

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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 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
door or contact
Heather Burkhardt
@ 775-544-7329
[Heather.burkhardt@
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or
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 *“Famous One”*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *“This is Amazing Grace”*

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 *“Shout to the Lord”*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do
always those things that are right, that we, who cannot
exist without you, may by you be enabled to live
according to your will; 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 15:1-6*

Lector: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do
not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward
shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God,
what will you give me, for I continue childless, and
the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And
Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so
a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the
word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be
your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be
your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look
toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to
count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your
descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and
the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:12-22

Lector: We will now read a portion of Psalm 33
responsively by whole verse.

Lector: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be
his own!

People: **The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the
world.**

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.

**He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.**

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

**The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those
who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,

**To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.**

Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.

**Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

THE SECOND LESSON *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Lector: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the
conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our
ancestors received approval. By faith we understand
that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so
that what is seen was made from things that are not
visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called
to set out for a place that he was to receive as an
inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was
going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had
been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as
did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the
same promise. For he looked forward to the city that
has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
By faith he received power of procreation, even
though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren--
because he considered him faithful who had prom-
ised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good
as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars
of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by
the seashore." All of these died in faith without having
received the promises, but from a distance they saw
and greeted them. They confessed that they were
strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who

speaking in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 "Thy Word"

THE GOSPEL *Luke 12:32-40*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: Susan Palwick,
Licensed Lay Preacher

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 The Anglican Communion & it's 38 Provinces, the Church of South India, and the Church of Jesus Christ Spirit Filled, 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

Presider: 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://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/37265

Scan with your smart phone camera
to give secure and “contact free” donations.



OFFERTORY SONG “Give a Little Bit”

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 "El Shaddai"

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 "With Every Act of Love"

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 "Undignified"

School Supply Drive

Daughters of the King are again sponsoring a school supply drive for Robert Mitchell Elementary School. Bring your donations and put them in St. Paul's Lounge, across from the parish office in the narthex. Any school supply item is appreciated. We hope to supply the school with many needed items when school starts in August 15th.

Blessing of the Backpacks August 14th

School Begins August 15th.
Students, teachers, staff: Bring your backpack, school bag, lunch box, etc., to church on Sunday, August 14th for the annual blessing!

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