



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

November 8, 2020: The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.

The Opening Hymn

"Sleepers, wake!" a voice astounds us
Hymnal 61

The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson —Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Psalm 78:1-7

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
 and established a law for Israel, *
 which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
 and the children yet unborn; *
 that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

The Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 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. 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. 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 forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Sequence Hymn

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending
Hymnal 58

The Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All say together,

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 – Form VI

BCP 392

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;
People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
People *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Intercessor For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, Paul and Don, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People *For all who serve God in God's Church.*

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those on our prayer list.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People *For your mercy is great.*

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: David, Kiki, Tammy, Katie, L.B., Marianne, Beth, Brian, Peyton.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Intercessor and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Sing forth, rejoice
H. Hopson

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

The Communion Anthem

O Taste and See
R.V. Williams

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

Jerusalem, my happy home
Hymnal 620

The Dismissal

Parish Notices are sent via email and posted on the church website and Facebook page.

If you are not receiving emails from the church, please contact Lesley Williams at
parishadmin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

The church website is www.stpaulsnewnan.org.

The Facebook page is www.facebook.com/StPaulsNewnan

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, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Peter Funnell, Kirk Goodell, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Judy Causey, Amanda Howell Eber, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Kim Riggs, Beth McAllister, Mary Beth Evans, Adam Harrison, Louise Booth, Jim Sejbar, Meredith Brown, Nikki Henderson, Christie Smith-Daniel, LB Groover, Ann Johnson, Patrick Bagwell.

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: David Sandlin, Kiki Ward, Tammy Martin, Katie McBride-Newman, L.B. Groover, Marianne Lawhead, Beth Marchman, Brian Moore, Peyton Hopkins.

Parish Announcements

Outdoor Worship Services -- The latest diocesan protocols allow us to worship in person, outside and limited to 50 people present. On Sunday, November 15 at 10:30 a.m., we will share in Holy Eucharist in the lower parking lot of the church. Preregistration is required; go to www.stpaulsnewnan.org/news-events for the online registration link and further details. (Registration opens Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.)

Godly Play: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. -- Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum that includes storytelling, interaction, exploration, and creativity to teach and enliven Bible stories. In Godly Play, for ages 4 through 5th grade, marvelous things happen as children "work, play and wonder

together at the awesomeness of God." Email Elisabeth Copeland at elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org for the Zoom meeting link.

Adult Formation: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. -- Please join us on Sunday mornings to discuss the book *Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation*, by Matthew Kelly. The book is available on Amazon Kindle or paperback, or you may just listen in. To join, log into Zoom and use the meeting ID: 790 9996 9401 and password: qSPW5q. Feel free to invite friends from near or far to join.

EYC: Sundays at 5:00 p.m. -- EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) meets online or in person weekly during the school year for fun, fellowship with other youth, and learning more about God's love. Friends from other churches are always welcome! Email Mary Margaret Stewart for the details.

Virtual Children's Choir: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. -- Children in grades 2 and up are invited to join our St. Paul's Virtual Children's Choir for the coming year. There is no upper grade/age limit. To register your child if you have not already done so, email Dawn Harrison.

Altar Flower Dedications -- You may still make a donation for altar flowers and have a dedication posted in our digital bulletin. The requested donation amount is \$50 and may be made via mailing in a check or paying online. Please contact Lesley Williams at lesley@stpaulsnewnan.org with your preferred Sunday and what you would like the dedication to say.

Prayer Requests -- Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online at <https://tinyurl.com/stpprayers> or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

Financial Gifts -- Many of you have asked how you can continue to give financially to St. Paul's as well as contribute to the rector's discretionary fund or our Peace and Purpose campaign during this time. You may mail a check to the church, set up one-time or regular payments via your bank, or make an online payment via credit card. Please visit <http://www.stpaulsnewnan.org/give/> for detailed instructions.

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