Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023

"WHOEVER WELCOMES YOU

WELCOMES ME



WELCOMES MELCOMES ME WELCOMES ME WELCOMES THE ONE WHO SENT ME."

MATTHEW 10:40, NRSV

Mission Statement

We are a worshipping, inquiring and inclusive community united in Jesus' name to change the world.

Welcoming Statement

We invite everyone to join in the communal life of the body of Christ, through participation and leadership in this congregation, and by fully sharing in the life and sacraments of this church. We affirm that each person is a child of God, and that those of every race, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation and gender identity are called to be one with us.

The Entrance Rite

Prelude Amy Maris

Processional Hymn #525 The church's one foundation

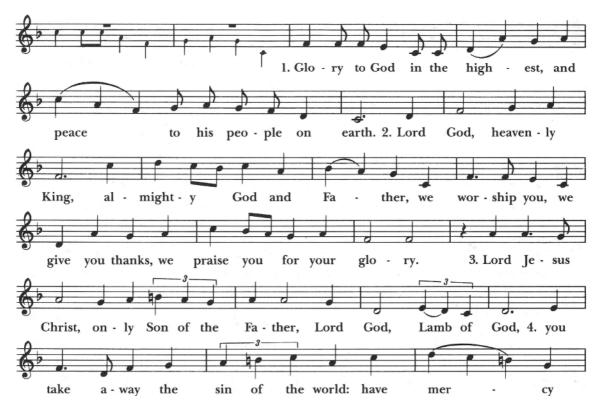
Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

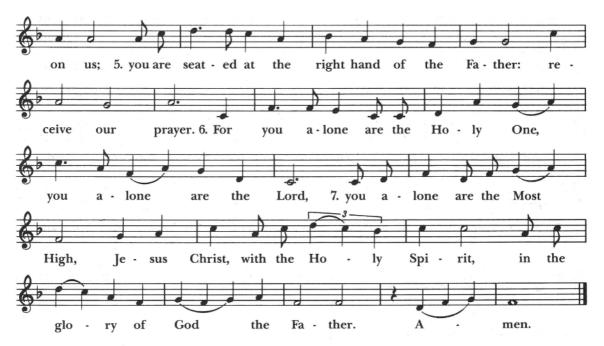
All: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.







Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen

The First Reading

Genesis 18:1-15

¹After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 13

How long, O Lord?
 will you forget me for ever? *
 how long will you hide your face from me?
 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? *
 how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; * give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

⁴Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," * and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

⁵But I put my trust in your mercy; *

my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

⁶ I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; * I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

The Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #444 Blessed be the God of Israel

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Rev. Kathie Galicia

The Nicene Creed

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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 King-

dom 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 worshipped 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

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

The Rite of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Wedding Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. Send, therefore, your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Anniversary of Baptism

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit through the teaching of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was first baptized by John in the Jordan River. Bless this *child* of yours on the anniversary of Baptism, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit may ever remain with *them*,

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

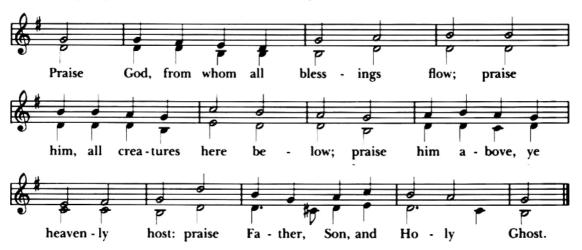
Prayer for the Sick

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servant *N*., that *his* weakness may be banished and *his* strength restored; and that *his* health being renewed, *he* may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For the Election of a Minister

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for St. Paul's, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Hymn #585 Lead on O King eternal



The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 Enriching our Worship

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

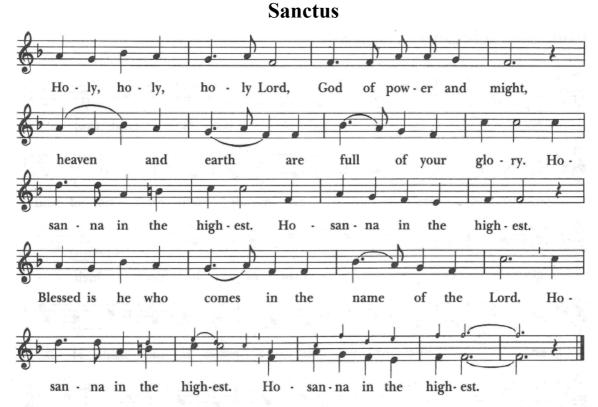
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful thing, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we

would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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**

