

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Psalm 122:1

WELCOME! 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 NOTES

English composer C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918) composed this morning's offertory anthem for the coronation of King Edward VII and it has been sung at every English coronation since then. It is traditionally sung during a coronation as the monarch is entering Westminster Abbey, however at its premiere in 1902 the Director of Music misjudged the timing and finished the anthem before the King had even arrived. Fortunately, the organist realized what had happened, did an improvised fanfare literally fit for a king and they repeated the anthem with the king entering the Abbey at the right moment. Parry incorporated the spirit of that 1902 improvisation into the extended introduction composed for the 1911 coronation of King George V. The text of this anthem is based on Psalm 122 and makes references to Jerusalem as both an earthly city and a heavenly one.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

Readers: Nancy Grear, Tim Dewart (8:00)

Dan Magee, Chris Moore, Pat Moran (10:15)

Eucharistic Ministers: Suzy Spencer (8:00);

Erin Glanton, Judy McGrath, Nancy Curtis (10:15)

Crucifer: Dan Wright

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

Ushers: Jennifer Bleecker, Les Kernan, Philip Bleecker

ASL Interpreter: Luane Haggerty (10:15)

Live-Stream Operator: Sonja Slother (10:15)

Before worship, let God speak to you. During worship, speak to God.

After worship, speak to one another.

✠ *indicates to stand as able.*

Cover: Cross and rosette on Altar (illustration by Sonja Slother)

VOLUNTARY

Mäßig schnell and Lied *from* Sonate for Harp
Grace Henshaw, Harpist

Paul Hindemith

At the sound of the Tower Bell, please stand to sing the opening hymn.

✠ HYMN 574

Before Thy Throne, O God

St. Petersburg

✠ OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

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

Robert Powell

(said at 8:00 am; sung at 10:15 am)

**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.**

✠ COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

(A brief silence is kept)

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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

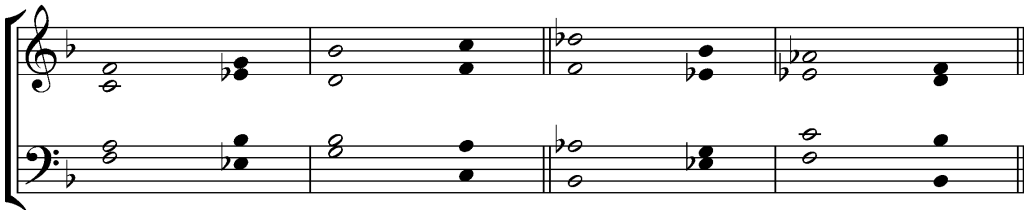
So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the / soul; *
 the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the / innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the / heart; *
 the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the / eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for / ever; *
 the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous alto-/gether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine / gold, *
 sweeter far than honey, than honey in the / comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant en-/lightened, *
 and in keeping them there is great re-/ward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he o-/ffends? *
 cleanse me from my secret / faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get
 dominion / over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great of-/fense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
 your / sight, *
 O LORD, my strength and my re-/deemer.

SECOND LESSON

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

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My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (at 10:15am)

Caribbean

Sung by ALL three times. Twice before the Gospel and once following.



Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - lu - ja! Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ia! Hal - le - lu - ja! Hal - le - lu - ja!

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

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

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

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Jay Burkardt

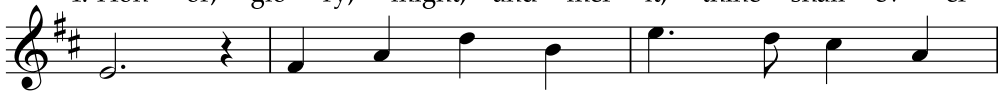
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✠ HYMN

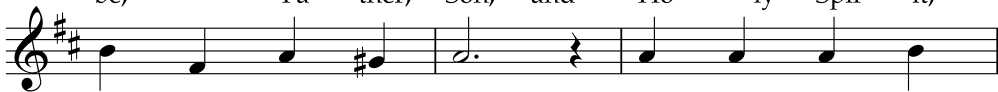
Angel voices



1. An - gel - voic - es, ev - er sing - ing, round thy throne of
 2. Yea, we know that thou re - joic - est o'er each work of
 3. In thy house, great God, we of - fer of thine own to
 4. Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and mer - it, thine shall ev - er



light, an - gel - harps, for - ev - er ring - ing,
 thine; thou didst ears and hands and voic - es
 thee; and for thine ac - cep - tance prof - fer,
 be, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,



rest not day nor night; thou - sands on - ly
 for thy praise de - sign; art - ist's craft and
 in hu - mil - i - ty, hearts and minds and
 bless - ed Trin - i - ty! Of the best that



live to bless thee, and con - fess thee, Lord of might!
 mu - sic's mea - sure for thy pleas - ure all com - bine.
 hands and voic - es, in our choic - est psalm - o - dy.
 thou hast giv - en, earth and heav - en ren - der thee.

