

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Blended Holy Eucharist Service 10:00 a.m.

The Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost October 27, 2024

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 Very Rev. Kirk A. Woodliff
Rector

Welcome to All

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

Kid's Area

Located on the south side of the church is a special area where there are some coloring materials which can be used there or at other places in the church. Please return these supplies to their baskets following worship.

TONIGHT!!!

**St. Paul's Trunk-or-Treat
October 27th**

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We are planning to offer Trunk-or-Treat again this year to the neighborhood kiddos, as well as those kids from

St. Paul's. We need volunteers with trunks or tailgates to pass out candy in our parking lot! Contact the parish office for more information.

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TOMORROW!!!

Be an Extra in a Movie!

Have you ever wanted to be an extra in a movie? Be an extra "parishioner in the pew" on **Monday, October 28th** from 11am to 3pm. See Fr. Kirk for details.

Wine, Grape Juice, and Gluten Free

We offer both wine and grape juice during Communion as well as a gluten free wafer option. The chalice with the grape juice will be identified.

All chalices are intinction only.

If you are in need of a gluten free Communion wafer, 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.

Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands

On Sundays when a Healing Minister is present, they will offer special prayers for healing immediately after receiving Communion. They will be located at the stools on the south wall in the back of the church. All prayers are kept confidential.

Guests and Visitors

We are especially pleased 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

- Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Everyone!
- The usher will let you know when it is time for your row to go up.
- Watch the people in front of you to get the flow of things.
- To receive the bread and if you want to Intinct ("dipping" the wafer into the cup of wine/grape juice) 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.
- There is a designated chalice on the north side, that has **grape juice**.
- If you would like a **gluten free** wafer, either say gluten free to the clergy distributing the bread, or you can get a small black stone from the basket in the back of the worship space on the north side. Present it in the palm of your hand to the clergy and they will exchange it for a gluten free wafer.
- If you desire 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.

PRELUDE: "All in All"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All stand in body or spirit

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemers praise" Verses 1-5 #493

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

<p>OPENING ACCLAMATION <i>Presider:</i> Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. <i>People:</i> Glory to God for ever and ever. <i>Presider:</i> God of unchangeable power, when you</p>	<p>fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to honor and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
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THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS #S-277

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,
 we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
 4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All Sit

THE FIRST LESSON *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

Lector: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126

Lector: We will now read Psalm 126 in unison.

**When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.**

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."**

**The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.**

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.**

**Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their
sheaves.**

THE SECOND LESSON *Hebrews 7:23-28*

Lector: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand in body or spirit

GOSPEL SONG: "Forever and a Day"

THE GOSPEL *Mark 10:46-52*

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Very Rev. Kirk Woodliff, Rector
A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

All Stand in Body or Spirit

THE NICENE CREED *(All in unison)*

**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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us pray for the church and for the world.

Leader: O God, you not only spoke through the prophets, but you speak through us now. Guide your Church in all things and help us hear your purpose and know your grace. *[Pause]*

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord;

People: let our cry come to you. *(Psalm 102:1)*

Leader: Confirm in your truth all the baptized, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect, Elizabeth, our Bishop; and for all clergy and teachers of the faith. *[Pause]*

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord;

People: let our cry come to you.

Leader: We pray for the community of St. Paul's, that together we may continue to have the courage to be a safe place of authentic belonging for all people. *[Pause]*

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord;

People: let our cry come to you.

Leader: We pray for all members of the Body of Christ especially for Christ Church Episcopal, Las Vegas; The Anglican Church of the Province of Congo, and Warehouse Christian Ministries, Sparks. *[Pause]*

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord;

People: let our cry come to you.

Leader: God of all people, grant your vision of mercy and justice to those who rule and hold positions of power on this earth. We pray especially for Joe, our president; Joe, our governor; and Hillary and Ed, our mayors. Strengthen their work and help them to promote hope and bring peace to a broken world. *[Pause]*

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord;

People: let our cry come to you.

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

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord;

People: let our cry come to you.

Leader: O Holy One, bind our souls to those who suffer and keep us mindful of all innocent victims, the

oppressed, despised, outcast, the sick, the dying, and for those without hope. We pray especially for those we name now, both aloud and in the quiet of our hearts.

THE PRIEST BLESSES THE PRAYER QUILTS
(if there are any)

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord;

***People:* let our cry come to you.**

Leader: Lord, we thank you for the nourishing relationships in our lives: We pray for those who believe differently than us, and with patience, may we learn to listen to one another. [Pause]

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord;

***People:* let our cry come to you.**

Leader: We remember before you Lord all who have died: receive them into the eternal joy of your heavenly kingdom. [Pause]

Leader: Hear our prayer, O Lord;

***People:* let our cry come to you.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Presider: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain completely, yet humbly, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Greet one another in the love of Christ.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THE OFFERING

During this time we make an offering to the church to help maintain its mission in creation. 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:



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

All Stand in Body or Spirit.

