

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

## November 17, 2024



## St. Paul's Episcopal Church

P.O. Box 2255

Batesville, Arkansas, 72503

870-793-2203

### Today's Ministers

<i>Officiant:</i>	Paul Hance
<i>Chalice bearer:</i>	Brenda Bittle
<i>Lector:</i>	Cade Archer
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Karis Ford
<i>Ushers:</i>	Gary Perkey & Tim Dunlap
<i>Choir Director &amp; Organist:</i>	Kristian Ameigh
<i>Technical Support:</i>	David Taverner
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	David & Melissa Taverner

This Week's Community Meal (11/20/2024): Team Strawberry Mennonites

*This Sunday's flowers are given by Kaye Starling to the glory of God and in memory of my mother, Ennis Warren Ballou and in thanksgiving for the St Paul's family*

# The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: Rite Two

## The Word of God

### Entrance Hymn 372: *Praise To the Living God!*

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;  
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

*Today's service begins on Page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer.*

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

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Officiant 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.**

Gloria - Sung (S278)

(BCP 356)

Officiant and People

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

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

*Officiant*            Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading

**1 Samuel 1:4-20**

*Lector:* A reading from first Samuel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

*Lector:*                The Word of the Lord.

*People:*                **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm

**1 Samuel 2:1-10**

Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory.

“There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;

for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.

“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.

The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

## **Second Reading**

## **Hebrews 10:11-25**

*Lector:* A reading from Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*There is no procession. The Lector remains at the lectern to read the third reading, using the same form as the first two.*

### Sequence Hymn 628: Help Us, O Lord, To Learn

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parts: to  
2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that  
3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that

stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.  
all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.  
yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

### Third Reading

### Mark 13:1-8

*There is no procession. The Lector reads the third reading from the lectern, using the same form as the first two.*

*Lector:* A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Written & Read by Paul Hance

**Nicene Creed** *found on page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer*

*All stand, as the People and Officiant 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 IV** – *found on page 388 in the Book of Common Prayer*

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We pray for our wardens, vestry, and those who will choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for God's people and equip us for our ministries.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Beverly Grigsby (11/17) and Fuller Bumpers (11/20).

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation **especially:** Jamie Bridgers, Ann Rhodes, Jim & Deb Johnson, Patricia Smith, Joan Davidson, Matt Stephenson, John & Susan Dempsey, Ellen Massey, Bill Olson, Sam Crawford, Rebecca Ward, Cindy Perkey, and Tammy Kipfer.

**We pray also for family and friends for whom our prayers have been requested:** Jim Wilson, Jay, Kitten Lawless, DeAnna McCool, Robin Goertz, Gerry Goertz & Jinny Goertz, Tom & Kathy Celestine, Mark & Jennifer, Susan, Jody Gayle, Stacey Lindsey, Tara Nance, the Sweet Family, Melvin & Jennie Smith, Howard Crosby, David Smith, Lucy Harris, Adam M, Keith Perkins, Jim & Charlotte, Jordy, Shelby & Penelope Rubio, Daniel & Steven King, Sherry Snow, Mark Counts, the Gott family, Nan & Matt Tucker, Walker, Mark Higginbotham, Danny Yeager, the Mooneyhan family, Shannon Bohnert, Micah Jordon, Rodney Brady, Ron Karg, the Waldrip family, Kathy Kleveno, Mike & Brandy Wyatt, John V. Miller, Ben Handford, Patty Healey, Scott Davidson, Jim Reynolds, Christina, the Clouse family, Peggy Comer, Kristin, Marilyn Townsend, James (Richie) Mosser, and Georgina Mosser, Jeannie Sade, Kristi Smith, Raymond Staggs, Gary & Phylis Bratton, Connie Barnett, Jillian & Casey, Reta Goodman, Neva Miles Hector, and Jennifer Huskins.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**



We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Officiant adds the following Collect:*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession**

*BCP 360*

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant 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 Officiant remains kneeling and says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **Peace**

*All stand. The Officiant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

## **Announcements**

# **The Holy Communion**

*The Officiant may begin the Offertory with the following or another Offertory sentence.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Anthem:** *Teach Me Oh Lord*

Thomas Atwood

## **Doxology: 43 v.4**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow: praise him, all creatures here below: praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*The people's offerings of money or other gifts are received. The officiant reverently places the offerings on the altar.*

*The Officiant opens the tabernacle, reverently places the ciborium containing the consecrated bread on the altar, and pours the consecrated wine from the flagon into the chalice.*

*The Officiant then continues*

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

*People and Officiant*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Officiant says the following Invitation*

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

*and may add*

**Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**Communion Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face To Face**

*After Communion, the Officiant says*

Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

*On 365:*

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.

**Post Communion Hymn 551: *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!***

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,  
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

The musical score is written for voice and organ. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the organ accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the three verses. The score concludes with a double bar line.

**Dismissal**

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Organ Postlude**