✠ 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.

✠ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer is offered for the Church, the Nation and the world, for those who suffer, and for the departed.

Intercessor We pray to the Lord:

People O Christ, hear us.

Additional prayers may be offered, and the Presider adds a concluding collect.

✠ 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 Presider 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

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 ANTHEM

I Was Glad

C. Hubert Parry

I was glad when they said unto me,

We will go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

✠ AT THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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

SUNG AT 10:15 HYMN 705 (stanza 3)

Forest Green

**With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee
to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.**

**O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say / sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*said at 8:00am; sung at 10:15am*)

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo- ry, Ho- san - na in the high - est.
 Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please remain standing or kneel. The Presider continues,

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, your holy child. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Presider: Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation:

We remember Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

People: **And, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

The congregation comes 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

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you

To shine upon you and be gracious

And be gracious unto you.

The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you;

And give you peace, and give you peace. Amen.

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

✠ HYMN 347

Go Forth for God

Litton

✠ BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The children and presider invoke God's blessing and the people respond, Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

March Upon Handel's "Lift Up Your Heads"

A. Guilmant

PRAYER LIST

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

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

In Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Pakistan

In the Diocese Cycle of Prayer: Church of St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene, Rochester

Those for whom our prayers have been requested: Carol, Kevin Ahearn, Wanda, Bertha Simpkins, Lolita Mosley, Jeff, Tom, Bob Potter, Sr., Joyce Crofton, John, Hank Couch, Ned Atwater, Donna Bayley, Paula Zahniser, Amelia Smith, Ella Richard-Dyson, Dean Arvan, 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 loving memory of Francis & Hildegarde Hardy, and B.J. Byrer.

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Sequence: "Angel voices, ever singing." *Author:* Francis Pott (1861) *Tune:* Arthur Sullivan (1872)

Sanctus: *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, 858. Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner; harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)



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Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S

- 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist (Chantry)
- 9:00 am: Sunday Forum (Cadigan Room)
- 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 10:15 am: Holy Eucharist (Church)
- 11:30 am: Choristers' Rehearsal (Church)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Monday, September 30th – Parish Office Closed

- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Staff Development Day
- 7:00 pm: ACA Recovering Survivors Group (Stone Hall)

Tuesday, October 1st

- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm: HLAA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, October 2nd

- 9:00 am: Wednesday Women AA (Stone Hall)
- Noon: Holy Eucharist (Norton Chapel)
- 6:00 pm: Potluck Supper (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm: St. Paul's Choir Practice (Church)
- 8:15 pm: Young & Restless AA (Stone Hall)

Thursday, October 3rd

- 6:00 pm: AA Meeting (Stone Hall)
- 7:00 pm: St. Paul's Bell Choir (Church)
- 8:30 pm: Academy Group AA (Stone Hall)

Saturday, October 5th

- 9:30 am: St. Joe's Sandwich Making (Parish Kitchen)
- 10:00 am: Annual Pet Blessing (Church Lawn)
- 10:30 am: Debtors' Anonymous (Quilt Room)
- 8:00 pm: AA Saturday Group (Stone Hall)

NEWS AND NOTICES

- ❖ Today's **9:00 am Sunday Forum** in the Cadigan Room: *A Great War Broke Out: St. Michael v. Lucifer*. Teeming with symbolism and metaphor, what does the story of the mythic battle teach us about evil today?
- ❖ **Choristers Rehearsal starts TODAY at 11:30 am**. If you have a child who's interested in joining the choristers, please contact John Sherer at jsherer@stpaulsec.org.
- ❖ Our Annual **Pet Blessing** will be held on **SATURDAY** at 10:00 am.
- ❖ **Sock-tober!** Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting **NEW** men's socks and **NEW** men's underwear for St. Joe's House.
- ❖ Join Dr. Anna Wager, Curator of Exhibitions for the UB Art Galleries, for an exploration of the **artwork of Episcopal Nuns** **NEXT SUNDAY** at 11:30 am in the Cadigan Room.
- ❖ Rev. Jay will offer a **presentation on his sabbatical travels** over dessert on Monday, October 7th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- ❖ **Augustine Sobeng**, our Organ Scholar, will play his next doctoral recital on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 pm at Christ Church, Rochester. All are invited!
- ❖ **Sunday 11:30 am Book Group**. *Jesus and the Powers* by N.T. Wright and Michael Bird uses scripture, theology, and church history in a non-partisan approach calls us to discern the nature of Christian witness in the current age. We will meet on Sundays, October 13 (Preface-Ch. 3), 20 (Chaps. 4-5), & 27 (Chaps. 6-8). Please order your own book. Open to all!
- ❖ **On sale beginning today, *Pomp, Pipes and Power***, a new double CD recording by John Sherer playing organ works by Bach, Brewer, Rachmaninov, Vierne, and others on the 142-rank Quimby organ of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. \$20 each.

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