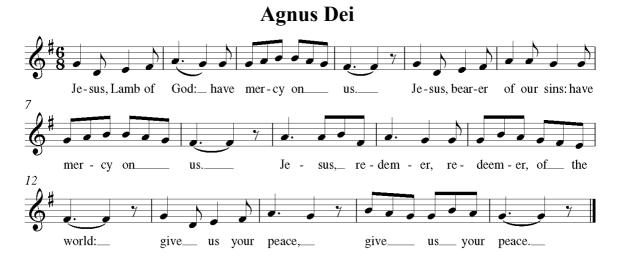
Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

The Lord's Prayer



We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.



Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn #325 Let us break bread together

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior Amen.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The blessing is given.

Recessional Hymn #719 America the Beautiful

Celebrant: Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord and others. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude Amy Maris



The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Stephanie Gilmer in memory of her beloved father.



Prayer and Praise as of 6-16-2023

- Rosalie Carmody needs prayers for healing due to a fall. She also needs prayers for discernment on how she would like to proceed in determining if she is able to stay in her home. Please pray for Rosalie, her family and Judy.
- Praise & Thanksgiving for Judy Teter's loving care of Rosalie.
- Please continue your prayers for our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry for healing, comfort, strength and peace. We have no updates on his condition.
- The people for Ukraine need our prayers for healing and peace.
- Please pray for continued healing and comfort for Vickie Winchester as she continues with physical therapy.
- Praise that Jeni Statzer is improving but please continue to pray for healing and comfort.
- Please pray for Robin Magenot, Deacon George and Paige's daughter for healing comfort and strength.
- Pray for Suzy Cano for healing, comfort and strength.
- Please continue your prayers for Tony Alonzo for peace, love and endurance during this difficult time.
- Please pray for guidance, strength and comfort for Aunt Shirley and Friend Beatriz as they have transitioned to eternal life. Keep Courtney Smith and family in prayer.
- Please continue your prayers for Darla as she was released from the hospital to a new residence in Salida. Pray for peace, comfort and guidance.
- Praise that Rev. Deacon Nancy Key is doing well, please continue prayers for healing.
- Praise that Leslie Littlefield is home, please continue to pray for healing.
- Joan Miller for healing, comfort, strength, courage and peace as she goes through her cancer treatment.

- Christine Judd is now awaiting a decision from USCF, Neurology, as to the next course of action. A cat-scan and blood work is now pending. Please pray for her healing and comfort.
- Continue your prayers for James Hines (Christine Jaynes's Son)
 Pray for healing of his eye issue as treatments continue.
- Please pray for Bonnie Palmer's brother Sam, for healing as he goes through treatment for his heart.
- Please pray for Zach Statzer (Jeni's son) that his treatment will be successful. Pray also for his safe travel to Africa in July.
- Please pray for healing, comfort, strength and guidance for Susan Sell as she faces medical challenges.
- **Praise** that Michael Thorington's surgery was successful. Please pray for continued comfort and healing.
- Continue to pray for Ann Mootz's sister-in-law. Pray for strength to endure what is ahead and for her complete recovery. Also, for peace for her family and friends.
- Please continue to pray for Sharon Andrews' son and daughterin-law as she awaits a transplant. Pray for healing, comfort, guidance and strength
- Please pray for strength and healing for Elaine Paradis.
- Praise that the Munroe's health is improving. Please continue to pray for healing and comfort.
- Continue to pray for relief from pain, healing, strength, courage and patience for Carol Collier.
- Please pray for those who may be alone or struggling in someway.
- Please pray for our Vestry.
- Please continue your prayers for the search committee.
- Please pray for safety for all travelers.

