

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 2, 2022

10:30 AM

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker
Rector

Welcome to our Church

WELCOME

to

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We are delighted you are seeking God in this special place. We want you to know that wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome to ask your questions here.

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persons to wear their
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The Gathering

Prelude

Prelude on "Foundation"

Sam Batt Owens (1928-1998)

Welcome and Announcements

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #518

Christ Is made the Sure Foundation

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

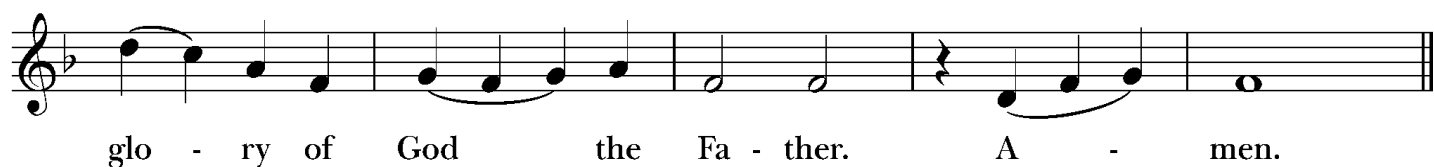
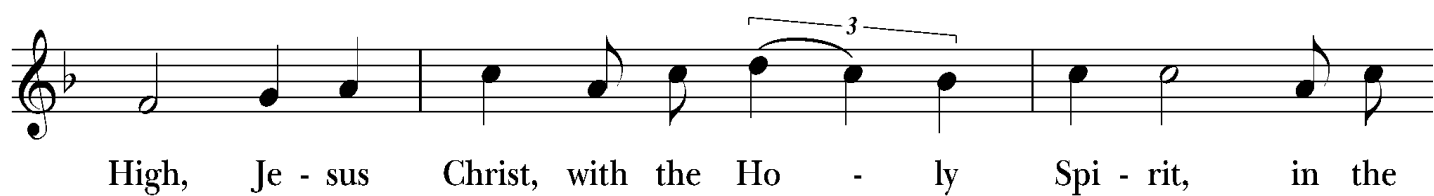
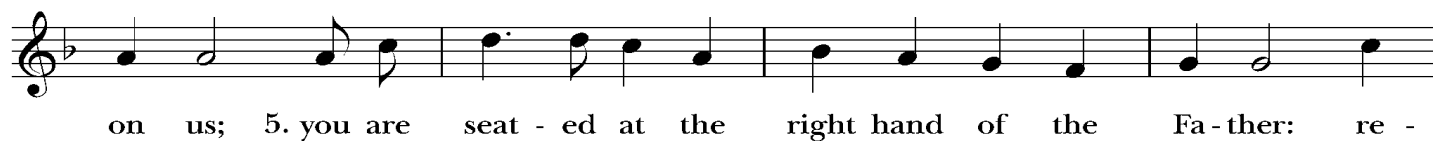
Presider Let us pray:

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.

Glory to God—S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes for 'Christ, on - ly', 'Lamb of God', and 'take a - way'. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.



