



WORSHIP BULLETIN:
OCTOBER 25, 2026 **11:00 AM**
Holy Eucharist Rite II **EOW III**
All Souls' Day / Day of the Dead

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung, all standing.

(Gather 744) Gather Us In

Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all
believers: Grant to the faithful departed the
unsearchable benefits of the passion of your
Son; that on the day of his appearing they
may be manifested as your children; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Wisdom 3:1-9

The people sit.

¹ But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
² In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
³ and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
⁴ For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
⁵ Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
⁶ like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
⁷ In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.
⁸ They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
⁹ Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

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

People: Thanks be to God.



PSALM:

Psalms 130

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;

Lord, hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

² If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss*

O Lord, who could stand?

³ For there is forgiveness with you; *

therefore you shall be feared.

⁴ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *

in his word is my hope.

⁵ My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *

more than watchmen for the morning.

⁶ O Israel, wait for the Lord, *

for with the Lord there is mercy;

⁷ With him there is plenteous redemption, *

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Chorus:

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

(Repeat)

Verse:

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:

John 5:24-27

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁴Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; ²⁷and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

POST-GOSPEL HYMN:

Please refer to Gospel Hymn

THE SERMON:

Jim Peterson

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: EOW p. 56

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.

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:

- **Sunday, November 1** - All Saints Day / Daylight Savings Time ends.
- **Sunday, November 8** – Single 10 AM service followed by our Stewardship Luncheon.
- **RSVP for the Stewardship Luncheon by October 31.** Additional RSVP cards are available at the back of the church. If we don't have your current contact information, please include it on the card.

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

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits
Composed by: Marty Haugen

Refrain:
For you, O Lord,
My soul in stillness waits,
Truly my hope is in you.

Verse 1:
O Lord of Light,
Our only hope of glory,
Your radiance shines
In all who look to you,
Come light the hearts
Of all in dark and shadow. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2:
O Spring of Joy,
Rain down upon our spirits,
Our thirsty hearts
Are yearning for your Word,
Come make us whole,
Be comfort to our hearts. **(Refrain)**

Verse 3:
O Root of Life,
Implant your seed within us,
And in your advent draw us all to you,
Our hope reborn
In dying and in rising.
(Refrain)

Verse 4:
O Key of Knowledge,
Guide us in our pilgrimage,
We ever seek,
Yet unfulfilled remain,
Open to us
The pathway of your peace. **(Refrain)**

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Verse 5:

Come, let us bow before the God who made us.

Let every heart be opened to the Lord,
For we are all the people of his hand **(Refrain)**

Verse 6:

Here we shall meet the makers of the heavens,
Creator of the mountains and the seas,
Lord of the stars and present to us now.
(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

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:**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.

We Break This Bread

Composed by: Cameron DePalma

We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are now of one body,
for here 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 128) One Bread, One Body

Chorus:

One bread, one body, one lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1:

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man,
no more **(Chorus)**

Verse 2:

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all **(Chorus)**

Verse 3:

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. **(Chorus)**

COMMUNION HYMN:

The following is sung.

(WLP 810) On Eagle's Wings

Verse 1:

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"

Chorus:

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and
Hold you in the palm of His hand.

Verse 3:

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall around you,
Near you it shall not come. **(Chorus)**

Verse 4:

For to his angels he's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you
Dash your foot against a stone. **(Chorus)**

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.

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.

I Am the Bread of Life

Verse 1:

I am the bread of life
He who comes to me shall not hunger
He who believes in me shall not thirst
No one can come to me
Unless the Father beckons

Refrain:

And I will raise, raise you up
And I will raise, raise you up
And I will raise you up
On the last day.

Verse 2:

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world
And if you eat of this bread
You shall live forever
You shall live forever **(Refrain)**

Verse 3:

I am the resurrection, I am the life
If you believe in me
Even though you die
You shall live forever. **(Refrain)**

Verse 4:

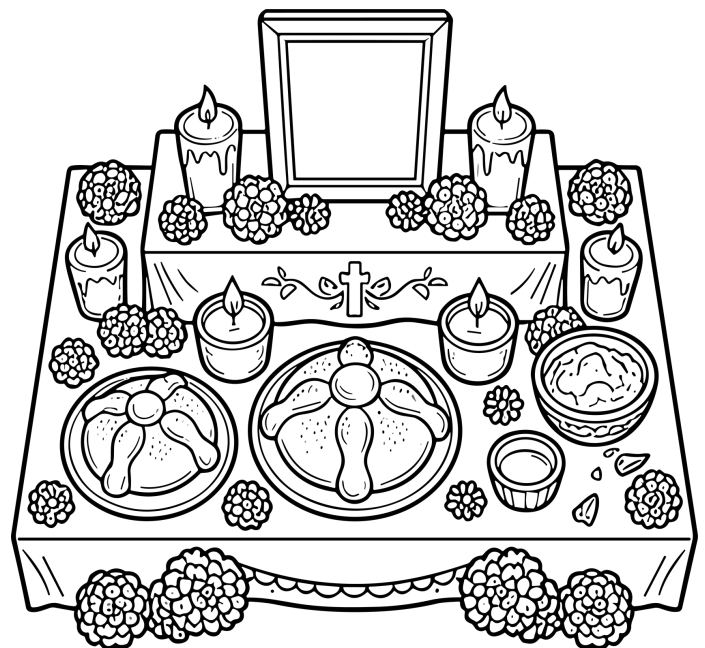
Yes, Lord we believe
That you are the Christ
The Son of God
Who has come into the world. **(Refrain)**

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

People: Thanks be to God.

KIDS' COLORING PAGE DIA DE MUERTOS



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

**My momma Denise, on the first
anniversary of her passing, with
thanksgiving for all souls and
saints we love but see no longer.**

Maleah Rios

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



* Sunday, Nov. 1 - All Saints Day / Daylight Savings Time ends .

* Sunday, Nov. 8 - 10 am service / Stewardship Luncheon.

* RSVP for the Stewardship Luncheon by Oct. 31 - see announcements for details.

* Weds., Nov. 11 - Veterans Day - Eucharist & Bible Study are Cancelled.

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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Kovach
Gene Ekenstam
Mark Stafforini
David Michael
Marta Kinney
Donna Lawson
Marlene
Peterson

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Mary Gibbs

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
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Captain Greg Arnold, U.S. Navy

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/28 Gerri MacGregor
10/30 Debi Hall
10/30 Vivienne Tygielski
10/31 Fred Railsback
10/31 Fred & Mittie Railsback

SERVING THIS WEEK:

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder	
Preacher	Judy Furlong / Jim Peterson	
	8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Music	John Partridge	Cameron DePalma
Lector	Karen Lowe	Liz Stallings
Intercessor	Jim Brown	Kim Rodekohr
LEM	Jim Brown & Robyn Wall	Cathy Cellini & Kim Rodekohr
Shared Prayers		Donna Patey
Ushers	Fred Railsback & Ann Lindsay	Brandon Bailey & Barry Cunningham
Altar Guild	Cathy Cellini & Susie Bonstin	
Flower Guild	Karen Lowe	
Verger	Gilbert Zabala	
Coffee Hour	Barry & Sally Cunningham	

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
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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

All Souls Day - Dia de Muertos

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: 10/26

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

TUESDAY: 10/27

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 1 - 2:30 pm +Organ Practice
 5:30 pm Kiwanis Meeting (P)
 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (U)

WEDNESDAY: 10/28

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

THURSDAY: 10/29

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 7:30 am Coffee with Rev. Annie
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 2:30 - 4:30 pm +Bagpipe Practice

FRIDAY: 10/30

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

SATURDAY: 10/31

7 am AA Meeting (U)

 Celebration of Life
 Vicky Ann Carr
 +11 am
 Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

All Saints Day

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
 4 - 6 pm Cursillo Potluck / Ultreya (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



KEY

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