If you have any prayers, praises or updates you would like added, please contact Jeni using the church phone number 209-522-3267.

July Ministry Schedule

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Clergy Homily	Rev. Kathie	Morning Prayer	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn	Rev. Lyn
Acolytes	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T	Nancy S Judy T
Lectors	Claudine R Barbara V	Steph HW Linda L	Sarah H Joyce B	Ann M Christine J	Nancy S Judy T
Intercessor	Judy T	Linda L	Vickie W	Carolyn L	Vickie W
Greeters	Carolyn L Christine J	Ishmael H Claudine R	Phil M Sarah H	David L Christine J	Phil M Ishmael H
Usher	Claudine R			Phil M	
Vestry Rep	Judy T	Linda L	Vickie W	Carolyn L	Vickie W



I would like to thank everyone wno provided salads and cookies for R.J.'s reception. Also, for all the help serving setup and cleanup. I was in a panic when I say all the people, but my church family stepped up to the plate to help. Everyone seemed to have a great time of the plate to help. I would like to thank everyone who protime & I received a compliment on the

variety of salads. I was afraid there was not going to be enough food, but there was. I could not have done this without you. Thank you again.

Judy Teter

If you have any pastoral needs, please contact the church office.



Meetings, News and Needs

Shower Shuttle, they always need underwear and socks! We will also be putting together hygiene kits and need two-blade razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, ex. combs and g-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets

travel Kleenex, combs and q-tips. Clothes soap and dryer sheets are also a big need.

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- So Choir is on vacation for the summer. We will restart in fall.
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- The first Sunday of the month there is a donation box for Interfaith Ministries (Now called The Stanislaus Food Initiative).
- So There will be a clothing donation box for MoPride in the narthex. We will be collecting clothing year around. They are also in need of feminine hygiene products.
- If you are interested in helping with Salvation Army dinners, please contact Linda Lowe.
- Solution Series Series

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- There are still free Covid 19 tests available in the Narthex or in the church office.
- → If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild please contact Elaine Paradis or Toni Clark.
- If you are interested in joining a Wednesday Morning Prayer service or our Book Club contact Judy Thorkelson jthork2404@aol.com



Stewardship Committee Report

The Stewardship Committee met on Sunday, June 11th and started our planning for the upcoming stewardship campaign "Rooted in Abundance." You'll hear more from us in the coming weeks, but for now please put these

two important dates on your calendar:

Sunday, July 30th -- Coffee Hour and discission immediately following the service

Sunday, August 27th --The annual Parish Picnic will be held on the front church lawn immediately following the service. There will be good food and fun games for all ages!



Knit One, Pray Too

has been hard at work cleaning out their closet in the Parish Hall. As a result of all this hard work, there is an abundance of yarn that they would like to have put to use. This yarn

will be available this Sunday and next Sunday out in the Narthex. Stop by and see if you find anything that you might like to knit or crochet into something. Their project this year is hats and scarves for dock workers. Check it out.



On July 13th Zach Statzer will be traveling to Johannesburg, South Africa to spread the gospel to student athletes. He has partnered with Athletes

In Action, a Christian organization, to make disciples in South Africa. Join us in prayer for safe travels and that people would have their hearts and minds open to hearing the gospel in Johannesburg. If you would like to donate to the mission you can do so by writing a check to "Athletes in Action" or by giving at

give.cru.org/1194266. All donations go directly the cost of the mission and are tax deductible. Please keep Zach and all the other missionaries in your prayers.

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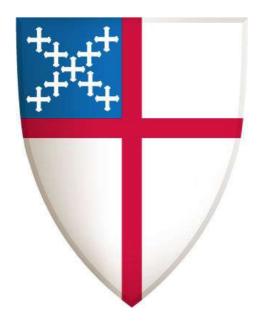
Junior Wardens: Carolyn List & Vickie Winchester

Roberta Bearden, Sarah Hartmann, Carolyn List, Linda Lowe, Chuck Sheaffer,

Nancy Silva, Judy Teter and Vickie Winchester

Treasurer: Stephanie Gilmer (non-vestry)

Vestry Clerk: Carolyn List





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