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Worship, Love, Live the Message

WORSHIP BULLETIN:
JUNE 15, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II

8:45 AM

Prayer A

First Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE:

Instrumental

Now We Ask the Holy Spirit

Composed by: Johann Walther

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal

(H 365) Come Thou Almighty King

OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY: BCP p. 355

The Celebrant may say

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.**

GLORIA:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal

(S 280) Glory to God

COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p. 357

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the

eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

The people sit.

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²²The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8

Remain seated.

¹O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
²Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
⁴When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁵What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
⁶You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;
⁷You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:
⁸All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁹The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
¹⁰O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

The people sit.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. **Amen.**

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Silence may follow.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal

(H 423) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

All stand.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord..
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

Instrumental

Improvisation
Composed by: John Partridge

THE SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder

All stand

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

All remain standing

CONFESSION OF SIN:EOW p. 56

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, 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 that enslaves us, 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 Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE:BCP p. 360

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2025 VBS program, Hearts on Fire, Monday June 16th – Friday June 20th / See weekly calendar updates
- VBS Sunday - June 22, 11 am - All-Church Cookout

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & TRANSITIONS:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin anew. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: BCP p. 376

All remain standing

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

The following is sung by the choir only.

Lord I Stretch My Hands to You

Composed by: Jay Althouse

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OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.

(H 362) Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty!

SURSUM CORDA: BCP p. 361

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE: EOW p. 60

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant...

...And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS:

*Celebrant and people
Please refer to your hymnal*

(S 129) Holy, Holy Holy Lord, God of Power and Might

EOW p. 61

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God...

...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: BCP p.363

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

*The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal*

(S 164) Jesus, Lamb of God

COMMUNION SOLO:

Instrumental

Fuga

Composed by: Allesandro Scarlatti

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 516) Come Down, O Love Divine

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: EOW p. 70

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING:

The Priest blesses the people, saying

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal

(H 368) Holy Father, Great Creator

DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant will dismiss the people

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Instrumental

Now Thank We All Our God

Composed by: Georg Kaufman



The flowers at today's service are
in loving memory of:

The Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert

The Rev. Annie Mertz

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



* 2025 VBS program, Hearts on Fire, Monday June 16th – Friday June 20th / See weekly calendar updates

* VBS Sunday - June 22, 11 am - All -Church Cookout

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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Virginia & Gary Cady
Mark Park
Judith Mooney
Manuel Pena
Deb Mulholand
Mike Keefe
John M.
Jim Jewell
Sergio Calvario

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Rev. Cn. Mary Goshert
Steven Padfield
Mike Miterko

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves
SFC Mike Moverley, 1st Battalion 143rd Field Artillery, U.S. Army
Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann, U.S. Army Airman
Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force
SA Michelle Severa, PA, Air National Guard
Staff SGT Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force
Major Xacasia Evans-Walp, U.S. Army

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

6/16 Jim Brown
6/15 Bob & Debi Hall
6/17 David & Yann Jouvenot Sells
6/20 Jerry & Leonide McKay

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder	
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder	
Deacon	The Rev. Beth Gaines	
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	John Partridge	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Debi Hall	Martha Saldana-Wolf
Intercessor	Ann Lindsay	Jim Wolf
LEM	Jim Brown & MaryFrances Kelly-Poh	Cathy Cellini & Thelma Bentley
Healing Prayers	Karen Payne Taylor	Jim Wolf
Ushers	Mittie & Fred Railsback	Donna Patey & Carole Johnson
Altar Guild	Robin Silver & Susie Bonstin	
Flower Guild	Liz Stallings	
Office Angels		
Verger	Jim Wolf & Fred Railsback	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector
The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon
The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, Associate Priest
The Rev. Pamela Higgins, Associate Priest
The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:

John Partridge, Interim Traditional Music Director
Cameron DePalma, Contemporary Music Director
Eric Foster, Communications Director
Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator
Tim Markley, Archivist

VESTRY:

Lisa Pena, Senior Warden
Ed Curtis, Junior Warden
Jill Morris, Ann Lindsay, Donna Marshall, Gerri MacGregor, Jim Peterson, Robert Vallejos, Kathryn Gojack

MISSION:

St. Paul's welcomes all people at any stage of their spiritual journey to worship together, care for the community, and live the message of Jesus Christ.

VISION:

We strive to be an active, diverse and welcoming community where people come together to worship and deepen their faith.

VALUES

COMMUNITY:

We support our neighbors through service & compassion. We are a safe space & a supportive community where members are cared for by one another.

INCLUSION:

We are an inclusive community where people of all identities, backgrounds & histories are welcome to find & continue their spiritual journey.

THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST:

We believe in striving to live the message of Jesus Christ every day. At St. Paul's, we walk the way of love together.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

At any point in a person's spiritual journey, there are opportunities to learn, grow & strengthen one's faith at St. Paul's.

NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

When you enter a St. Paul's Episcopal Church service or event, you enter an area where photography, audio, live streaming, and video recording may occur.

CALENDAR

The First Sunday after Pentecost

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



MONDAY: 6/16

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 8 am VBS - Campus Closed until 1 pm
 9 am +Morning Prayer - Cancelled
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
 7 - 9:30 pm +GVRD Jazz Band
 8 pm AA Meeting (P)

TUESDAY: 6/17

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 8 am VBS - Campus Closed until 1 pm
 9 am +Morning Prayer - Cancelled
 7 pm Vestry Meeting (U)

WEDNESDAY: 6/18

7am AA Meeting (P)
 8 am VBS - Campus Closed until 1 pm
 9 am +Morning Prayer - Cancelled
 10 am +Communion - Cancelled
 11 am Bible Study (P) - Cancelled
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
 7 - 9:30 pm +GVRD Symph Band

THURSDAY: 6/19

7am AA Meeting (P)
 8 am VBS - Campus Closed until 1 pm
 7:30 am Coffee Without Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer - Cancelled

FRIDAY: 6/20

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 8 am VBS - Campus Closed until 1 pm
 9 am +Morning Prayer - Cancelled
 10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting (TBD)
 7- 9 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 6/21

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 7 am Men's Meeting (R)

The Second Sunday after Pentecost / VBS Sunday

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) (U)
 10 am Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion - VBS Sunday
 12 pm All-Church Cookout - Backyard
 8 pm AA (P)



KEY

+ = CHURCH
P = PARISH HALL
U = UNDERCROFT
R = RECTORY
K = KITCHEN