



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PENTECOST 16 ✠ PROPER 19

17 SEPTEMBER 2023 ✠ 8:00 & 10:15 A.M.

Welcome to St. Paul's Church! We are a community of faith that through Christ strives to be loving, joyous, inclusive, transforming, and filled with God's grace. All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at God's table for communion.

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 cellular phones.

"The Lord is in the holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him." (Habakkuk 2:20)

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



VOLUNTARY

All glory be to God on High, BWV 662

J. S. Bach

¶ *At the tolling of the bell, please stand, as you are able, to sing*

HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord, the almighty

Lobe den Herren

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessèd be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed by God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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 IN EXCELSIS (Hymnal S 280; *sung at 10:15*)

Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

¶ *Please be seated.*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15–21

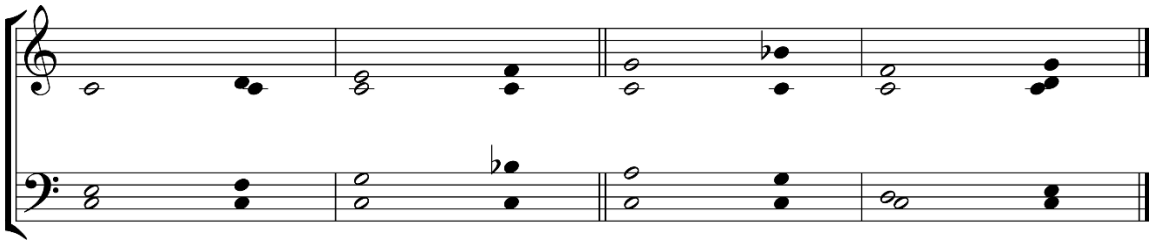
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 108:8–13 (*sung by all at 10:15*)

Chant: George Emblom



- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and / mercy, *
slow to anger and of great / kindness.
- 9 He will not always ac/cuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for / ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our / sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our / wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the / earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who / fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the / west, *
so far has he removed our sins / from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his / children, *
so does the LORD care for those who / fear him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 14:1–12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

¶ *Please stand as you are able, and remain standing through the reading of the Gospel.*

ALLELUIA VERSE (10:15 only)

South African Alleluia

¶ *The Alleluias are sung by everyone.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Choir The nations will fear your Name, O Lord;*
and all the kings of the earth your glory. *Repeat Alleluias.*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–25

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jay Burkardt

¶ *A period of silence follows the Sermon. Then the all stand, as able, for*

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

¶ *The people respond, Receive our prayer.*

¶ *The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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 Celebrant pronounces the Absolution*

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.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM

O come, let us sing unto the Lord

Anthony Piccolo

O come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth, and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it, and his hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is the Lord our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. [Psalm 95:1-7]

¶ *Please stand, as you are able, for*

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

8:00 **All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.**

10:15 Hymn 305 (*stz. 3*)

Rosedale

**One body we, one body who partake,
one Church united in communion blest;
one Name we bear, one Bread of Life we break,
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

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 AND BENEDICTUS (Hymnal S 129)

Robert Powell

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Please remain standing or kneel.

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.

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.

¶ *The Celebrant continues*

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. **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

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**
The Gifts of God for the people of God.

¶ *At the direction of the ushers, the congregation comes forward for communion. The Sacrament is given in both kinds: bread and wine. If you are not able to come forward to receive, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the priest know of your need.

HYMN 325

Let us break bread together

Let Us Break Bread

THE 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 Celebrant blesses the people, who respond, Amen.*

HYMN 494

Crown him with many crowns

Diademata

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

Bach

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of James & Mary Louise Herendeen, Mary Jane Reoch and James
Herendeen, Jr.*

SERVING TODAY

Readers: John Currie, Gila Balman, Nancy Grear (8:00) Julie Gedro, Les Kernan, Susan Dow (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Gila Balman (8:00); Kevin Frisch, Les Kernan (10:15)

Crucifer: TBA (10:15 only)

ASL Interpreter: Jean Rodman (10:15 only)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

Dave, Alan, Jeff, Phyllis, Maria, Sonia, Jeannie, Paula, Barbara, Amelia, Louis, Scott, Ella, Matthew,
Dean, Diane, Bill, and Tim.

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.

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ Our Rector, Rob Picken, is away this Sunday. He was a participant in the Ordination of the Bishop of Maryland yesterday and he returns for Tuesday. Welcome back to the Altar at 10:15am, our congregant, The Rev. Hilary Streever.
- ❖ **Choristers Ice Cream Social** today in the Vestry Room following the 10:15 service.
- ❖ **Sunday School resumes** today. For more information, please email Amy Welker at awelker@stpaulsec.org.
- ❖ **Sunday Forum - Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton:** Entering the school of your own experience, join Nancy Grear for a discussion of spirituality in your daily life on Sundays, September 17th and 24th in the Cadigan Room.
- ❖ **An Evening with The Reverend Naomi Tutu** -- Generously sponsored by the Urban League of Rochester, the Episcopal Churches of St. Paul & St. Thomas, the Episcopal Diocese, and the city Episcopal parishes: We are thrilled to have Reverend Tutu join us **at St. Paul's Church from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 19th**. Following the keynote address in the church, there will be an informal reception and networking opportunity. **Summit AND Interfaith Reception tickets are on sale now at: urbanleagueroch.org/summit**
- ❖ **Sacred Ground:** An information session is on September 25th at 7:00 pm in Wainwright Hall. Sacred Ground is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. Our Rector, Rob Picken, will facilitate these in-person sessions that will be held on Monday evenings beginning in October, with final times determined by the group. Please let Rob know if you are interested in this important conversation.
- ❖ **Bishop Search:** Nominations are now closed. Updated information is available on the Discernment and Nominating Committee's website: <https://www.thedioceseofrochesterbishopsearch.org>. Please continue to pray for the search process:
Almighty and ever-living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Discernment and Nominating Committee for the choosing of a new Bishop for this Diocese. Teach them in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide them to perceive what is right and grant them both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..."

James 1:17

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Adult Faith Formation
10:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Holy Communion with Music
Nursery Care provided. Live-Stream available.

WEDNESDAYS

12:00 pm Holy Communion (Norton Chapel)
7:00 pm St. Paul's Choir (Vestry Rm)

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