



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026, 10:00am
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
StPaulsSparks.org

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you're welcome to participate fully in all that we do here. We invite you to say the words in bold throughout the service. Restrooms are outside the sanctuary and down the hall. Turn right at your first opportunity. You're invited to join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the parish hall. If it's your first time worshipping with us, please fill out the Connect Card in the foyer. Be sure to leave your mobile number if you'd like a text from Mother Hannah.

Prelude

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait
upon the Lord*

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait
upon the Lord*

*Chorus: Our God, You reign forever our hope,
our strong deliverer You are the everlasting
God the everlasting God. You do not faint*

Announcements & Welcome

The Processional

*Chorus: Abba, Abba, Father
You are the potter, we are the clay
The work of Your hands*

*Mold us, mold us and fashion us
Into the image of Jesus, Your Son
Of Jesus, Your Son. (Chorus)*

The Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Blessed be the one holy and living God. **Glory to God for ever and ever!**

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.**

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us. Repeat three times.

Let us pray. (A moment of silence for prayer.) Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it

"Everlasting God"

*You won't grow weary You're the defender of
the weak You comfort those in need You lift
us up on the wings like eagles.*

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait
upon the Lord.*

*Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait
upon the Lord (Chorus x 2)*

"Abba Father"

*Father, may we be one in You
May we be one in You as He is in You
And You are in Him. (Chorus)*

*Glory, Glory and praise to You
Glory and praise to You forever, amen
Forever Amen. (Chorus)*

always by your goodness; 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

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (55:1-5)

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22

We will say the Psalm responsively by half-verse.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, * **slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Lord is loving to everyone * **and his compassion is over all his works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall; * **he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, * **and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand * **and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways * **and loving in all his works.**

The Lord is near to those who call upon him, * **to all who call upon him faithfully.**

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; * **he hears their cry and helps them.**

The Lord preserves all those who love him, * **but he destroys all the wicked.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; * **let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.**

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (9:1-5)

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

“In His Time”

*In his time, in his time, he makes all things
beautiful in his time.*

*Lord, please show me ev’ry day, as You’re teaching
me Your way, that You do just as you say in Your
time.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14:13-21)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Continued

*In your time, in your time, You make all things
beautiful in your time.*

*Lord, my life to You I bring, may each song I have
to sing, be to you a lovely thing, in your time.*

The Sermon

Silent reflection after the sermon.

The Rev. Rick Millsap

The Nicene Creed

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 Prayers

If you're celebrating sobriety, a birthday, an anniversary, or traveling, or any other significant milestone, you are invited to come forward for prayer.

The Prayers of the People

O God, Creator of every star in the night sky, we thank you for our place in your vast Universe. Bless us with an abiding sense of awe and wonder as we go about our daily lives.

We give you thanks and praise, O God.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of Uganda. O Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for all clergy spouses. O Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

O God, Creator of our beautiful, blue planet among the stars, we thank you for the sky and ocean, clouds and waves, and for every living thing. Grant us knowledge and wisdom to live in harmony with your planet. O Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, Creator of Humanity, we thank you for creating us. Guide us away from harming each other, and towards loving each other and living in harmony. Bless, inspire, and guide all people who exercise power and influence. O Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for the well-being of our families, for those we love, and for our neighbors. We pray especially for you to help us love those people who seem different, who we do not understand, and who we fear. O Lord, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all who are ill, suffering, or in any kind of distress. We pray especially for Pat and Mike Entwistle, Karen Rehne, Terry, Faith, Moose, Sue, Deni, Bill, Milt, Bailey, Ryan, Jennifer, and those we now name (*pause*). May you comfort them and may your mercy shine upon them.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for those who have left this mortal life. We pray especially for Janet O'Day, Paul Allison, John Martinez, and those we now name (*pause*). May you bless them and keep them in your sight forevermore. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Priest: O God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit among us, and to grant our prayers in accordance with your divine will and wisdom, through the mercy and love of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(A moment of silence for prayer. Please stand, bow or kneel, as you are able.)

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.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Feel free to greet one another with whatever sign of peace (handshake, fist bump, nod, etc.) is comfortable for you.

