



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons*

## **The Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 6, 2021 • 10:30 AM**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**

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

### **The Opening Hymn**

*On this day, the first of days*  
Hymnal 47

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

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* 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 280

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

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*All may be seated.*

### **The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20**

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us."

Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm: 138**

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
    before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
    and praise your Name, \*  
    because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
    and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
    you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
    when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
    that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
    he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
    you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
    your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
    O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
    do not abandon the works of your hands.

## **The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Sequence Hymn**

*We walk by faith, and not by sight*  
Hymnal 209

## **The Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

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

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

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**

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

*Silence*

*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, and Robert, Don, and Paul, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*People* *For all who serve God in his Church.*

*Intercessor* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those on our prayer list, especially: Brink, AJ, Rena.

*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: Wade, Houston, Mark.

*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, especially The Reverend Ted Atwood, 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.

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader 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 adds a concluding Collect.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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

### The Presentation Hymn

*Thy strong word did cleave the darkness*  
Hymnal 381

### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B  
BCP 367

*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 him 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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 125

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Paul all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



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, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **The Fraction Anthem**

Hymnal S 154

### **The Communion Hymn**

*Jerusalem, my happy home*  
Hymnal 620

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### *Celebrant and People*

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**

*Holy God, we praise thy Name*  
Hymnal 366

### **The Dismissal**

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### ***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, Kirk Goodell, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman, Joan Kelley.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Jamie Sheddon, Charles Daniel, Peter Funnell, Frances Lemieux, Alan D. Harris, Brink Howard, AJ Doughtie, Rena McMichael.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, Jennifer; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Lesley, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, 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: Wade Hand, Houston Hawes, Mark Bulford.

We pray for those who have died: the Rev. Ted Atwood, uncle of Patty King. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.*

### ***Parish Notices***

**Healing Service** -- Healing Services with Holy Eucharist have resumed on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. Services will be held in the transept; people may enter through the narthex.

**“Wilderness Escape” Vacation Bible School** -- Join us in person for VBS from June 21-24! We will caravan with Moses while we see, hear, touch, and even taste what it might have been like to live in the wilderness of biblical times. You'll even have the chance to meet some reptiles up close and in person! Contact Elisabeth Copeland if you would like to volunteer to help in any way. (And you don't need to be a parent to do so!)

**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.

**Altar Flower Dedications** – A lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate an anniversary or birthday is to donate the altar flowers for that special day. The cost of the arrangements is \$50 per Sunday and an announcement will be placed in the bulletin commemorating the day and the donor(s). To sign up for a particular Sunday, please contact Lesley Williams at 770-253-4264 or [admin@stpaulsnewnan.org](mailto:admin@stpaulsnewnan.org).

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