



WORSHIP BULLETIN:

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II

8:45 AM

Prayer B

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE:

Instrumental

Deep River

Arranged by: John Partridge

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 594) God of Grace and God of Glory

OPENING ACCLAMATION: BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

GLORIA:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal.

(S 278) Glory To God

COLLECT OF THE DAY: BCP p. 357

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

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

(H 339) Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

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:

Instrumental

Improvisation

Composed by: John Partridge

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 the Lord 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:

- **Today we begin our 2027 Stewardship Campaign**, “Plenty Good Room”.

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

- **St. Paul’s Open House** – Sat. October 24, 10 am – 12 pm. Come share in the joy and artistry of Dia De Muertos.

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 ANTHEM:

The following is sung by the choir only.

Carry the Light
Composed by: Stan Pethel

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The following is sung.
Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 664) My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

SURSUM CORDA: **BCP p. 367**

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
Please refer to your hymnal.

(S 130) Holy Holy Holy

The Celebrant continues...

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM:

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

(S 152) Christ Our Passover

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 SOLO:

Instrumental

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Composed by: William Sherwin

Improvisation by: John Partridge

COMMUNION HYMN:

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

(H 321) My God, thy Table Now is Spread

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: BCP p. 366

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING:

The Celebrant blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

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

(H 556) Rejoice, ye Pure in Heart

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Instrumental

Moderato

Composed by: J. S. Bach



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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Sue Hammond
Donna Marshall
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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
Hilma Barfield, Treasurer
Donna Patey, Treasurer
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 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)



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