

# SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 25, 2021  
10:30am**

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin  
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker  
Rector

# Welcome to our Church

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**to**

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### **Serving Today:**

Reader: Tana Myers

Altar Guild: Drew & Pam Mayberry

# The Gathering

## Prelude

Variations on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

## Welcome and Announcements

All stand, as able.

## Processional Hymn #309

### O Food to Pilgrims Given

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first section, "O Food to Pilgrims Given," has three voices (1, 2, 3) in the treble clef staff, and the second section, "O Welt, ich muss dich lassen," continues in both the treble and bass clef staves.

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from  
2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,  
3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,

heav - en, O Man - na from on high! We  
well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We  
hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant

hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -  
faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance  
when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in

ny give us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.  
give us, and all we need pro - vide.  
heav - en, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

## **Opening Acclamation**

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

People      **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Collect for Purity**

Celebrant    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.**

### **Gloria S-280 (*sung*)**

**Glory to God in the Highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.*

*All are seated.*

## Liturgy of the Word

### The First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

**Psalm 145:10-19**

All your works praise you, O LORD, \*  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
**and speak of your power;**

That the peoples may know of your power \*  
**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
**your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words \*  
**and merciful in all his deeds.**

The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
**he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, \*  
**and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand \*  
**and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
**and loving in all his works.**

The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
**to all who call upon him faithfully.**

## The Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn #635

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

*Wer ner den lieben Gott*

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, key signature of one flat. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is divided into four sections by vertical bar lines. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes.

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
 2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv-ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
 faith ful ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv-ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
 thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
 sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

Please stand or sit as you are most comfortable for the Gospel.

## The Gospel

John 6:1-21

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Kris Kramer

*A period of silence follows the sermon. Please stand, as able.*

### The Nicene Creed

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## **Prayers of the People**

For all the blessings of this life,  
**we give thanks to You, Creator God.**

For families, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and strangers,  
**who nurture us, that the love of God may grow within.**

That Your love, your Word, like a seed,  
**may grow to produce in us, good fruit.**

For the leaders of various nations and cities,  
that they may lead with strong hearts and gentle hands and generous spirits,  
with compassion and mercy, with wisdom and grace.

**May they reflect your will guiding all their actions and decisions.**

For those who serve in harm's way,  
those who live in dangerous places,  
those who live in areas of war and strife,  
those who live in fear,  
those who worry about employment, bills, food,  
and struggle just to find dignity in life.

**May your grace bring peace and safety to all people, one to another.**

For those who suffer from any illness or disease—  
of mind, body, or spirit.

Restore these, and all those we carry in our hearts, to fullness of health—  
health as only you, O God, can bring.

**May your mercy shower each of us with healing mercy and love.**

For those who are dying, and for those who have died.  
**Send forth your comforting love.**

Give solace to those who mourn.  
**Console those who grieve.**

May your grace surround us  
like a mantle upon our heads,  
a shawl upon our shoulders,  
a hand, to hold our hand.

*Silence*

Celebrant: Gracious God, in your unfaltering love, sweep through our world bringing needed change. May the bounty of your goodness be shared more justly, that all may share in the rich blessings of your creation. Give us courage for transformation in our praying and living, so that we may act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you all the days of our lives. Amen.

## **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

❖ “*The Peace*” is a Christian tradition deriving its roots from Jesus himself who greeted people saying, “Peace be with you.” “*The Peace*” may feel awkward if you are new or an introvert or trying not to be noticed. We take this portion of our worship seriously as we live in a deeply divided world full of violence. These actions in God’s house model what we are called to do in the world.

*Peace be with you.*

**Celebrant** The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**People** And also with you.

# The Holy Communion

## Eucharistic Prayer B

## Offertory

## Holy Manna *trad. American*

**Celebrant** All things come of the, O Lord,  
**People** **And of thine own have we given thee.**

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 God thanks and praise.**

*Proper Preface said here.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S-129

A musical score for three voices (SATB) in common time and G major. The top line starts with a bass note followed by a soprano entry. The middle line begins with a soprano note. The bottom line starts with a bass note. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." Measure numbers 1-10 are indicated above the staff.

*Remain standing or kneel here for prayer of consecration.*

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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 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. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

**Our father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: S154 (*sung by all*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant     The gifts of God for the people of God...

*This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you have little, you who have been here often and you have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, for it is the Lord who invites you.*

*You may receive communion by one of two ways: in one kind, receiving the wafer by placing your right hand over the palm of the left and raising it toward the celebrant, receiving the wafer in your palm without wine. You may also receive by intinction, by which when receiving communion, you keep your arms and hands by your sides and the celebrant will dip the wafer into the wine and place it on your tongue.*

*Gluten free wafers available upon request.*

## Communion Music

**O World, I Must Now Leave You (From Op. 122)**

*Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

*Stand or kneel, as able.*

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Presider Let us pray,

**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.**

*Stand, as able.*

## The Blessing

Presider May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you this day and remain with you always.

All **AMEN!**

## Recessional Hymn #449 (vs. 1-3 & 6)

*Music continues on next page.*

**O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High**

*Deo gracias*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor-tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength-en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deo Gracias*, English ballad melody, Trinity College MS., 15th cent.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950 Copyright © by permission of Hymns Ancient & Modern Limited. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

## The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

**Agincourt Hymn** attr. John Dunstable (1390-1453)

MUSIC NOTE: Today's communion music is based on the same tune as our processional hymn. True to the text, Brahms composed it on his deathbed. Today's postlude is based on the same tune as our recessional hymn. It was written in celebration of Henry V's victory at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415.

## **Prayer List**

***Please remember in your prayers:*** All who are ill or unemployed and those who are on our prayer list.

### **Short-term**

Sloan Barnhill, Laurence Virgil Hawkins, Kris & Tara Riley, Jeff Smith

### **Long-term**

Robert Baugh, Christina Floyd, Nancye Johnson

### **Armed Forces**

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially Cole Griffith, Zach Necessary, Walker Pardue, Philip Southwell, Mark Stone, Jason Westmeyer, and all others who serve in Iraq, Afghanistan and throughout the world.

*Please send to the church office the addresses of troops with connections to  
office@stpaulwilkesboro.org, especially those abroad.*

**Vaccinated persons are no longer required to wear face masks during worship, or during singing.**

**However, if you are most comfortable wearing your mask in worship, please do so.**



July 29—Doug Morris

In the beginning  
**GOD...**  
Genesis 1:1

**Mark Your Calendars**  
**NEW DATES!**  
**Genesis Bible Study**  
**Wednesdays**  
**12-1**  
**Beginning**  
**September 1st**  
**through**  
**October 6th**



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