



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

## **Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**October 4, 2020: The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

### **The Opening Hymn**

*All creatures of our God and King*  
Hymnal 400

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People* Who brings all things into being and calls them good.  
*Celebrant* Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.  
*People* Praise and exalt our Creator forever.  
*Celebrant* Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.  
*People* Praise and exalt our Creator forever.  
*Celebrant* Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.  
*People* Praise and exalt our Creator forever.  
*Celebrant* Bless your Creator, all children of God.  
*People* With all of creation, we praise your name.

*The people say together*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Gloria**

Hymnal S 279

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson — Jeremiah 22:13–16**

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness,  
and his upper rooms by injustice;  
who makes his neighbours work for nothing,  
and does not give them their wages;  
who says, “I will build myself a spacious house  
with large upper rooms”,  
and who cuts out windows for it,  
panelling it with cedar,  
and painting it with vermilion.

Are you a king  
because you compete in cedar?  
Did not your father eat and drink  
and do justice and righteousness?  
Then it was well with him.  
He judged the cause of the poor and needy;  
then it was well.  
Is not this to know me?  
says the Lord.

## **Psalm 148:7–14**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;  
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.  
13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

## **The Second Reading — Galatians 6:14–18**

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

## The Sequence Hymn

*All things bright and beautiful*  
Hymnal 405

### The Holy Gospel — Matthew 11:25–30

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

### The Sermon

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

### Litany for All Creation

*Celebrant* Let us name those animals for whom we care.  
Let us name those animals who are no longer with us.

*Intercessor* Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,  
*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Intercessor* Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,  
*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Intercessor* Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*People* Have mercy upon us.

*Intercessor* Grant that all your creatures may serve you with thanksgiving; giving thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week: Ken, Juliane, Sam, Leslie, Sara, Jack, Jill, Aubrey, Mary, Michael, Jennifer.  
*People* We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

*Intercessor* Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures; and open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see you in all your works;  
*People* We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

*Intercessor* Stir in us the desire to care for your creation, and make us wise and faithful stewards of creation, caring for the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein;

*People* We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

*Intercessor* Forgive us who waste and pollute your creation and strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded, and look with compassion on those that are abused and mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation;

*People* We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

*Intercessor* Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear to us that, that they may rejoice in your new creation;

*People* We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

*Celebrant* Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.

### **The Blessing of the Animals**

*The Celebrant says*

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* God of all creation: we give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation. May your bountiful blessing be upon us all, God our Redeemer, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

*We thank you, God, for animal friends*  
Jane Clanton

*Come now and join in the celebration!  
Sing and give thanks for God's good creation.  
All living creatures large and small, are gifts from the spirit, Maker of all!  
We thank you, God, for animal friends, They cause us to marvel, laugh and grin.  
They cuddle close when we are sad. They jump for joy when we are glad.  
We thank you God, for animal friends. They guide and protect us and defend.  
They sense and warn when danger's near. They help us see; they help us hear.  
Bless all animals ev'rywhere, in our homes and flying through air, in the fields and  
rivers on earth, Thank you, God, for giving them birth.  
The kittens and puppies, the goldfish and guppies, the roosters and hens, the  
sparrows and wrens, the parrots and colts, hamsters and goats, the spaniels and  
beagles, penguins and eagles! We thank you, God, and promise to care for  
animals, animals ev'rywhere!*

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A - BCP 361

*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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### The Sanctus

Hymnal S 131

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 155

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. The celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

**The Communion Anthem**

*Ave verum corpus*  
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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn**

*For the beauty of the earth*  
Hymnal 416

**The Dismissal**

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**Upcoming Events:**

- Sunday, October 4, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Virtual Godly Play  
[Email](#) Elisabeth Copeland for Zoom link.
- Sunday, October 4, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Youth virtual Sunday School  
[Email](#) Mary Margaret Stewart for meeting link.
- Sunday, October 4, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Virtual Adult Formation  
[Email](#) Lauren Gallagher for Zoom link.
- Sunday, October 4, 5:00-6:00 p.m. Virtual EYC (Episcopal Youth Community)  
[Email](#) Mary Margaret Stewart for Zoom link.
- Wednesday, October 7, 5:00 p.m. Virtual Children's Choir Rehearsal  
[Email](#) Dawn Harrison to register.

***Remember in your prayers:***

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Roxanne Wallis, Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Susan Williams, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Peter Funnell, Kirk Goodell, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Judy Causey, Amanda Howell Eber.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Del Jones, Martha Smith, Nikki Henderson, Mary Thompson, Billy Newman, Jeff Lawhead, Kiki Ward, Daryl Jones, Dick and Marg Denny, Irene Ferris, Kellie Bill, Kim Riggs, Beth McAllister, Mary Beth Evans, Adam Harrison, Martha Ann Smith, Louise Booth, Jim Sejbar.

We pray for those who are sick and those who love them, and for those who have died because of the coronavirus; for those who are oppressed by fear and for those who are losing the income that sustains them. Let us also pray for those in the medical, scientific, research and pharmaceutical communities devoting their time and talent to the cause of global health. And, let us pray for all our elected officials and all those who hold the common trust that their wisdom and compassion for all people will increase.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Bill, Nicole, Philip, Mark, Kay, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Lisa; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Lesley, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Britney, Mary, Kimberly, Cole.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke

Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Nick Watts, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Ken Cass, Juliane Reynolds, Sam Edwards, Leslie Brown, Sara Wieda, Jack Bulford, Jill Bankston, Aubrey Nall, Mary Huskison, Michael Colpoys, Jennifer Candler.

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