



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

We welcome Mark Johnson, our seminarian and candidate for Holy Orders, as the officiant for today's service. There will be no Holy Eucharist. The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

The Opening Hymn

As those of all their first fruits brought
Hymnal 705

The Liturgy of the Word

Officiant 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

Children ages 4-8 are invited to follow the Children's Cross to attend Children's Chapel, returning during the Peace.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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: Colossians 2:6-15

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

The Sequence Hymn

Rock of Ages
Hymnal 685

The Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Mark Johnson

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.

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.

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: Sally, Karen, Maggie, Jennifer, Candy, Aaron, JoAnn, Dan, Henry.

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.

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.*

Officiant

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

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Offertory Hymn

Amazing Grace
Hymnal 671

The Officiant will now offer a selection of prayers. The People may stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

The Closing Hymn

How firm a foundation
Hymnal 637

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People *Thanks be to God.*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Vestry Person of the Week	Mark LeVan
Vergers	Tony King, Jennifer Thomasson
Eucharistic Ministers	Wendy LeVan, Bob Heaberlin, Heather Heaberlin
Acolytes	Jude Henderson (1st), Lanie Mae Henderson (2nd)
Ushers	Virginia Williams, Taylor Josey, Mike Colpoys Mark LeVan, Danny Brown, John Tucker Steve Umberger

PARISH NOTICES

RECTOR ON VACATION – Hazel+ in on vacation this week, but will return in time for Homecoming at St. Paul's next Sunday!

HOMECOMING: JULY 31ST – On this day, we will hold one service only, at 10:30 a.m., so that we may all worship together. There will be singing by the children from VBS, a Sunday School open house, and following the service, a luncheon catered by Jim and Nick's, with games for the children. Join us and be at St. Paul's with your parish family!

HEALING INTERCESSORS MINISTRY – Are you in need of prayer? Do you have concerns or celebrations to be lifted up in prayer by trained Intercessors? Our Healing Intercessors hold your prayers in confidentiality as they listen to your needs or needs of those you care about, pray quietly with you, and then anoint you with oil. You are not alone in your time of need. Every Sunday, Intercessors are stationed in the side transept before the worship service (10:15 - 10:30), during Communion, and after the service. We are vessels for God's healing love and grace and are here for you. If you have questions about our ministry, or would like to find out about becoming a Healing Intercessor, please contact Anne Graner, 404-444-6015.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – It's not too late to join us for VBS July 25-29, where we'll discover how precious each and every one of us is to God. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/wm63n7uv> to register a camper and/or to volunteer. VBS takes place from 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM each morning.

Remember in your Prayers

A Prayer for Love: (From The Daughters of the King) Bless us with Love, O Merciful God; That we may love as you love. That we may show patience, tolerance, kindness, caring and love to all. Bless us with your love.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Brink Howard, Heather Pennell-Glover, Phoebe Kohler, Josephine Warwick, Aileen McCullough, Sarah Crow, Annie Bulford, Ryan Olsan.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, John Cummins, Carol Paschal, Megan Morgan, Jeni Massenburg, Ivy Roman.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Renee, Mark, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Polly, Tony, Marianne, Virginia, and for the Staff: Hazel, Mason, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Cole, Kimberly.

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: Sally Wood, Karen Webb, Maggie Reed, Jennifer Jones, Candy Waldron, Aaron McCollough, JoAnn Gillardon, Dan Hensley, Henry Coggin.

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CLERGY AND Staff

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover, Rector; **Mason Copeland**, Organist and Choirmaster; **Dawn Harrison**, Music Associate; **Elisabeth Copeland**, Director of Children's Ministry; **Mary Margaret Stewart**, Youth Director; **Kimberly Stokes**, Financial Assistant; **Cole Hankins**, Multimedia Associate.

VESTRY

Renee Powell, Senior Warden; **Mark LeVan**, Junior Warden; **Nicole Edwards**, Outreach Liaison; **Philip Hand**, Stewardship Liaison; **Frankey Henderson**, Parish Life Liaison; **Virginia Williams**, Communications Liaison; **Polly Hopkins**, Health and Healing Liaison; **Marianne Lawhead**, Welcoming Liaison; **Tony King**, Compliance and Documentation Liaison.