THE PRESENTATION SONG: "Bind us Together"

THE PRESENTATION

Presider: All things come of thee O Lord.

***People:* And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Prayer 1 EOW

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: It is truly right, good, and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Christ Jesus and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

THE SANCTUS: "Santo"

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness

of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People and Presider:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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

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

Presider: 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.

The person serving the grape juice chalice will be announced.

COMMUNION TO THE PEOPLE

Here at St. Paul's everyone is invited to come forward and receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION SONG: "Breathe"

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

All stand in body or spirit.

Presider: Let us all stand in body or spirit as we 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 this or other blessing

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)*

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

<p>THE DISMISSAL <i>The Presider offers a dismissal and the people respond</i> People: Thanks be to God. POSTLUDE: “The River is Here”</p> <p>A contribution to the Altar Flowers, Ambry Light, and Bread & Wine is given to the glory of God in thanksgiving of Dan’s Birthday by Margaret Bouzek</p> <p>All Saints’ Day: November 3rd This is a time when we remember the saints in our lives that have died and gone before us. The All Saints’ book is on a stand at the back of the church on the north side. Please <u>clearly print the full names</u> of those you wish to remember on that day. Even better, can email the names to office@stpaulsspark.org and we will write them in there for you.</p>	<p><u>Daylight Saving Time Ends</u> Fall Back! Daylight Saving Time ends Saturday night on November 3rd. Set those clocks back an hour before you go to bed!</p> <p><u>“In Memory of” Memorial Service: October 30th</u> There are often times when we are unable to attend the funeral or memorial service of a friend or family member. There are also times when there is not a public service at all. When we are unable to attend such a service, we may struggle to find a sense of closure, or allow ourselves to begin the healing process. On Wednesday, Oct 30th at 6:00 p.m., we will have an “In Memory of” memorial service. During this service we will remember and celebrate those family and friends. We will have a special table for pictures if you would like to bring one for that service. If you would like to have the memory of a loved one included during this service, please contact the parish office at Office@StPaulsSparks.org, 775-358-4474.</p>
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Christmas Wreath Sales

The wreath sale runs through November 3rd with proceeds going towards the purchase of a new computer for online worship. Wreaths will be available at church on Sunday, December 8th.

Wreaths are from Sherwood Forest Farms in Washington state and promise to be fresh and lovely. Can be shipped anywhere in the US except Alaska and Hawaii (no PO Boxes). See Linda Devon at church or call her at 775-750-4029 or email at lsd4764@hotmail.com

United Thank Offering Ingathering

November 3rd

We are commanded in Mark 12:30....."Love the Lord your God with all your Soul with all your mind and with all your strength." In our pursuit of loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength we find ourselves wondering where to begin. The answer lies in simple yet transformative practice of gratitude. Gratitude is defined in Webster's Dictionary as the quality or feeling grateful, being thankful or appreciation. Each day members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church are showing their gratefulness, appreciation of the happenings in their lives filling their UTO Boxes with coins thanking God.

On November 3rd, St. Paul's will gather the Blue Boxes during the offering for the funds to be sent to the United Thank Offering of the national church providing grants offered to Dioceses and Churches around the world for projects to support Jesus' care of the stranger in our midst.

If you need a Blue Box or would prefer an envelope to provide a check those maybe found in the Narthex or if you have any questions, please call Kathie Dixon 775-846-9751.

Donate Your Old Computers

The Lion's Club is taking donations of old retired but usable Windows computers as well as old broken trash computer equipment. Working computers will be repurposed for those in need and the broken ones will be recycled.

You can bring these computers to the church for pickup by Dick Schori. If you have questions, contact him at richard.schori@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck

St. Paul's will be hosting their Annual Thanksgiving Day Pot-luck Luncheon in the parish hall at 1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

There is absolutely **NO** expectation for you to come.

However, everyone in the parish is invited. This gathering is intended for anyone who does not yet have plans for a traditional Thanksgiving feast, as well as for those who simply would rather make a mess somewhere other than their own home. So, for those of

you who might want to skip the local buffet line this year, bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish and/or dessert and enjoy a feast with other members of the St. Paul's community and friends. If you would like to prepare a turkey or a ham, please let us know...and stuffing, we can't run out of stuffing...and mashed potatoes too... Oh yes and pie, pie is good, don't forget the pie!

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex (foyer). If you can sign up it would be helpful (so we know how much meat to provide) but if you forget to sign up, or if your plans change at the last minute and you want to join us, please come anyway. The Lord will provide.

The parish hall will be open at noon, and we'll eat at 1:00p.m.

If you want to help with setting up tables, etc., please contact Fr. Kirk, or feel free to reach out to him with any questions you might have.

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