

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 1, 2023*  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

**The Word of God**

**Opening Hymn 375** *Give Praise and Glory unto God*

<sup>1</sup> Give praise and glory unto God, the Father of all blessing;  
<sup>2</sup> The host of heaven praiseth thee, O Lord of all dominions;  
<sup>3</sup> What God hath wrought to show his power he evermore sustaineth;  
his mighty wonders tell abroad, his graciousness con-  
and mortals then, on land and sea, beneath thy shadowing  
he watches o'er us every hour, his mercy never  
fessing. With balm my inmost heart he fills, his  
pinions, exult in thy creative might that  
waneth. Through all his kingdom's wide domain, his  
comfort all my anguish stills. To God be praise and glory.  
doeth all things well and right. To God be praise and glory.  
righteousness and justice reign. To God be praise and glory.

*The people standing (as able), the Celebrant says*

*People* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***  
***Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

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.***

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y 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 on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## First Reading

## Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

A reading from Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalms 25:1-8

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
    my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
    let me not be humiliated,  
    nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
    let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
    and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
    for you are the God of my salvation;  
    in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
    for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
    remember me according to your love  
    and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

## Epistle

## Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                ***Thanks be to God.***

## Sequence Hymn 552

## *Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might*

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine  
\*3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less  
\*4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth  
strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and  
eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing  
not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and  
it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

# Gospel

*All stand.*

**Matthew 21:23-32**

*Celebrant*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*

***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## Sermon

The Rev. Jim McDonald

## Nicene Creed

*All stand, as the People and Celebrant say together.*

**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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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, Form III**      *(found on page 387 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

*People kneeling, as able, the Leader and People pray responsively*

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

We pray especially for Peyton Olson, Jamie Bridgers, Ann Rhodes, Jim & Deb Johnson, Patricia Smith, Joan Davidson, Ingeborg Grahn, Jo Cargill-Krug, and Matt Stephenson.

And we pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested: Jim Wilson, Lucy Harris, Pam Bachman, Jay, Lakyn Chambers, Cindy Sellers Roach, Autumn Celestine, Kitten Lawless, DeAnna McCool, Robin Goertz, Gerry Goertz & Jinny Goertz, Tom & Kathy Celestine, Mary Myers, Mason Evans, Mark & Jennifer, Sandra Hughes, Susan, Ken Ortman, and Jody Gayle.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, Patricia Smith (10/1), Mary Bumpers (10/3), Finn Dore (10/4), Jacqui McSpadden (10/5), Michelle & Kirk Warden (10/5), and Brenda & Nikki Bittle (10/6).

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sins**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.**

## **Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<b><i>And also with you.</i></b>

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with an Offertory sentence.*

**Offertory Anthem: Drop, Drop Slow Tears**

Orlando Gibbons

## The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

*The people remain standing*

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 him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and call'd us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

### Sanctus (S128)

*Celebrant and People*

The musical score for the Sanctus (S128) is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly,". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,". The third staff has the lyrics: "heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the". The fourth staff has the lyrics: "high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The fifth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.".

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*



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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 blessed Paul and 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.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Hymn 705 *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and; the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Post Communion Hymn 625 *Ye Holy Angels Bright*

*Descant*



4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or  
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and  
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and  
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our  
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es  
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he  
with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.  
sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.  
gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!  
days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

## Dismissal

*This Sunday's flowers are given by Barbara Terrell to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for her church and her church family.*

### **Ministers Serving this Sunday**

Eucharistic Minister (8:00): Kristian Ameigh

Eucharistic Minister (10:30): Laura Hance

Lector (10:30): Dwight Ford

Acolyte: Karis Ford

Ushers: Fred Krug & Fuller Bumpers

Technical Support: Steve Massey

Coffee Hour: Sarah Harmon

Altar Guild: Ellen Massey & Janie Starnes

Community Meal (10/4/2023): Team Dore