

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 17, 2025*  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

**The Word of God**

**Opening Hymn 596**     *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor*

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and  
2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that  
3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment  
brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or  
with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its  
cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads  
with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.  
and the wood-lands plead in si - lence for their peace.  
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

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

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

*People*

***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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## First Reading

## Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

## Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
    shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
    stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
    you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
    it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
    and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
    and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
    so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
    and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
    behold and tend this vine; \*  
    preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
    at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
    the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
    give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
    show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## Epistle

## Hebrews 11:29-12:2

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*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.*

**Luke 12:49-56**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
 and son against father,  
 mother against daughter  
 and daughter against mother,  
 mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
 and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

**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 VI**      *(found on page 392 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who  
are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and John our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

We pray **especially for:** Jamie Bridgers, Ann Rhodes, Jim & Deb Johnson, Patricia Smith, Joan Davidson, Matt Stephenson, John & Susan Dempsey, Ellen Massey, Bill Olson, Cindy Perkey, Nick Avants, Sally Fittsizer, Isabelle Tenace, Cade Archer, Dana Teichart, and Machel Christiansen.

**We pray also for family and friends for whom our prayers have been requested:** Kitten Lawless, DeAnna McCool, Robin Goertz, Gerry Goertz & Jinny Goertz, Tom & Kathy Celestine, Mark & Jennifer, Susan, David Smith, Lucy Harris, Adam M, Jim & Charlotte, Daniel & Steven King, Sherry Snow, Mark Higginbotham, Danny Yeager, Shannon Bohnert, Micah Jordon, Rodney Brady, John V. Miller, Ben Handford, Jim Reynolds, Peggy Comer, Kristin, Georgina Mosser, Kristi Smith, Raymond Staggs, Gary & Phylis Bratton, Connie Barnett, Q, Lois Work, Marci Ward, the family of Norma Mobley, Wilma, Edie Knowles, Mitchell Dobson, Sharon Runyan, Eleanor, Rebecca Ward, Sam Colley-Toothacker, Ian Young, Shelly & Heath Wooldridge, Clarinda, Walter Hopper, Connie, Taylor, Kevin Bartley, and Linda Brewer.

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.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Donald Coleman (8/17), Jon Healey (8/19), Susie Bumpers (8/20), Lora Sullins (8/20), Machel Christiansen (8/22), and Katie Cruse (8/23).

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect:*

O Lord our God, accept that fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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*

*People*                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
***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 Celebrant may begin the Offertory with an Offertory sentence.*

**Offertory Anthem:** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Lowell Masen



## The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer C

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:*

*Celebrant*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. 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.

*Then, facing the holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us.***

***By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus (S128)

### *Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Celebrant      People  
A-men.

*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.

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

## **Communion Hymn**      *Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

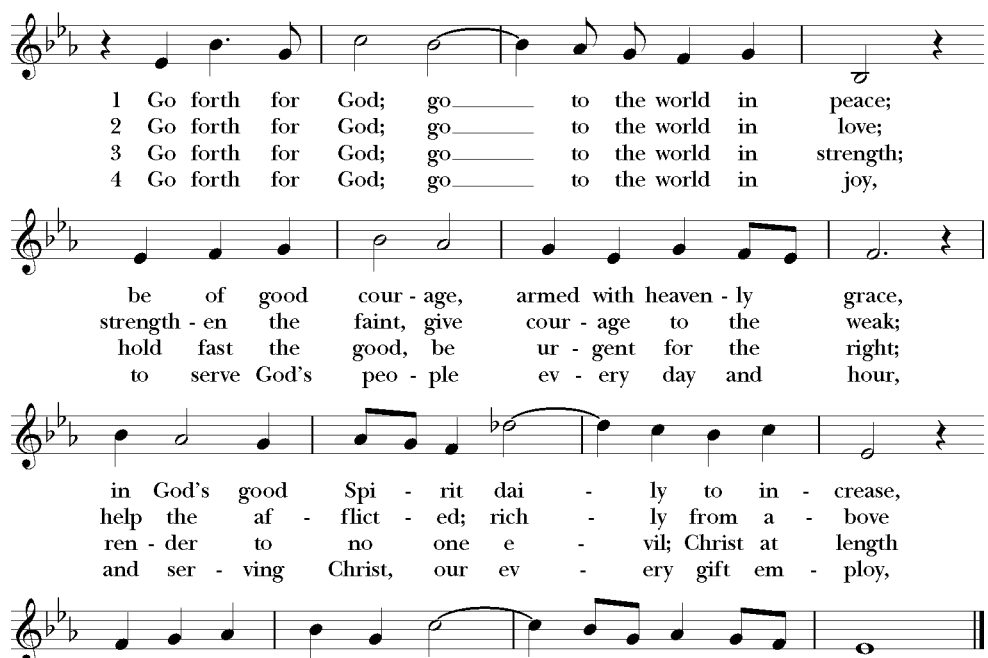
*Celebrant and People*

**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 347 *Go Forth for God; Go to The World in Peace*



1 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in peace;  
2 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in love;  
3 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in strength;  
4 Go forth for God; go \_\_\_\_\_ to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in his king - dom we \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold his face.  
his love sup - plies the grace \_\_\_\_\_ and power we seek.  
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**