

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

**The Seventeenth Sunday After
Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist Rite II
September 20, 2026



St. Paul's Episcopal Mission was born in 1922, and erected in 1924

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9 A.M-2 P.M

Friday. Closed

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Simón Bautista

Celebrant

Liturgy of the Word

Processional	<i>“God, my King, thy might confessing”</i>	Hymn 414
Salutation Eucharist Rite II		BCP 355
Gloria		S-280
Collect of the Day		BCP 234
First Reading		Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalms 145:1-8		BCP 801
Second Reading		Philippians 1:21-30
Sequence	<i>“Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round”</i>	Hymn 617
The Holy Gospel		Matthew 20:1-16
Sermon	The Rev. Simón Bautista	
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form IV		BCP 388
The Confession of Sin		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory	<i>“O bless the Lord, my soul”</i>	Hymn 411
The Doxology		Hymn 380
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus		S-129
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
Communion	<i>“For the bread which you have broken”</i>	Hymn 341
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 365
Recessional	<i>“Rise up, ye saints of God”</i>	Hymn 551

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in this church.
Please maintain devotional silence during the administration of the Elements*

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The Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The Word of Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 145:1-8



- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great
goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Epistle

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Chris

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To those worshipping with us for the first time: Welcome to St. Paul's! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today and hope that your experience is rewarding. If there is anything we can do for you, feel free to contact us. We would like to get acquainted with you!

OPEN DOORS – OPEN HEARTS
WE ARE A FAMILY OF LOVE IN CHRIST

Mission Statement of St Paul's/San Pablo:

**Our doors and our hearts are open
to *everyone* who seeks to know God.**

In our prayer this week, let us lift up...

- **The Archbishop of Canterbury** – Sarah
- **Our Presiding Bishop** – Sean
- **Our Bishops** – Andy, Kay, Jeff, Hector, & Brian
- **For our elected officials**, so that, through their leadership, we may lead a peaceful and tranquil life in the service of God and for His honor and glory.
- **Our Church Family** – for those in leadership and for every member of St. Paul's, both present and absent
- **Those who are sick**
- **Those who have died**

Those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Sunday Worship Ministry Schedule
Today's Servers

Role	Names
L.E.M.	Olga & Cynthia
Lectors	Cynthia & Kari
Ushers	David
Oblationers	Iris & Lamar
Altar Guild	Liz, Sue, Dora, Olga & Cynthia

Clergy and Staff Serving St. Paul's

Position	Name
Interim Vicar	Rev. Simón Bautista
Vicar Assistant	Rev. Misael Pacheco Guevara
Organist	Phil Scoles
Choir Director	Kari Zimmerman
Music	Marco Gutiérrez
Office Administrator	Irene Aguirre González



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month With Us!

Hispanic Heritage Month is a special time to honor the rich history, culture, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities from all countries. This month reminds us of the courage, resilience, and achievements of generations who have helped shape our communities and inspire future generations. Together, we celebrate the diversity, unity, and vibrant heritage that make our cultures so unique and beautiful.

Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

Bring your friends and family for an evening of fun, culture, and community!

Come celebrate with us and enjoy a memorable evening filled with joy, friendship, and Hispanic pride. We look forward to seeing you there!



Urgent prayers for the sick and for the victims of the earthquake in Colombia

Heavenly Father, we ask you to watch over and give Strength to your flock in their time of need.

Clint

Tom C.

Sue F.

Betty J.

Don E.

Greg W.

Denise G.

Melissa B.

Gigi K.

Lou F.

Scott A.

Norma M.

Erika O.

Tammy T.

Randy H.

Aaron C.

Peggy F.

Peggy H.

Maury F.

Ray R.

Jenny G.

Carrie L.

Eva Marie V.

Roy R. III

Laura H.

Joey

Christopher M.

Lidia B.

Bill R.

Mary Grace L.

Rose M.

All people suffering from natural disasters, especially the people of Colombia, and all who suffer from acts of Violence



Worship service

Holy Eucharist

Sunday (English) 9:30 AM

Sunday (Spanish) 12:00 PM

Wednesday (Spanish) 7:00 PM



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