The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 37:1-10

Noli aemulari

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

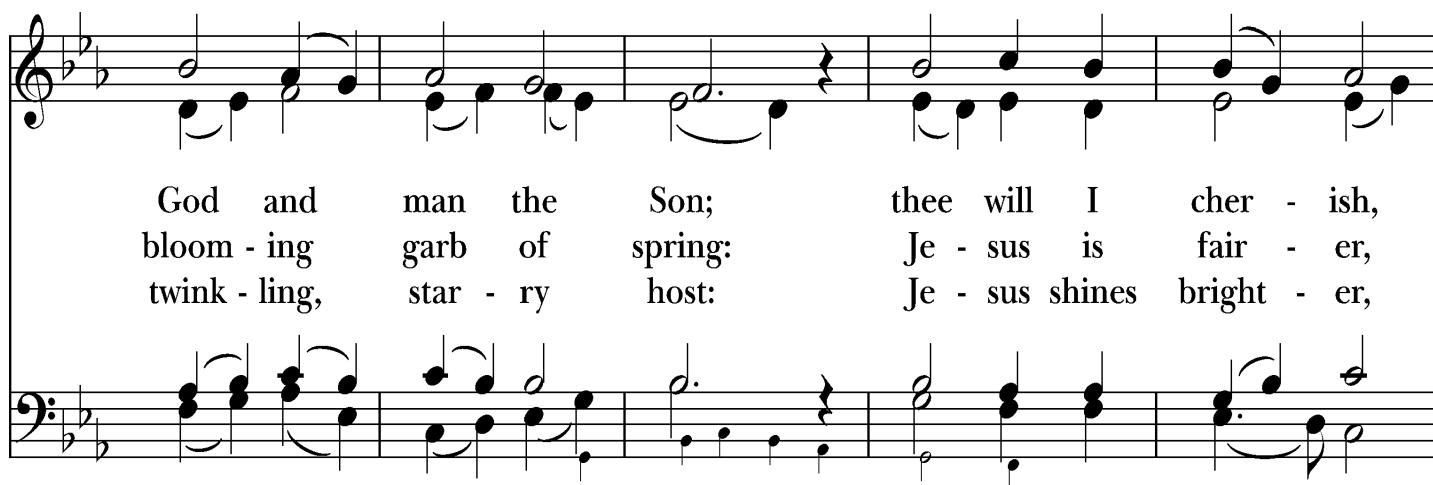
Please stand, as you are most comfortable

SEQUENCE HYMN #383

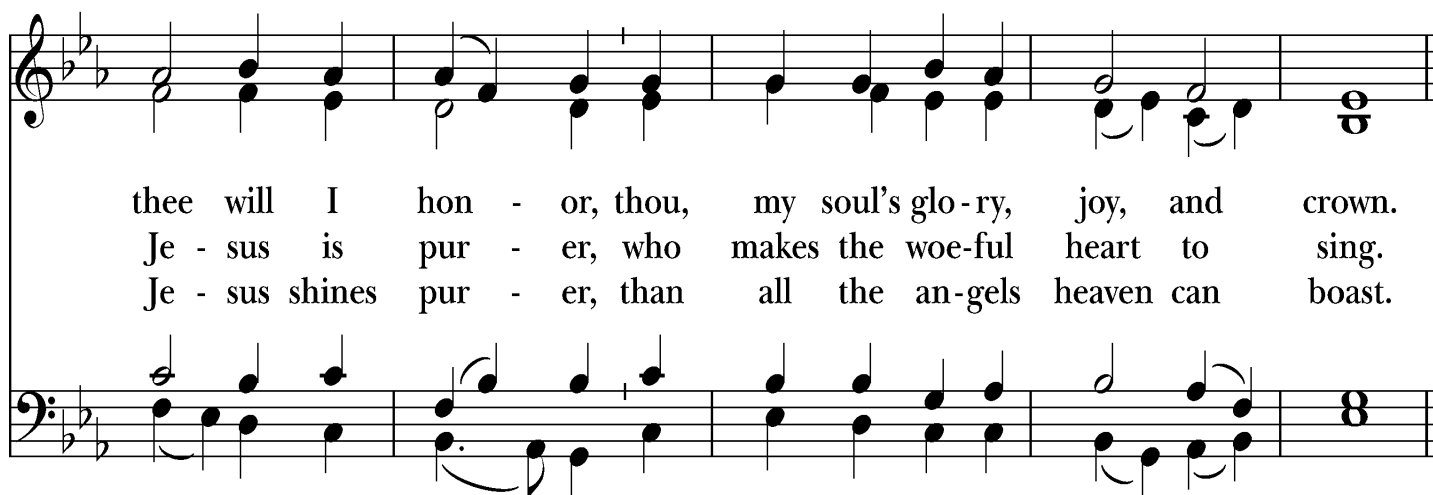
Fairest Lord Jesus



1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru-ler of all na - ture, O thou of
2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair-er still the wood - lands, robed in the
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair-er still the moon - light, and all the



God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,



thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

The Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

Presider The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

All are seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker

A time of silence following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed—Wonder, Love & Praise

