

Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching  
forward to the things which are before, I press on  
toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God  
in Christ Jesus.

**Press  
on**

*Philippians 3:13b-14*

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# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Gathered by the Holy Spirit we worship God,  
and transformed by Christ's love  
we go forth into the world to love and serve with joy.

October 8th, 2017

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

18th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)

7:45 & 10:30am

# WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

Jesus said: *"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."*—Matthew 10:40

Please sign our Guest Book at the church entrance. Thank you for visiting!

The standard Sunday service in an Episcopal church is called Holy Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving." Every week we gather to thank God for the gift of life and for the love God shows us in creating, guiding, and redeeming us. Episcopal worship can sometimes seem very formal. Some newcomers feel self-conscious as they try to sort out when to stand, sit, or kneel. Feel free to watch the congregation and follow along, or ask questions of your neighbor or the ushers. There are cues throughout this worship bulletin to guide you in bold (indicating unison) and *italics*. We've included more specific instructions about Holy Communion in the back of this service booklet. We invite you to watch and listen, whatever faith tradition (if you have one) you come from. There are rich layers of meaning in every phrase, color, gesture and object. As you dive deeper into our service, we pray it becomes even richer and more meaningful for you.



## **CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY EDUCATION OFFERINGS\***

8:45 - 12:00 Nursery (birth - 3 years old) is available downstairs in room B21.

*First time visitors and guests are always welcome!*

All classes meet from 10:30-11:20. Children ages PK-7th grade are welcome to play in the Sports Hall between services 10:00-10:25;

8th-12th Grade Youth may meet in room 202 for "Youth Coffee Hour" from 10:00-10:25 before classes begin.

- Godly Play (PK3-PK4): Downstairs Room B17.
- Godly Play (Kinder-1st Grades): Downstairs Room B16.
- Godly Play (2nd-4th Grades): Downstairs Room B15.
- The Bridge (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grades): Downstairs Room B12.
- St. Paul's Youth (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade): Upstairs Rooms 202-204.

*\*Children and youth are also ALWAYS welcome to attend services and serve as lectors and acolytes. See our staff (back page of bulletin) for more information. See the church announcements for more children and youth activities at St. Paul's.*

*We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence. Thank you for turning off all electronic devices and being attentive to silence before and during worship.*

**Bold indicates unison.**  
\*Indicates People Stand As Able  
*Other instructions in italics.*



# Holy Eucharist

*Text from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE (10:30am)

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (10:30am) ..... **Hymnal (blue) 518**  
**Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

\*COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 (7:45 am) ..... **BCP (red) 356**  
(10:30am) ..... **Hymnal (blue) S 280**

\*SALUTATION AND PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

\*COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*The people sit.*

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 5:1-7 .....Bible (black) 552

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!

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

PSALM 25:1-8 ..... **BCP (red) 614**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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.

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 3:4b-14 .....Bible (black) 954

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:  
circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the  
tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

SEQUENCE ANTHEM..... St. Paul's Choir School

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing ..... Stephan Casurella*  
*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out. But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!*

\*THE GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46 .....Bible (black) 803  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

*The people sit.*

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

\*THE NICENE CREED ..... BCP (red) 358

**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**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Intercessor* God, thank you for your creation; for clear blue skies, for beautiful flowers, soaring trees and quiet streams.

**People** **Your creation inspires us on our journey to greater generosity, O God.**

*Intercessor* God, thank you for the grandeur of creation; for the rugged mountains, expansive oceans and sun-soaked valleys.

**People** **Your creation inspires us on our journey to greater generosity, O God.**

*Intercessor* God, thank you for your abundance; for the rain that flows to your lakes and oceans, providing homes for the fish and water to the fields and orchards that provide sustenance to your people.

**People** **Your abundance empowers us on our journey to greater generosity, O God.**

*Intercessor* God, keep us ever mindful of our need to honor you through the wise stewardship of your creation.

**People** **Be with us on our journey to greater generosity, O God.**

*Intercessor* As you watch over us, help us to help those less fortunate; the homeless, the sick, the children, the aged, and the poor, especially...

David Bradley,  
Kyle Westland,  
Joanna Bruno,  
The family of Pat Hite,  
The family of Michael, Chuck and Star,  
Shelly Costa,  
Susan Litzinger,  
Emily Payne,  
Tory,  
Nate,

Will,  
the Tomassaci, Byford, and Cook families,  
Sally Bailey,  
family and friends of Dalton Olson,  
Danielle Steel,  
Bobbie and Scotty Sires,  
Audrey Barton,  
Meghan and family,  
Bob and Bunny,  
Mary,  
Becky,  
Jim Noren,  
Jerry Lawson,  
Melanie Platt,  
Gary Lampman,  
And Dryw.

**People** **Be with us on our journey to greater generosity, O God.**

*Intercessor* God, inspire the leaders of the nations to stem the tides of war, oppression and greed.

