

11th Sunday after Pentecost August 4, 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.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Sophie Ann Hunter!

Serving Today:

Lay Reader: Joyce Martin
Children's Message: Tom Todd
Altar Guild: Joyce Martin
Communion Assistant: Linda Allison
Sound & Video: Garrett Purdum
Ushers: Garret Purdum, Phil Crissup, Rod Randall & Jerry Wagner
Acolyte & Crucifer: Romi & Elie Behrens

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: #842 ***Oh, Worship the King*** vs 1-3

Oh, worship the King, all glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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

This Is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister

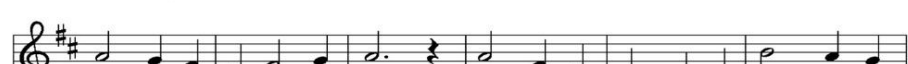


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.


All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



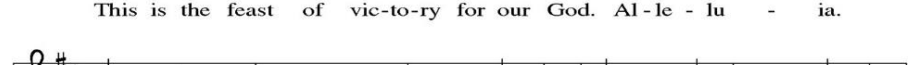
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



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2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the

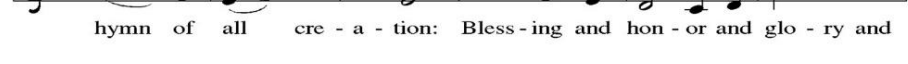


hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

PSALM 78:23-29

²³So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,
²⁴raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.
²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.
²⁶The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,
²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
²⁸letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.
²⁹So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, ²⁰for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to **John 6:24-35**

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Tom Todd

SPECIAL MUSIC:

In This Hour

Nancy Krause

MESSAGE:

Stefanie Rowinski

HYMN:

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Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.

Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all our ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer, Recreate us; God transform!

BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate:

Parents and Godparents: I present Sophie Ann Hunter to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Question to the Congregation: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support her in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent, and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Let us now pray for the one who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open her heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory, who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

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

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

...To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Sophie Ann, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Sign of the Cross with Chrism

Sophie Ann, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Congregational Welcome: God Claims You

(See music insert placed in your pew back.)

Refrain: Sophie, Sophie, God claims you, God helps you, protects you and loves you too.

Verse 1: We this day do all agree. A child of God you'll always be. Refrain

Verse 2: We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. Refrain

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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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, according to his command, O Father,

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

...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! Remember the poor! *Thanks be to God!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROOF UPDATE

As of Wednesday (7/31), the final portion of the lower/flat roof and last air conditioner will be completed by the end of the week. They are waiting on parts for the final 2 air conditioning units for the activity center, but those should get installed as soon as those parts arrive. There is still lot of detail/metal work, but that work will not cause as many interruptions as we have been experiencing.

All of the crews have been working hard to get the roof up to date and it looks like we are on the downhill slide to completion! We appreciate everyone's patience!

AUGUST OUTREACH MISSION

This month we will be donating items to Harvest Hills Elementary. The school has requested book donations for the library. We will send out more information as we have it.

SWINGING REBELS BARN DANCE/LESSONS

As most of you know, there is a square-dancing club using the activity center twice a month. They have extended an invitation to St. Paul's members to join them for their "Old Fashioned Barn Dance" at 7 pm on August 9th. Tickets are available at the visitor's center in the narthex or in the office. In addition to the dance, they will be offering lessons beginning August 11. More information can be found on flyers posted around the church.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday night meals will operate differently this year. If you are interested in helping with meals, please sign up at the visitor's center in the narthex or send your name to articles@stpaulsok.com. We will need help with prep/cooking, serving and clean up. Whether you can help once or multiple times, we will gladly use your help! We will have more details in the coming weeks!

BACKPACK BLESSINGS & POOL PARTY 8-11

Mark your calendars! We will be blessing backpacks and praying for our students and teachers as they prepare to go back to school. Our back-to-school pool party will also be 8/11. Parents: more details will be sent out via text, email and/or GroupMe in the coming week!

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:



AUGUST ACTIVITIES

8/4- Worship

8/9- Swinging Rebels Barn Dance

**8/11- Worship (Backpack blessings)
Back 2 School Pool Party**

8/18- Worship (Mission Trip Recap)

4:00 Choir Pool Part @ Caine's

8/24-25- Confirmation retreat

8/25- Worship

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