



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022 • 10:30 AM

Homecoming

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

The Opening Hymn

Come down, O Love divine
Hymnal 516

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.

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.*

All may be seated.

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were
written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

The Sequence Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at thy word
Hymnal 440

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward 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: Paula, Mark, Miranda, Francesca.

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: Michelle, Bill, Kaley, Marie, Mary.

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 Kayla Jefferson, 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.*

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

Kids Under Construction *William Gaither and Gary Paxton*

VBS Kids and Volunteers

Refrain:

Kids under construction; Maybe the paint is still wet.

Kids under construction; The Lord might not be finished yet.

- 1) We're more than just accidents without the cause; We're more than just bodies and brains. God made us on purpose, we're part of the plan; He cares and He knows us by name. Oh...
- 2) Now, mister, I know that I get in your way; I'm noisy and just bug you so. But there's lots of questions I just have to ask If I'm every going to know. Oh...
- 3) Dear Jesus, please make us more patient and kind, And help us to be more like You. And make room for all other children of Yours, For they are still growing up too. Oh...

The Presentation Hymn

Earth and all stars
Hymnal 412

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 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 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 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.

The Communion Anthem

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Martha Mier

The Communion Hymn

Let us break bread together on our knees

Hymnal 325

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Hymnal 390

The Dismissal

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by James Jordan in memory of his beloved, deceased wife, Kay Jordan, on the occurrence
of her birthday today
and
by Philip and Amanda Hand in thanksgiving for our children and our St. Paul's family.

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, Paula Kress, Francesca Jefferson.

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, Mark Starr, Miranda Allen.

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: Michelle Clarke, Bill Keir, Kaley Clarke, Marie Miller, Mary Sergent.

We pray for those who have died: Kayla Jefferson, family friend of Nicole Edwards. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.*

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Renee Powell
Vergers	David Waldron, Tony King
Reader	Nicole Walters
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Frances Honea, Brother Massenburg, Carolyn Masters
Acolytes	Victoria Eversoll (1st), Lily Mattera (2nd) Rhett Eversoll (Banner) Rowan Mattera, Jack Bulford (Torchbearers)
Healing Intercessors	Carolyn Groover, Frank West
Ushers	Mike Scott, Amy Jones, Daryl Jones, Mike Gallagher, Michele Mattera

Parish Notices

2022 Pledge Statements: You should have received in the mail your January - May 2022 record of your pledge statement by now. If the information shown on this statement, or via Realm/Giving tab, does not match your records, please contact our financial assistant, Kim Stokes, at bookkeeper@stpaulsnewnan.org and allow her to assist you.

2nd Sunday Summer Supper: Please join us on Sunday, August 14th for supper. Children are welcomed. Reservations are requested to be made with Renee Powell, 678.360.2336 or hrpowell@bellsouth.net.

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.

Healing Service: Healing Services with Holy Eucharist will resume 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 or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online [here](#) or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

Updated and Improved Parish Directory: Realm is the upgraded version of our current ACS directory system and is much more user-friendly! Do you need help with Realm, either the app or web-based? Are you struggling with updating your profile, or the profile of your children? Are you a ministry head who is feeling lost as to how to best use Realm? If so, please reach out to Jennifer Thomasson – she wants to help make Realm easy and efficient for everyone at St. Paul’s! Please text her at 678.378.0338 and allow her to assist you.

Jennifer is setting up a table and will be available during Homecoming lunch this Sunday to assist. Stop by her table and get face-to-face assistance!

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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**, Bookkeeper; **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.