**People** **Be with us on our journey to greater generosity, O God.**

*Intercessor* Each day, challenge us to live up to your vision of generosity, kindness, challenge and forgiveness.

**People** **We commit to this journey to greater generosity, inviting all into our communities of faith, forgiving all who have offended us, and sharing our resources with the church, our community and the world. Amen.**

Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self along, that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people may kneel or stand. Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

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.**

## \*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN ..... Hymnal (blue) 495

**Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus**

All things come of Thee, O Lord;

**And of thine own have we given Thee.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

Eucharistic Prayer B..... BCP (red) 367

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues:* ..... BCP (red) 367  
It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

\*THE SANCTUS.....Hymnal (blue) S 125

*The Presider continues.* ..... BCP (red) 368  
We give thanks to you, O God ...

\*THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION ..... BCP (red) 368

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Presider continues.*.....BCP (red) 369  
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER ..... BCP (red) 364

**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.**

\*THE FRACTION ANTHEM .....Hymnal (blue) S 154

## WE RECEIVE THE GIFT OF GOD

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*The People come forward for Communion at this time (see the next to last page of this bulletin for details about how to receive). All baptized Christians are welcome at Christ's Table. Communion is distributed at the high altar. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you need communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know. Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat. Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink. Or you may leave the bread in your hand for the chalice bearer to dip it in the wine and place on your tongue. To receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free options available upon request at the altar. Prayers for Healing may be offered at the Mary Altar before and after Communion.*

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COMMUNION MUSIC..... Chancel Choir  
*Jesus, All My Gladness*

### THE SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*When Eucharistic Visitors are present, they kneel at the rail as we pray:*

**In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

### \*THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ..... BCP (red) 365

Let us pray. **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.**

### \*CLOSING BLESSING

### \*RECESSIONAL HYMN..... Hymnal (blue) 449

**O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High**

*The people sit.*

### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR A BIRTHDAY ..... BCP (red) 830  
**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR AN ANNIVERSARY  
Gracious God, we lift your servants, \_\_ and \_\_, to you in thanks for your love. Guide them as they grow, and surround them with your grace, that they may walk close to you and to one another always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## WE GO IN THE STRENGTH OF GOD

\*THE DISMISSAL ..... BCP (red) 366  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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*Guest Pianist: Mark Davies*

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COMMUNION AT ST. PAUL'S:

**All baptized Christians are invited to share in Holy Communion.**

We understand Communion as participation in the Body of Christ. As such, it flows from the vows we have made in baptism. It is a weekly reminder and recommitment to continue in regular worship, to repent from evil, to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, to seek and serve Christ in everyone, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

**If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to come to the table for a blessing.** At the rail, cross your arms over your chest as a signal to the priest and you will receive a verbal blessing in the name of Jesus Christ.

**If you are seeking a deeper knowledge of Christ,** please speak to a clergy person after the service. We are here to accompany you on your journey.

**Baptized children,** no matter how young, are also welcome. None of us can fully understand the mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ, even after a lifetime of study, and so we encourage children to participate fully. Periodically we offer workshops for children and their parents on Baptism and Communion.

**In the communion chalice is wine:** the fermented fruit of the vine. It is perfectly acceptable to abstain from the wine and receive the bread only. Your communion is complete in one kind. Please receive the bread in your open outstretched hands; receive the wine by holding the base of the chalice and guiding it to your lips. If you prefer to receive by intinction, simply leave the bread in your outstretched hand and a chalice bearer will dip the bread in the wine for you and place it on your tongue.

**Tell the clergy if you wish to receive gluten-free bread;** we keep a separate chalice for this purpose. We do our best to remain free of gluten contamination in Holy Communion. If you prefer, we invite you to reach out and take the gluten-free wafer from the plate instead of waiting for it to be given to you.



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**SUNDAYS**  
7-45 AM Early bird  
9-00 AM Contemporary  
**10-30 AM formal service**  
Programs for all children  
preschool through 12th  
NURSERY 9-NOON

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

- 7:45am:** Spoken contemplative **HOLY EUCHARIST**: Rite Two, using text from the *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*.
- 9:00am:** Spoken **HOLY EUCHARIST** printed in the bulletin with traditional and contemporary music.
- 10:30am:** Traditional **CHORAL EUCHARIST**: Rite Two, using text from the *BCP* and music from the 1982 Hymnal.
- October 22 @ 5:00pm:** **TAIZÉ PRAYER**

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

- Wednesday @ 6:30am:** **HOLY EUCHARIST**
- Wednesday @ 5:30pm:** **HOLY EUCHARIST**
- Thursday @ 10:00am:** **HOLY EUCHARIST**  
*(Healing Prayer offered on the 1st Thursday of the month)*
- Thursday @ 5:30pm:** **CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

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