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-

be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
 fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly
 in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from

sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for
 died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was
 sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the

us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of
 raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God
 break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father,
you have promised to hear when we pray
in the name of your Son.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Father, enliven the church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh Life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Creator of all,
lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom
those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give Grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion .
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

Give comfort to those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.
May we, by our compassion, inspire and encourage them.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts,
your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills:
until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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 seri-
ously 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.*

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

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Blessed Is the Man

Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

*Blessed is the man who walks not in
the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sinners,
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
But his delight is in the law of the Lord;
and in His law doth he meditate day and night.
He is like a tree planted by streams of water.
Psalms 1:1-3*

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand, as able.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Remain standing for the Prayer of Consecration

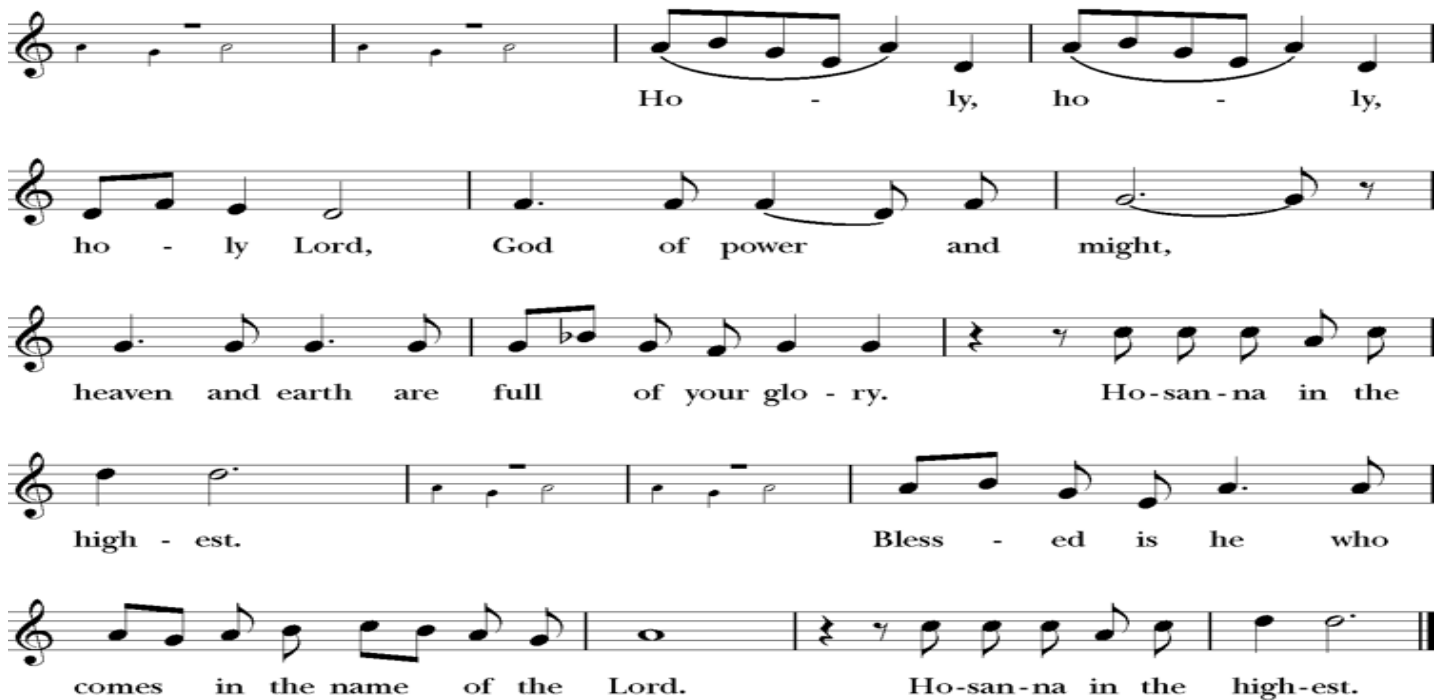
Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Sanctus –128

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Presider *continues*

Please stand or kneel as you are able

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have offered us freedom from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so remembering all that was done for us: the teaching, the healing, the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with our Patron Paul, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

A 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.**

Fraction

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S-154

Christ Our Passover

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider 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 will now have three ways to receive communion:

In one kind--this means you receive only the bread or only the wine. Receive the bread by extending your hands, palm upward, when the presider comes to you and then leaving the rail or crossing your hands over your chest when the chalice comes to you.

