

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.

Stewardship Reflection



"My life today is the result of someone taking the time to invite me to Christ's table. First invitation was to the local Canterbury group (college ministry). Next came an invitation to attend worship at Church of the Good Shepherd followed by an invitation to serve at the Diocesan camp, Camp Capers. One after another, the invitations kept coming. Each one led me to a community which always made room for me. I found belonging in a spiritual family. They made plenty good room for me and for my family and friends. Over and over again, the graciousness of Christ was extended to me. I found fellow travelers on the spiritual journey. More importantly, I found the gifts of God within me. I suppose that I am an Episcopal priest because of all the people

along the spiritual way who invited me into communities in which there was plenty good room. Plenty good room to discover myself. Plenty good room to discover God. Plenty good room to discover and discern how God was calling me to serve and lead. I cannot imagine any other life than the one I have now—serving as an Episcopal parish priest! I cannot imagine any other job that would be so wonderful, so exciting and energizing as the ministry I have today. I am so grateful for all the invitations and all those who made plenty good room for me! - The Rev. Ramio Lopez, rector of St. George's, San Antonio.

Prelude

*By the rivers of Babylon, where we sat down
and there we wept when we remembered Zion (Repeat)*

*But the wicked carried us away captivity
required from us a song
how can we sing King Alpha's song in a strange land*

"By the Rivers of Babylon"

(Repeat)
Ah..ah..ah... Ah..ah..ah, Ah..ah..ah Ah..ah..ah

*So let the words of our mouth and the meditation of
our heart be acceptable in thy sight
Oh my Lord (Repeat)*

Announcements & Welcome

The Processional

*You are good, You are good
when there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love*

"Forever Reign"

*on display for all to see
You are light, You are light
when the darkness closes in*

*You are hope, You are hope
You have covered all my sin*

*You are peace, You are peace
when my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true
even in my wandering*

*You are joy, You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life
in You death has lost its sting*

*Chorus. Oh, I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms the riches of Your love*

*will always be enough. Nothing compares
to your embrace; light of the world forever reign.*

*You are more, You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here
in your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God
of all else I'm letting go. Chorus.*

*My heart will sing no other Name Jesus, Jesus. x3
Repeat Chorus.*

The Acclamation & Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray. (*A moment of silence for prayer.*) 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.** *Please be seated for the lessons.*

The First Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Leviticus (19:1-2,15-18)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 1

We will sing the Psalm all together to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Hymn #376

Bless-ed is the one who does not walk within the wicked way,
Nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit where the scoffers stay.
But he takes delight in foll'wing what the Lord's law says is right,
On that law he meditates both in the day and in the night.

He will be just like a tree that's planted by the streams that flow;
Yielding fruit within its season, leaves that ever healthy grow.
In all things he does, he prospers; but the wicked are not so;
They are like the useless chaff that's cast away by winds that blow.

Thus, the wicked will not stand when comes the final Judgment Day;
Nor will sinners join the gath'ring of the righteous in the Way.
For the Lord knows well and watches o'er the way the righteous own;
But the way the wicked choose will perish and be overthrown.

The Living Epistle

Mr. Karl Riglesberger

During our fall pledge campaign, "Plenty Good Room," we're hearing from members of our congregation about why they love St. Paul's and why they choose to be generous.

The Gospel Acclamation

"Kyrie"

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

(This is a Greek phrase that means: Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:34-46)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation Continued

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The Sermon

Dr. Jon Mittelstadt

Silent reflection after the sermon.

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

Priest: Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of Central Africa. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Luke Episcopal Church in Las Vegas. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We thank you for the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide us to extend hospitality to our neighbors near and far. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this stewardship campaign, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need Faith, Milt, Mary, and those we now name. *(Pause for people to say names aloud).*

Surround them with your healing and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, confident that they now rest in your embrace, especially Steve Smith, Lynne Snell, Mary English, and those we now name. *(Pause for people to speak aloud the names of loved ones who have died.)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Priest: Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Offertory

“Give a Little Bit”

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

“Step By Step”

*O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you
O God, you are my God and I will ever praise you*

*I will seek You in the morning
and I will learn to walk in your ways
and step by step you'll lead me
and I will follow You all of my days. (Repeat)*

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

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.**

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

"God of Wonders"

*Lord of all creation
Of the water, earth and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high*

*You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth 2x*

*Chorus: God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty*

*Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night. Chorus.
(Bridge) Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me.
Father, hold me, Father, hold me. Chorus.*

"You Are Awesome in This Place"

*As I come into your presence
past the gates of praise
into your sanctuary
till we're standing face to face
I look upon your countenance
I see the fullness of your grace
And I can only bow down and say*

*You are awesome in this place, Mighty God
You are awesome in this place,
Abba Father
You are worthy of all praise
to you our lives we raise
You are awesome in this place, Mighty God
(Repeat all)*

The Post-Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray. *(Pause for silent prayer.)* Almighty and everliving God, **we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. You have welcomed us to your table, where there is plenty good room for all. Now send us out to make room for others, sharing generously the gifts you have entrusted to us, and serving as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

The Recessional

*Bring your tired and bring your shame
bring your guilt and bring your pain.
Don't you know that's not your name
You will always be much more to me.*

*Everyday I wrestle with the voices that keep
telling me I'm not right, but that's alright.*

*Chorus: Cause I hear a voice and he calls me
redeemed when others say I'll never be enough
and greater is the One living inside of me.
Than he who is living in the world
in the wo-o-orld, in the wo-o-orld,
and greater is the One living inside of me
than he who is living in the world.*

*Bring your doubts and bring your fears
bring your hurt and bring your tears.*

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

“Greater”

*There'll be no condemnation here
You are holy, righteous and redeemed*

*Every time I fall there'll be those who will
call me a mistake. Well that's ok. Chorus.*

*There'll be days I lose the battle
Grace says that it doesn't matter
cause the cross already won the war.
He's Greater. He's Greater.
I am learning to run freely
understanding just how he sees me
and it makes me love him more and more.
He's Greater. He's Greater. 2x then Chorus.*

*And greater is the One living inside of me.
Than he who is living in the world.
Than he who is living in the world.*

“Spirit in the Sky”

Flowers, Ambry Light, Bread and Wine Given to the glory of God in thanksgiving on Dan's birthday.
- Margaret Bouzek

Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God for life's many blessings on our anniversary.
-Dick and Dotti Stufflebeam

Announcements

Our New Nursery Caregiver Welcome Jocelyne Dalton, our new nursery caregiver for children ages 0–4! Please introduce yourself and give Jocelyne a warm St. Paul's welcome.

Eco-Palians Meeting Sunday, November 9, after worship in the Choir Room. Meets the second Sunday of each month. Contact Robin Towne: 775-432-8574.

Worship Committee Meeting Sunday, November 9 after church in the rector's office.

Día de los Muertos: Remembering Our Loved Ones Our ofrenda (altar) is up until November 1. Please bring a photo, memento, or other remembrance of someone you love who has died.

UTO Ingathering Sunday, November 1. Remember to turn in United Thank Offering blue boxes.

All Saints' Day Submit names to office@stpaulssparks.org by 10/26, or write them in the remembrance book in the narthex.