



# PENTECOST

May 19, 2024

**WELCOME!** We are blessed to worship with you today. If you are visiting, we are delighted that you're here. If you have any questions, please ask anyone near you. To find out everything going on at St Paul's, visit [www.stpaulsokc.com](http://www.stpaulsokc.com).

## **Serving Today:**

Altar Guild: Joyce Martin  
Lay Reader: Bailey Hanes  
Children's Message: Michelle Swedlow  
Communion Assistant: Joyce Martin, Jill & Bali Botkin  
Sound & Video: Rick Ayling  
Ushers: Tony Nutter, Bill Schopflin, Steve Botkin & Micah Moeller  
Acolyte & Crucifer: Ellie Behrens & Drew Purdum

**PRELUDE:** Ron Wallace

## **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause for silent reflection)*

Gracious God,

***Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.***

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved and in the name of Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

## **OPENING HYMN:**

### ***We Are Called to Be God's People***

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace,  
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how He has changed us and remade us as His own;  
Let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in His world today;  
Taking His own task upon us, all His sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to His summons, dedicate to Him our all,  
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now His call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right;  
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil into light.  
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill;  
That we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***

## Kyrie 1 & 2

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** *Let us pray.* Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

### **FIRST READING:** Acts 2:1-21

2When the day of Pentecost came; they were all together in one place. 2Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" 8Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

13Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

14Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

21And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 104:24-34, 35b**

<sup>24</sup> How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all;

***the earth is full of your creatures.***

<sup>25</sup> There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—

***living things both large and small.***

<sup>26</sup> There the ships go to and fro,

***and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.***

<sup>27</sup> All creatures look to you

***to give them their food at the proper time.***

<sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up;

***when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.***

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified;

***when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.***

<sup>30</sup> When you send your Spirit, they are created,

***and you renew the face of the ground.***

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

***may the Lord rejoice in his works—***

<sup>32</sup> he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,

***who touches the mountains, and they smoke.***

<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the Lord all my life;

***I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.***

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,

***as I rejoice in the Lord.***

***Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord.***

**SECOND READING:**

**Romans 8:22-27**

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup>Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

<sup>26</sup>In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing***

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

The Holy Gospel according to **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

***Glory to you, O Lord***

<sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup>And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>4</sup>I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, <sup>5</sup>but now I am going to him who sent me.

None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. <sup>7</sup>But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because people do not believe in me;

<sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. <sup>12</sup>“I have much more to say to you,

more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

<sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup>All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

**Michelle Swedlow**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

***We Are the Church***

SPLC Adult Choir

**MESSAGE:**

**Pastor Stefanie Rowinski**

**HYMN:**

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***We All Are One in Mission***

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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**

Come from the four winds, O Spirit, ***and breathe upon us that we may live.***

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you promised that your disciples would be baptized with the Holy Spirit and now we see the fulfillment of your promise. Fill us afresh with your Spirit today, revive your Church, and renew the face of the earth. *(Brief silence for personal prayer.)* To you, Lord Jesus, giving to your people the greatest gift of all, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us. Equip your Church with the gifts to fulfill our calling that we may love as you loved, serve as you served, and willingly follow wherever you lead. *(Brief silence for personal prayer.)* To you, Lord Jesus, gifting your people, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

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

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always an everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

### ***Holy, Holy, Holy***



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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.***

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

*(Please note, there are gluten free wafers available if you need them. The cups in the center of the trays are juice, and the outer rings are wine.)*

## **BENEDICTION**

May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Ron Wallace

**SENDING:** Go in peace! Share the good news! ***Thanks be to God!***

*Please note there is no offertory during service, our offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online using the following QR code:*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PENTECOST PICNIC FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY

Chili cook-off, pie bake off, or other dessert bakeoffs & 1st annual St. Paul's cornhole tournament

### JUNE FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us in June for Family Sunday School! Each week will have an activity and a devotion designed with the whole family in mind. Grow in your faith together and spend time getting to know other families in the church. Watch your snail mail for more information.

### WOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to help setup and arrange tables, bring WOW coolers down from upstairs, snack and water bottle prep crew each week, registration crew each Wednesday morning, Tshirt prep crew, Activity Center decoration crew, and more. Please email Lynne Elias or see her at the WOW table in the narthex.

### THE OUTREACH BOARD SERVICE PROJECT AT RESTORE OKC

Saturday, June 8 from 8:30-12:00. We will begin with coffee at 8:30, help from 8:45-11:30, and then have lunch at 11:30. We have previously worked with this organization with our Sunday School offering campaign and the December mission project provided pajamas and blankets for the students at Thelma Parks Elementary School. This will be a great opportunity to see what they are doing for NE OKC. This project is for all ages (5 and up with parents). The address is 2222 NE 27th Street. Please make plans to attend!

### ENDOWMENT FUND MATCHING CAMPAIGN

The SPLC Endowment Fund will be adding \$1 for every \$5 given to the ROC. The campaign ends June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please make sure donations are made out to St. Paul's with "ROC" in the memo line.

### WANTED: MUG WASHERS

A few bodies are needed to help wash mugs! This is a very easy volunteer opportunity for one person, or an entire family. Currently, each person/team is washing approximately 4-5 times a year, and if we get more volunteers, it'll be even less! If you have any questions about this important ministry, please contact Susi Laflin 405-202-7065 [mailladysusi@gmail.com](mailto:mailladysusi@gmail.com).

### MAY ACTIVITIES

**5/19-** Worship-  
*Pentecost Picnic*

**5/26-** Worship

### JUNE ACTIVITIES

**6/2-** Worship  
*Endowment Fund/ROC campaign ends*

**6/5-** WOW – OKC Zoo

**6/8-** Outreach service project  
@ Restore OKC

**6/9- Worship**  
*MS Mission Trip Participant meeting*

**6/11-** Executive Board Meeting

**6/12-** WOW -Science Museum

**6/14-** Shiloh Cookout

**6/16-** Worship

**6/19-** WOW – Leonardo's, Enid

**6/21-** Area IX Handbell Festival – UCO

**6/23-** Worship

**6/26-** WOW Jasmine Moran, Seminole

**6/29-30**

HS Mission Trip Retreat

**6/30-** Worship—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship

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