



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 2021 • 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

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

The Processional Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns above
Hymnal 408

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

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

The Psalm: 84

The psalm is sung by the choir.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at thy word
Hymnal 440

The Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

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 David, Bill, Joan.

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: Katie Teal, Emily Sealy, Madison Brown, Louise
Howard, Dwight Ellison, Brandy Eversoll, Lindsay Graner, Carol Curcio, Lauriston
Hardin, and Nick Watts.

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.

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.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

**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.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen
you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

O how amiable

R. V. Williams

The Presentation Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460

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

Healing Intercessors are available in the chapel for prayer during communion.

Communion Anthem

Bread of the world, in mercy broken
Carlton Young

The Communion Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord
Hymnal 304

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 Recessional Hymn

Stand up, stand up for Jesus
Hymnal 561

The Dismissal

Remember in your prayers:

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman, Joan Kelley.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Brink Howard, AJ Doughtie, Rena McMichael, Michael Coxand, Dustin Brown, Ernie Williams, Daryl Jones, Mandy Screven, Steven Stellen, Marcia Mack, Bill Harrison, Vashti Ravenell, Gavin Stuart and family, Heather & Martha Pennell-Glover.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, Jennifer; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Charmaine, 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, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Katie Teal, Emily Sealy, Madison Brown, Louise Howard, Dwight Ellison, Brandy Eversoll, Lindsay Graner, Carol Curcio, Lauriston Hardin, and Nick Watts.

Parish Notices

Flowers on the Altar are given by Jane Murdock in memory of Thomas Kelleher (T.K.), brother of Anne Kelleher, and in thanksgiving to Mary Ben Christiansen for Scott's Garden.

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 sign up at the bulletin board outside the parish hall or email admin@stpaulsnewnan.org.

Adult Formation is back in gear this Sunday, August 22nd. Please join us in the church library at 9:30 as we begin a new book study: **"Faith After Doubt"** by Brian McLaren. The book "proposes a model of faith development in which questions and doubt are not the enemy of faith, but rather a portal to a more mature and fruitful kind of faith." Wow! We will begin this Sunday by discussing the forward and introduction, and thereafter should cover a chapter per week. Even if you don't have the book (which is available from Amazon!), feel free to join us for some unique perspective and great dialogue. Please email laurengallagher77@gmail.com with any questions.

Acolyte Training -- Training and Refresher for new and returning acolytes will take place on August 29 following the 10:30 service.

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.

Prayer Requests - Prayer requests for the parish prayer list may be emailed to admin@stpaulsnewnan.org or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

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