



WORSHIP BULLETIN:

OCTOBER 11, 2026 11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II EOW III

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung, all standing.

(LEVAS 228) Go Down, Moses

Verse 1:

When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go.

Refrain:

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
Tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.

Verse 2:

The Lord told Moses what to do,
let my people go;
To lead the children of Israel through,
let my people go. **[Refrain]**

Verse 3:

They journeyed on at his command,
let my people go;
And come at length to Canaan's land,
let my people go. **[Refrain]**

Verse 4:

Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
let my people go;
And let us all in Christ be free,
let my people go. **[Refrain]**

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.
Amen.**

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. 254

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always
precede and follow us, that we may
continually be given to good works; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**



FIRST READING:**Exodus 32:1-14***The people sit.*

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring

disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:**Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23**

Hallelujah!

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

Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *

and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, *

that I may glory with your inheritance.

We have sinned as our forebears did; *

we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *

and worshiped a molten image;

And so they exchanged their Glory *

for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot God their Savior, *

who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *

and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them,

had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *

to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

SECOND READING:**Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia

and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung.

(A3 131) Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus:

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you.

Verse:

Open the eyes of my heart Lord, open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing
"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Bridge:

Holy, Holy, Holy; Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy, I want to see you.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 22:1-14

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

Please refer to Gospel Hymn

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung

(H 488) Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart

Verse 1:

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2:

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Verse 3:

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times
and in all places, our true and loving God. . .
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

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.

The celebrant continues...

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION & PRAYER CONCLUSION

. . . And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

. . . by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM:

The following is sung.

We Break This Bread

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

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 203) In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

Sanctuary

Verse 1:

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Verse 2:

Lord, you know me, I'm poor and lowly and not worthy of your love. Still you found me and let your bounty fall around me from above.

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

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.

(A3 148) Soon and Very Soon

Verse 1:

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Verse 2:

No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
No more crying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

Verse 3:

No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
No more dying there, we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!

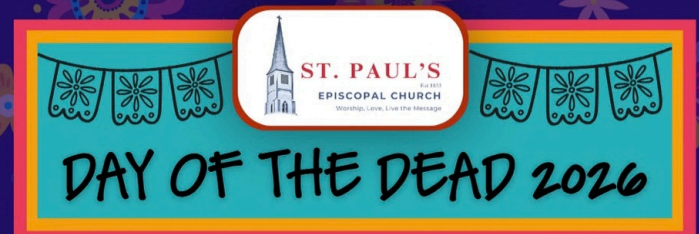
Verse 4:

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! ! Hallelujah!

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

People: Thanks be to God.



10/24

Open House
10 AM - Noon

10/25

Day of the Dead
8:45 & 11 AM

11/1

Feast of All Saints
8:45 & 11 AM



The flowers at today's service are given in celebration of:

My daughter Sarah's 37th birthday and in memory of my nephew Michael Dodson.

Ann Lindsay

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



* St. Paul's 2027 Stewardship Campaign, "Plenty Good Room" - See announcements for details.

* Handmade Harvest - Join us & decorate your own mini pumpkin on Sun., Oct. 18 at 12 pm Coffee Hour.

* St. Paul's Open House - Sat. October 24, 10 am - 12 pm.

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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Jude Augustus
Emery
Neal Mulholand
Regina Williams
Michelle Ellett
Marty & Sue
Kovach
Gene Ekenstam
Mark Stafforini
David Michael
Marta Kinney

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Susan Clair Vallejos

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/14 Katie McGovern
10/15 Martha Saldana-Wolf
10/16 James Jouvenot-Sells
10/16 Jorge Pena

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
Preacher	The Rev. Annie Mertz	
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	John Partridge	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Ann Lindsay	Barry Cunningham
Intercessor	Jim Brown	Martha Saldana-Wolf
LEM	Jim Brown & Robyn Wall	Jim Wolf & Cathy Cellini
Shared Prayers		
Ushers	Art & Sandy Schipper	Kathy Gojack & Carole Johnson
Altar Guild	Jeanne Brown & Sandy Schipper	
Flower Guild	Kathy Gojack	
Verger	Leo Harrod	

PARISH LEADERSHIP

CLERGY:

The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder, Associate Priest

STAFF:

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

VESTRY:

Ann Lindsay, Senior Warden
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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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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



MONDAY: 10/12

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

TUESDAY: 10/13

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 1 - 2:30 pm +Organ Practice
 5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P)
 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting (R)

WEDNESDAY: 10/14

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

THURSDAY: 10/15

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 12:30 - 4:30 pm +Bagpipe Practice

FRIDAY: 10/16

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 10:30 am Al-Anon Meeting (U)
 7- 9 pm NA Meeting (P)

SATURDAY: 10/17

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 7 am Men's Meeting (R)
 1-6 pm Drum Class (P)

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

6:30 am AA Meeting (U)
 8:30 am - 12:30 pm Nursery Hours (U)
 8:45 am +Communion
 10 am Coffee Hour (P)
 10 am Godly Play (Elementary School) & Youth Bible Study (Middle & High School) (U)
 11 am +Communion
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P) - Handmade Harvest - Pumpkin Decorating & Plant / Craft Sale
 8 pm AA (P)



KEY

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