People and Presider:***

**Strengthen our hands for your service, O Lord,  
that they may be used for acts of love and  
kindness;**

**Open our ears which have heard your word, that  
they may have clarity and not listen to hurtful and  
demeaning things.**

**May our tongues which have sung your praise,  
be free from deceit and judgment;**

**May our eyes which have seen your light,  
be ever focused on your image in one another;  
and may our souls which have been fed with  
your spiritual food, be refreshed and filled with  
gratitude. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

*The Priest offers one of these or some other blessing*

*Presider:*

God's Blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
now and always. **Amen.** *(source: Celtic)*

### CLOSING SONG "Thrive"

### THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon offers this or some other dismissal*

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE "I Will Celebrate"