To receive the wine only, cross your hands when the bread is presented and then drink from the chalice by gently assisting the chalice bearer by grasping the base of the chalice lightly to help guide it to your lips.

Intinction (having the bread dipped in the wine and placed in your hand) is only done by the presider from the intinction tray. To receive communion by intinction simply keep your hands down by your sides as we have been doing. Then raise them to take intincted bread between thumb and forefinger.

In two kinds--this is where you consume both the bread and the wine either by receiving the bread and then drinking from the chalice or by Intinction.

There is no intinction by multiple individuals from the chalice. Gluten free wafers available upon request.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ubi Caritas (“Where There is Love”)

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

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.

Please stand

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #522, stanzas 1-3

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Descant

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a descant at the beginning. The lyrics are arranged in stanzas, with some lines being repeated or modified for different parts. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C).

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, he well sup - ply sons and
fire ap - pear well for a glo - ry and
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed and thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of the want re - move.
cov - ering, show ing that of the Lord is near.
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
shade by day, safe they, like feed up on sol - emn
reign as kings: and as priests, his

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from thy age.
man - na which he gives them when they pray.
prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Toccata in A Minor

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

PRAYER LIST

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

Short-term

Mildred Kimball, Joe Fesperman, Nancy Canter, Allison Canter, Bonita Stewart, Joe Samuel, Julian Family, Jackie Foster, Juanita Phillips, Sloan Barnhill, Aletha Johnson

Long-term

Ryan Marlow, Wes Martin, Jordan Denny & Family, Paul Barlow, Kathi Johnson, Dot Beamon, Esther Eller, David Temple, Ken Asel, Doug Merritt, Julius Parks & Family

Armed Forces

Let us pray for the safety of **all our troops**, especially Micha Duerk, Faith Lankford, Cole Griffith, Zach Necessary, Walker Pardue, Mark Stone, Jason Westmeyer, and all others who serve throughout the world.

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

Prayer requests can be submitted through the prayer request form by scanning the QR code, or by contacting the office





October 2-Amelia Koch

October 3-Karen McElwee

October 4-Carla Bowers

No Anniversaries this week



Serving Today

Altar Guild: Laurie Love, Ramona Curtis & Reba Whittington

Reader 8:30: Laurie Love

Reader 10:30: Jenny Nelson

Acolytes 10:30: Amelia & Julie Koch

Usher 8:30: Bill Harris

Usher 10:30 Ron Myers

LUKE BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

OCTOBER 5!

Mother Stephanie Will be hosting a weekly Bible Study on The Gospel

According to Luke on Wednesdays at Noon through December 21st.

The Study will meet in the Parish House and everyone is invited to bring a lunch or we can be more intentional about fellowship.

To sign up please email the office at:

office@stpaulwilkesboro.org

Our Accompanying book will be

Luke in The Interpretation Bible Studies

by Thomas W. Walker

(available on Amazon & other booksellers)

Luke's Gospel is in many ways very unique to the Gospel canon. It begins with the assertion of wanting to set out "An orderly account" of a disordered world; a world into which God's love and hope has entered decisively in the person of Jesus of

Nazareth. Luke promises to make sense of a non-sensical world and to shine hope into places of hopelessness.

The writer offers us a lens through which we can view the world through God's love of the least, the lost and the lame and calls us to freedom through loving the same.

Bring your questions, confusions, curiosity, and sense of adventure and be ready for lots of fun, study and fellowship!

WANTED

Hope Ministries is needing
Saltine Crackers
and Jelly.

Please bring donations to
the Church Commons





St. Paul's Vestry

2022

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