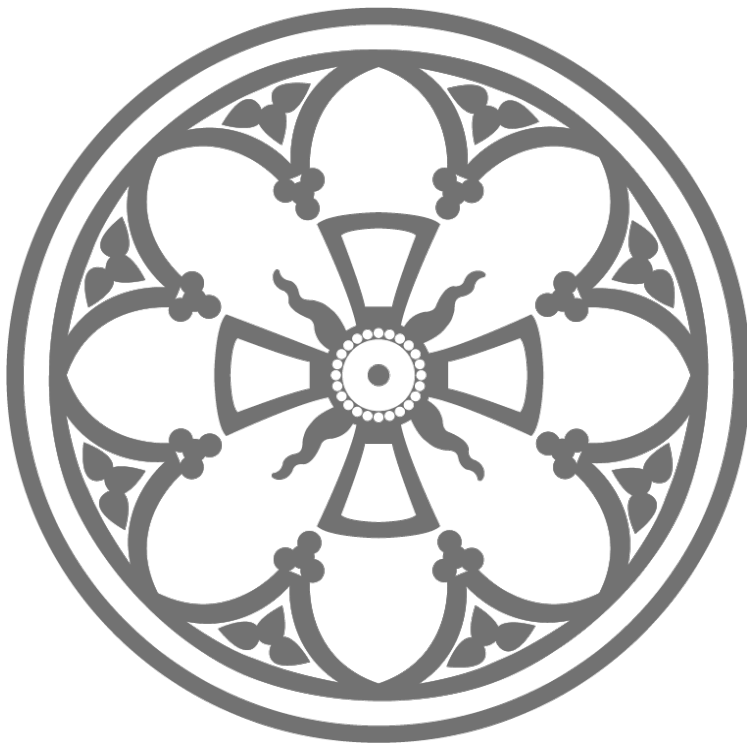




THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH  
HOLY BAPTISM

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 23

OCTOBER 11, 2026 ✠ 10:15 AM

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through  
the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*

**W**ELCOME! St. Paul's Church builds bridges — to God, to one another, to the city and beyond. We are glad you have joined us today.

During Ordinary Time, we gather as the people of God, week by week, to meet Christ, dying and rising in our midst. Christ's presence is revealed in our liturgical gatherings in Word and Sacrament, and in us, as members of Christ's Body, by our daily lives of ministry to others in concrete acts of love and caring.

This service booklet, *The Book of Common Prayer* (red), *The Hymnal 1982* (blue), and *Wonder, Love and Praise* ("WLP," green paperbound) provide the resources needed for participation in our worship. Please silence your cell phones.

### MUSIC NOTE

This morning we welcome Grace Henshaw, a longtime member of St. Paul's and former harpist with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Grace is playing the two pieces in this morning's opening voluntary.

### THIS MORNING'S OFFERINGS

**Childcare** available every Sunday at 10:00.

**Sunday School** for children in PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade upstairs from the Parish Hall at 10:00.

**Adult Forum and Adult Formation** meet each week at 9:00 in the Vestry and Cadigan Rooms.

Please ask an usher for help in finding these locations.

### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

*Readers:* Dan Magee, Kitty MacDowell, Susan Dow

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Grace Henshaw, Pat Moran, Vicki Harrison

*Crucifer:* Andrew Ferrante

*Altar Guild:* Lila Kennedy, Jane Newcomb, Jackie Barnes, Carey Wilcox

*Ushers:* Jennifer Bleecker, Phil Bleecker, Chari Krenis, Jane Newcomb

*ASL Interpreter:* Luane Haggerty

*Live-Stream Operator:* Anita Chen

*Sexton:* Bob Potter

*Cover illustration by Sonja Slother*

*Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.  
After worship, speak to one another.*

VOLUNTARY

Morning Has Broken

Gaelic melody  
arr. Stephanie Curcio

Angelus

Henriette Renié

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

✠ HYMN 408

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*Mit Freuden zart*

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God:

*People* **Glory to God forever and ever.**

*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit,

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Creator of all.**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

*(A brief silence is kept)*

*Presider* Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,  
that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:1-9

**O** Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a

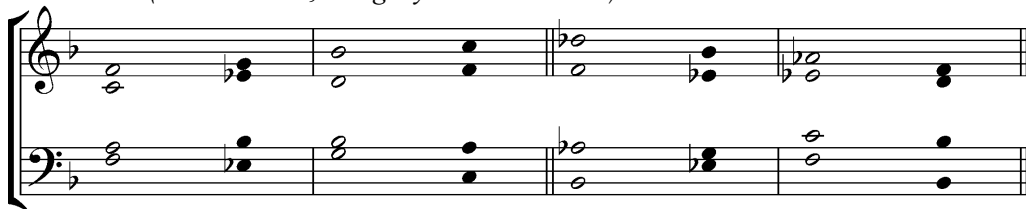
feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader* The Word 23 of the Lord.

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

PSALM 23 (*Said at 8:00; Sung by ALL at 10:15*)

*Chant:* Harrison



- 1 The Lord is my / shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in / want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green / pastures \*  
and leads me beside still / waters.
- 3 He revives my / soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his / Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no / evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who / trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running / over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for / ever.

## SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

**M**y brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

✠ HYMN 345 (*stz 1 & 2*) Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

*Ellers*

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

**O**nce more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the

wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✠ HYMN 345 (*stz 3 & 4*) Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

*Ellers*

SERMON

The Rev. Dan Burner

*A brief period of quiet reflection follows the sermon.*

## HOLY BAPTISM

*This morning we welcome*

**Charles Alexander Statt**

*into the household of God through Holy Baptism.*

✠ HYMN 490

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*Houston*

*The congregation may be seated.*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

BCP p. 301

✠ *After the candidate has been presented, the congregation STANDS and the Presider addresses them, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support  
this person in his life in Christ?

*People* We will.

## ✠ THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* 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.**

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*After the candidate has been baptized, the Presider says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

## ✠ EXCHANGE OF PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Please greet one another in Christ's Name. Words of welcome and announcements are then made.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee      Eric H. Thiman  
*Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind. Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; Jesu, be thou our glory now, and through eternity. Amen.*

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: HYMN 376 (*stz. 3, sung by all*)      *Hymn to Joy*  
**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
 Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;  
 Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING      *Eucharistic Prayer A*  
*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

✠ SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*see pew card*)

John W.W. Sherer

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The congregation may remain standing or kneel, as the Presider continues.*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.**

✠ **AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

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

*Presider* The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All are welcome at God's table.

*All are encouraged to come forward for Communion at the direction of the ushers. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to go to any of the stations, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM      Know That God Loves You      Carson Cooman  
*Know that God loves you. God's command is this: "Love one another as I have loved  
you." For neither death nor life, nor present nor future,  
shall separate us from the love of God.*

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

✠ THE BLESSING

✠ HYMN 546      Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve      Siroë

✠ THE DISMISSAL

*The children and Deacon dismiss the people, saying,*  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*    Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY      Sonata in the Style of Handel      William Wolstenholme  
Introduction and Allegro

## PRAYER LIST

*We entrust into your unfailing care, Merciful God...*

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; Kara Wagner Sherer, our Bishop; and  
the Clergy, Staff, and Lay Leaders of St. Paul's Church

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: St. George's, Hilton

Margi Moore, Tara, Bob, Sarah Wilson, Brendan Pessimone, Beverly Brooks,  
Walter Rohlin, Maryann Plaia, Adele, Frank Holiday, Peter Merrill, Jack  
Worboys, Abby, Chris, Mallory, Mary Jane Thomas, Claudius Scott, Mara  
Hazzard-Wallingford, Lois, Scott, Bertha Simpkins, Amelia Smith,  
and Bill Dewart.

Those who have died.

*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.*

## FLOWER MEMORIALS

The flowers this Sunday are given to the Glory of God and  
in honor of H. Allen Spencer, and Edward Scott

When immigrants live in your land with you, you must not cheat them.  
Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your  
citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants  
in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.  
Leviticus 19:33-34 (CEB)



## **TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S**

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)

9:00 am: Adult Formation—Visio Divina Bible Study (Vestry Room)

9:00 am: Adult Forum - Discerning & Using Your Spiritual Gifts (Cadigan Room)

10:00 am: Sunday School & Nursery Care

10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)

11:30 am: Fellowship Hour (Parish Hall)

11:30 am: Chorister's Rehearsal (Church)

### **Monday, October 12th**

*Parish Office Closed for the Holiday*

7:00 pm: Book Group (Zoom)

7:00 pm: ACA Survivors (Stone Hall)

### **Wednesday, October 14th**

9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)

Noon: Holy Eucharist (St. Peter's Chapel)

6:00 pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 pm: St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal (Church)

8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

### **Thursday, October 15th**

3:00 pm: Book Group (Wainwright)

6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)

8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

### **Saturday, October 17th**

10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)

8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

## NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ **All Are Welcome at God's Table**, our 2027 giving campaign, is underway. Your commitment sustains worship, learning, fellowship, and outreach at St. Paul's. An informational mailing was sent last week; brochures are available throughout the church, or you may visit our website. Please give prayerful consideration to God's generosity and respond by Ingathering Sunday, All Saints' Day, November 1st.
- ❖ We are gathering the names of people in our lives whom we love but no longer see and that we would like to remember and pray for on All Saints' Day during the Necrology. Please fill out the papers around the church with the names of those who have died in the past year and place them in an offering plate, or contact the church office (frontdesk@stpaulsec.org, 585.271.2240) by noon on Oct. 26.
- ❖ Next week will mark our first **Family Sunday** of the program year! Members of all ages will be with us during the 10:15 service, which will feature a sermon just for our youngest members, an invitation to join the clergy at the High Altar for the Eucharistic Prayer, and a special Children's Choir Communion anthem!
- ❖ **Adult Forum class on Discerning & Using Your Spiritual Gifts** led by Deacon Sue runs today through October 18 at 9:00 am in the Cadigan Room. The class will help each person to discern their spiritual gifts. Using the Gather—Transform—Send model, we will look at ways to examine how we are called to use our gifts and identify opportunities for service within the congregation and community in order to meet the needs that exist both within and outside of our church.
- ❖ **Third Sundays @3pm:** St. Paul's concert series continues Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, with Italian Organist Alessandro Bianchi performing music by Arturo Clementoni, Joseph Bonnet, Marco Enrico Bossi, and Jean Langlais.
- ❖ **Halloween Party:** All Mini Ghouls and Goblins are invited! Join your Sunday school friends for a frightfully fun time of games, crafts, and lunch! Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:15 service in Stone Hall. Wear your costume!

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