



WORSHIP BULLETIN:

AUGUST 2, 2026 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II Prayer A

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - SSP Sunday

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

(A3 109) Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Verse 1:

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.

Chorus:

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE:

The following is sung, all standing.

Glory to God

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right
hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p. 357

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives
one with another that all we do affects, for
good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the
work we do, that we may do it not for self
alone, but for the common good; and, as we
seek a proper return for our own labor, make
us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other
workers, and arouse our concern for those
who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



FIRST READING: Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)

38:27-32a

The people sit.

So it is with every artisan and master artisan who labours by night as well as by day; those who cut the signets of seals, each is diligent in making a great variety; they set their heart on painting a lifelike image, and they are careful to finish their work.

So it is with the smith, sitting by the anvil, intent on his ironwork; the breath of the fire melts his flesh, and he struggles with the heat of the furnace; the sound of the hammer deafens his ears, and his eyes are on the pattern of the object.

He sets his heart on finishing his handiwork, and he is careful to complete its decoration. So it is with the potter sitting at his work and turning the wheel with his feet; he is always deeply concerned over his products, and he produces them in quantity. He moulds the clay with his arm and makes it pliable with his feet; he sets his heart on finishing the glazing, and he takes care in firing the kiln.

All these rely on their hands, and all are skillful in their own work. Without them no city can be inhabited, and wherever they live, they will not go hungry.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalms 107:1-9

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *

that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; *
**from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes; *
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; *
their spirits languished within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.

He put their feet on a straight path *
to go to a city where they might dwell.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *

and the wonders he does for his children.

For he satisfies the thirsty *

and fills the hungry with good things.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:10-14

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

Congregation chants

(WLP 756) Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:19-24

All stand.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"
"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

Please refer to Gospel Hymn on pg. 2

THE SERMON: The Rev. Annie Mertz

THE CREED: BCP p. 358

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: BCP p. 360

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.

ABSOLUTION:

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:

- **Weds., August 5** – The 10 am Eucharist returns to the Sanctuary; Bible Study returns to the Rectory Library.

- **Sun., August 9 – Peddlers Fair Sunday & Sanctuary Restoration Celebration** -

Join us on Sunday as we celebrate another successful Peddlers Fair & our return to our beautifully restored Sanctuary!

- **Sun., August 16 - Dignity Day Bake Sale** -
Directly after our 10 am service at Coffee Hour!

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

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.

(H 602) Jesu, Jesu

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

Verse 1:

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

(Refrain)

Verse 2:

Neighbors are rich and poor,
neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are nearby and far away.

(Refrain)

Verse 3:

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you.

(Refrain)

Verse 4:

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.

(Refrain)

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 God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS:

Celebrant and people

Americana Hosanna

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Chorus:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your praises.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

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The Celebrant continues. . .

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself . . . Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father. . . By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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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:

Celebrant and People

Christ Our Passover

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

All are welcome to come forward for communion. If you're new to the sacrament, please reference the card in the pews with more information. The bread is given with the words, 'The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.' The wine is given with the words, 'The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.'

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(A3 67) How Great Thou Art

Verse 1:

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my savior God, to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

Verse 2:

When through the woods and forest glades I
wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle
breeze.

Verse 3:

And when I think that God, his son not
sparing,
Send him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Verse 4:

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou
art!



COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(WLP 812) Here I Am Lord

Verse 1:

I, the Lord of sea and sky, 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.

Verse 2:

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)**

Verse 3:

Here I am, Lord...
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 be
satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord...**(Chorus)**



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: BCP p. 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

SUNG BENEDICTION:

The following is sung.

Life is Short

Words by: Henri Frederic Amiel

Music by: Cameron DePalma

Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So... be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us,
who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever.

A—MEN

BLESSING:

The Celebrant blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

The following is sung.

In the Highways

Chorus:

I'll be somewhere working
I'll be somewhere working
I'll be somewhere working for the Lord
I'll be somewhere working
I'll be somewhere working
I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

Verse 1:

In the highways in the hedges
In the highways in the hedges
In the highways in the hedges
I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

Verse 2:

If my robe is white when He calls me
If my robe is white I will heard
If my robe is white when He calls me
I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

Verse 3:

If He calls me I will answer
If He calls me I will answer
If He calls me I will answer
I'll be somewhere working for the Lord

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

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

People: Thanks be to God.



The flowers at today's service are
given in celebration of:
**Robyn & Jim Peterson's
Wedding!**

Jim Peterson

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



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The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

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The Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb

WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air Force Reserves
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Airman 1st Class Nevaeh Jarvis, U.S. Air Force
Captain Greg Arnold, U.S. Navy

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

8/6 Jeff Jarvis
8/8 Jim Wolf

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz
	10:00 AM
Music	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Carole Johnson
Intercessor	Jim Brown
LEM	Jim Brown & Marjorie Lowry
Healing Prayers	
Ushers	Fred & Mittie Railsback
Altar Guild	Donna Patey & Jeanne Brown
Flower Guild	Kathy Gojack
Verger	Fred Railsback

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:

John Partridge, Traditional Music Director
Cameron DePalma, Contemporary Music Director
Eric Foster, Communications Director
Lisa Lannoy, Parish Administrator
Tim Markley, Archivist
Kylie Lazarek, Nursery Staff
Heather Pritchard, Nursery Staff

VESTRY:

Ann Lindsay, Senior Warden
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Charlie Kilbourne, Gerri MacGregor, Jim Peterson, Brandon Bailey, Kathryn Gojack, Megan Klingensmith, Michelle Fitzgerald

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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - SSP Sunday

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



MONDAY: 8/3

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)
 8 pm AA Meeting (P)

TUESDAY: 8/4

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 7 pm Facilities Meeting - Zoom

WEDNESDAY: 8/5

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10 am +Communion
 11 am Bible Study (L)
 4:30 pm Community Meal (P)

THURSDAY: 8/6

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer

FRIDAY: 8/7

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting (U)
 11 am - 3 pm Tyler St. Collective (K)
 4 pm - Peddlers Fair Food Prep (K)
 7- 9 pm NA Meeting (U)

SATURDAY: 8/8

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

Benicia Peddlers Fair
 8 am - 5 pm

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Peddlers Fair Sunday & Sanctuary Restoration Celebration

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



KEY

- +** = CHURCH
- P** = PARISH HALL
- U** = UNDERCROFT
- R** = RECTORY
- K** = KITCHEN
- L** = RECTORY LIBRARY
- O** = OUTDOORS