

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 28, 2026



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.

Prelude

Chuck Sheaffer

Processional Hymn: #594 God of grace and God of glory

In the name of God; Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
Amen.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

The Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Pause

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. **Amen.**

We sit for the first readings

The First Reading – Genesis 22:1-14

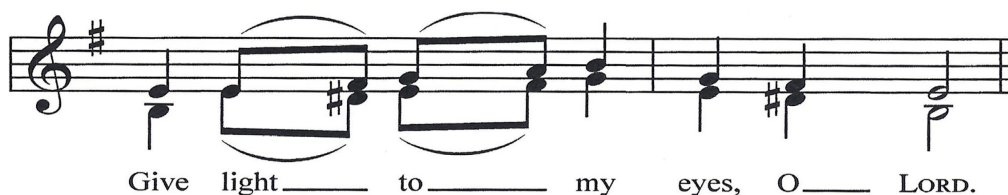
God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his 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. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then 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." Abraham 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. Isaac 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?" Abraham 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. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He 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." And 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. So 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.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 13



- 1 How long, O LORD?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 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;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But 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

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No 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. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do 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? But 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, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I 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.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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The Gradual Hymn – #382 King of glory

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 10:40-42

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever 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; and 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

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon – Fr. Brian Dawson

Following the sermon we spend some time in stillness. The beginning and end of this time is marked by the ringing of the prayer bowl.

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Absolution

Through the light of the Holy Spirit,
through the cross of Jesus the Christ,
through the love of God for us all,
you are forgiven. Be at peace.

Amen.

Blessings and Celebrations

Birthday Prayer

God of joy and celebration, we thank you for the precious gift of life and for the unique journey that each day brings. As this(ese) your servant(s) celebrate(s) another year of life, we pray for your abundant blessings to be upon them. May your grace continue to guide and shape their paths, filling their days with love, purpose, and joy. Amen

Anniversary Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our sides. Bless those whose anniversaries we acknowledge this day. May they remain faithful and loving so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with us all. Amen.

Prayer for Those We Love

Gracious God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you want for us all better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

We are encouraged to share signs of Christ's peace with those around us

Offertory Hymn - #444 Blessed be the God of Israel

The offerings are collected and prayed over, after which Fr Brian prays over the gifts of bread and wine:

Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
They will become for us the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer 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:
shining light and enfolding dark;
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 the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the stewards of your 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 eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

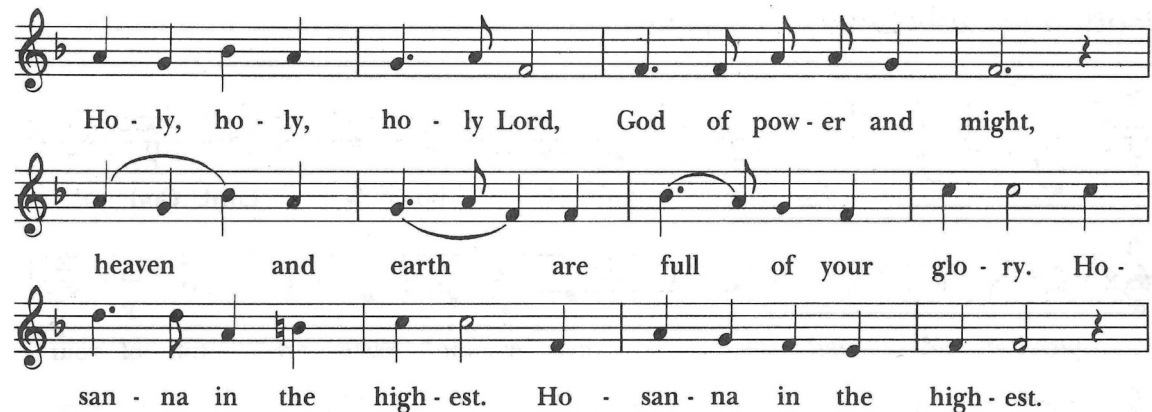
By his wounds, we are healed.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
 for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
 who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
 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, Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the re-
 membrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption,
 and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection
 as we await the day of his coming.**

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, 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 Savior.

Sanctify us also, and 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.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel;
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.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God,
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 sing,

Our Fa-ther who art in hea-ven, Hal-owed be thy Name, Thy king-dom
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea ven. Give us this day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our tres-pas es, As we for-give those who tres pass a-against us,

as we for-give. And lead us not in-to temp-ta-ion, but de-li-ver us from
 e-vil. Thine is the king-dom and the pow-er and the
 glo-ry for ev-er. A-men

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
 mer-cy on us. Je-sus, re-dem-er, re-deem-er, of the
 world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in you hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Come for all things are now ready.

All are welcome at God's table. Please indicate if you would prefer a gluten free wafer and/ or grape juice.

If you would prefer a blessing please place your hands behind your back.

Communion Hymn: #325 Let us break bread together

Extending Our Eucharistic Gathering

A representative of the parish's Eucharistic Visitors comes forward to receive the bread and wine reserved for those who are sick or otherwise unable to join us in person.

In the name of us all at St Paul's Episcopal Church, we send our Eucharistic Visitors forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom they go may share with us in this Holy Communion of Christ's body and blood. May they with whom these gifts are shared remain bound to us, and we to them.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together:

Eternal God,

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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #555 Lead on, O King eternal

Dismissal

Our worship is ended. Our service in the world begins.
Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

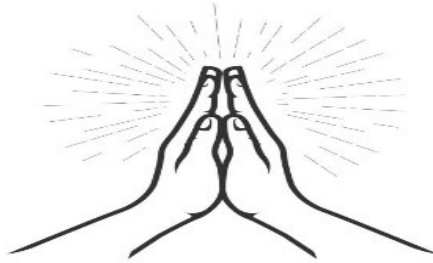
Chuck Sheaffer

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St Paul's Summer Retreat - "Introduction to The Enneagram" - on Saturday July 18 Rev. