



WORSHIP BULLETIN:
OCTOBER 4, 2026
Holy Eucharist Rite II
8:45 AM
Prayer B
The Feast of St. Francis

PRELUDE:

Instrumental

Carrilon

Composed by: Joyce Jones

ENTRANCE HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 495) Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

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.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Job 39:1-18

The people sit.

¹ 'Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

² Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth,

³ when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,

and are delivered of their young?

⁴ Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;

they go forth, and do not return to them.

⁵ 'Who has let the wild ass go free?

Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,

⁶ to which I have given the steppe for its home,

the salt land for its dwelling-place?

⁷ It scorns the tumult of the city;

it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

⁸ It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

⁹ 'Is the wild ox willing to serve you?

Will it spend the night at your crib?

¹⁰ Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you?

¹¹ Will you depend on it because its strength is great,

and will you hand over your labour to it?

¹² Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

¹³ 'The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage.

¹⁴ For it leaves its eggs to the earth,

and lets them be warmed on the ground,

¹⁵ forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them.

¹⁶ It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;

though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;

¹⁷ because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding.

¹⁸ When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalms 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

² My help comes from the Lord, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵ The Lord himself watches over you; *

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸ The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth for evermore.

SECOND READING: Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

¹ But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; ² with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and

laid it at the apostles' feet. ³ 'Ananias,' Peter asked, 'why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!' ⁵ Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. ⁶ The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

⁷ After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ Peter said to her, 'Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.' And she said, 'Yes, that was the price.' ⁹ Then Peter said to her, 'How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.' ¹⁰ Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹ And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN:

The following is sung.

Please refer to your hymnal.

(H 598) Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth

GOSPEL:

Luke 12:13-21

All stand.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' ¹⁴ But he said to him,

‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ ¹⁵ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” ¹⁸ Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ²⁰ But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

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:

- **September is Hunger Awareness Month** - Food from the Bar is raising funds for the Food Bank – **The deadline to donate has been extended to Friday October 9.** Please see announcements for details.
- **Facilities Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, October 6 at 7 pm.
- **“ Plenty Good Room” Stewardship Campaign** begins Sunday, October 11th.
- **Day of the Dead Celebration** – Sunday, October 25 at both services.

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.

All Glory Be to God on High
Composed by: Nikilaus Decius

OFFERTORY HYMN:

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

(H 546) Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

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

At the Name of Jesus

Composed by: Ralph Vaughan Williams.
Improvisation by: John Partridge

COMMUNION HYMN:

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

(H 313) Let thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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 518) Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

DISMISSAL:

The Celebrant will dismiss the people

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Instrumental

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Composed by: Wilbur Held

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan or click for our weekly announcements online!



* Food from the Bar is raising funds for the Food Bank – The deadline to donate has been extended to Friday October 9. Please see announcements for details.

* Day of the Dead Celebration – Sunday, October 25th at both services. See announcements for other October activities.

The deadline for submitting announcements is Wednesday at noon.
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Marta Kenney
Rev. Dr. Arthur
Holder

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL

Vicky Carr
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WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Major Russ Morris, U.S. Air
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U.S. Navy

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/7 Wanda Anderson
10/8 Laura Peabody-Park

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	Karen Lowe	Kim Rodekohr
Intercessor	Jim Brown	Donna Patey
LEM	Kim Rodekohr & Maleah Rios	Donna Patey & Maleah Rios
Shared Prayers		
Ushers	Jim Brown & Ann Lindsay	David & Yann Jouvenot-Sells
Altar Guild	Donna Patey & Eileen Fisk	
Flower Guild	Blanche Hilman	
Verger	Jorge Pena	

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
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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

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CALENDAR

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Feast of St. Francis

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 - Blessing of the Animals
 12 pm Coffee Hour (P)
 4 pm Meditation (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



MONDAY: 10/5

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

TUESDAY: 10/6

7 am AA Meeting (P)
 9 am +Morning Prayer
 1 - 2:30 pm +Organ Practice
 7 pm Facilities Meeting Zoom
 & (U)

WEDNESDAY: 10/7

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

THURSDAY: 10/8

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

FRIDAY: 10/9

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

SATURDAY: 10/10

7 am AA Meeting (U)
 11 am - 5 pm Tyler Street
 Collective (K)

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
 4 pm Meditation (P)
 8 pm AA (P)



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 P = PARISH HALL
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