



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2022 • 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

The God of Abraham praise
Hymnal 401

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

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

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

The Psalm: 33:12-22

The psalm is sung by the choir.

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
 happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
 and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
 on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
 and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
 a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
 for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *

on those who wait upon his love,
19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.
21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

The Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

The Sequence Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymnal 635

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Mark Johnson

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 III

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| <i>Intercessor</i> | Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; |
| <i>People</i> | <i>That we all may be one.</i> |
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| <i>Intercessor</i> | Grant that every member of the Church may truly and |
| <i>People</i> | humbly serve you; |
| | <i>That your Name may be glorified by all people.</i> |
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| <i>Intercessor</i> | We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; |
| <i>People</i> | <i>That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and</i> |
| | <i>Sacraments.</i> |
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| <i>Intercessor</i> | We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations |
| <i>People</i> | of the world; |
| | <i>That there may be justice and peace on the earth.</i> |
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| <i>Intercessor</i> | Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; |
| <i>People</i> | <i>That our works may find favor in your sight.</i> |
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| <i>Intercessor</i> | Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or |
| <i>People</i> | trouble; |
| | <i>That they may be delivered from their distress.</i> |
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| <i>Intercessor</i> | Give to the departed eternal rest; |
| <i>People</i> | <i>Let light perpetual shine upon them.</i> |
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| <i>Intercessor</i> | We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; |
| <i>People</i> | <i>May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.</i> |
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| <i>Intercessor</i> | Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. |

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

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

Offertory
John Beck

The Presentation Hymn

We walk by faith and not by sight
Hymnal 209

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. 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:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Sanctus

Hymnal S 129

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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,

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.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep feast. *Alleluia*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154

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

The Communion Anthem

Keep Your Lamps

Victor Johnson

The Communion Hymn

This is the hour of banquet and of song

Hymnal 316

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

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Hymnal 636

The Dismissal

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, the family of Dr. William Jon Gray.

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: Banks Coggin, David Joseph Pape, John Stuckey, Allie Gruber, Megan Mitchell, Claire Whipple, John Herman, Marilyn Mitchell, Olivia Brown.

We pray for those who have died: Dr. William Jon Gray, mentor to Mason Copeland. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen.*

Service Participants

Vestry Person of the Week	Virginia Williams
Vergers	Daryl Jones, Frankey Henderson
Reader	Katie McBride Newman
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Frances Honea, Lauren Gallagher
Acolytes	Jude Henderson (1st), Lanie Mae Henderson (2nd) Liam Bulford (Banner)
Healing Intercessors	Mary Scott Fabrizi, India Camp (Torchbearers) Nicole Walters and Anne Graner
Ushers	Bob Heaberlin, Heather Heaberlin, Jeff Lawhead, David Carver, Rick Candle, JJ Thomasson

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. Please remember to submit payment and complete the "Flowers for the Altar" form by Wednesdays 12 pm in order to ensure that the announcement is placed in the bulletin for your desired Sunday.

Children's Choir: Children ages 3 and up are welcomed to join in the Cherub Choir (ages 3 - 1st grade) or the St. Cecilia Choir (2nd grade and up). For more information, or to sign your child up, please contact Dawn Harrison, dawnie.harrison@gmail.com/678.378.2097.

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

Men's Retreat: St. Paul's Men's Ministry will be away at a retreat on August 12-14 at the Camp Mikell Camp and Conference Center of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, Georgia.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

Sunday School: Godly Play will resume August 7 at 9:30 am in the Children's Wing. Lessons are open to all elementary aged children. We are also looking for volunteers to be Godly Play storytellers and doorkeepers. If you are interested, please contact Elisabeth Copeland at elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org.

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.

Wednesday Night Supper: Come and spend time with the St. Paul's family! Wednesday Night Suppers will return beginning Wednesday, August 10th. The cost is \$6 per person and a maximum of \$20 per family. A sign up sheet will be available at the bulletin board outside the parish hall or email admin@stpaulsnewnan.org. Please sign up so that we can make sure to order enough food.

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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.