Communion Instructions & Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Offertory

“God of Wonders”

Your gifts sustain our mission and ministry. Thank you for being generous. You may place your gifts in the offering plate as it comes around. Or you can point your phone camera at the code to the right and follow the instructions to give online. We especially appreciate automated giving, and help with covering fees. When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:



The Presentation Song

“Doxology”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below*

*Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Prayer Over the Offering: All things come of thee, O Lord, **and of thine own have we given thee.**

The Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer C, Inclusive Language

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

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

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

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 eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

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

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: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night he was betrayed Jesus 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, Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, 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 Savior. Sanctify us also, and 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.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; 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. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated. Follow the directions of the ushers. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say "gluten free" to the priest. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may still come forward for a blessing; please cross your arms over your chest. Let an usher know if you would like communion brought to you in your seat.

Communion Music

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
people cry all who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save. I, who made the stars
of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

*Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I can only imagine what it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine I can only imagine*

*Chorus: Surrounded by Your glory, what will my
heart feel will I dance for You Jesus, or in awe of
You be still will I stand in your presence or to my*

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. *(Pause for silent prayer.)* Eternal God, **heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest gives a final blessing to which we respond, **Amen.**

The Recessional

*Empty hands held high, Such a small sacrifice,
If not joined with my life, I sing in vain tonight.
May the words I say and the things I do,
make my lifesong sing, bring a smile to you.*

*Chorus: Let my lifesong sing to you,
Let my lifesong sing to you.
I wanna sign your name to the end of this day*

“Here I Am Lord”

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne
my people's pain. I have wept for love of them.
They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone.
Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my
word to them. Whom shall I send? (Chorus)*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor
and lame I will set a feast for them. My hand will
save. Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts
are satisfied. I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Chorus)*

“I Can Only Imagine”

*knees will I fall Will I sing hallelujah, will I be able
to speak at all I can only imagine I can only
imagine*

*I can only imagine when that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever forever worship You
I can only imagine, I can only imagine. (Chorus)*

Please stand as you are able.

“Lifesong”

*knowing that my heart was true
let my lifesong sing to you.*

*Lord I give my life, a living sacrifice to reach a
world in need, to be your hands and feet.
May the words I say and the things I do,
make my lifesong sing, bring a smile to you.
(Chorus)*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to you
Hallelujah, Hallelujah*

*Let my lifesong sing to you
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to you. (Chorus)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Put Your Hand in the Hand”

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Biblical interpretation from the New Revised Standard Version.

Flowers, Ambry Light, Bread and Wine

Given to the glory of God by the Bouzeks in celebration of their grandson Anthony's birthday and in loving memory of their son, Jonathan.

Announcements

Welcome to St. Paul's We're so glad you joined us! You're invited to the coffee hour after the service in the parish hall, which is down the hallway from the narthex (entryway) and to the left. If you're new here, please fill out a yellow Connect Card. We would love to get to know you. You can place the card in the offering plate as it goes by, or hand it to an usher. Welcome!

Our Conservation Imperative Join the Eco-palians for coffee hour in the parish hall after services on August 9. Deb Stiver recently returned from a mission trip to South Africa and in a photo presentation, will highlight current practices that protect endangered animals globally. Rhino and cheetah strategies will be highlighted. She will also share information about how the Katie Adamson Conservation Fund (KACF), and International Development Missions (IDM) partner with other organizations to promote sustainable practices through education and cooperation with local communities. A taste of South African cuisine will be served! We hope to see you there.

Interested in Baptism? Baptism is the sacrament by which we officially join the Body of Christ and begin a lifelong journey of faith. If you, your child or grandchild are interested, Mother Hannah will offer a baptism preparation class in October for adults, parents, and sponsors. If you are considering baptism or would simply like to learn more, please contact Mother Hannah: rector@stpaulssparks.org. We would be delighted to walk with you as you explore this important step in the Christian life.

Faithful Planning for the Future Join us on September 13 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a free estate and end-of-life planning seminar with Gary M. Fuller, Esq. Enjoy a complimentary lunch while learning practical steps to plan for the future and ease the burden on your loved ones. Please RSVP by September 6 to Amee at office@stpaulssparks.org so we can plan for lunch.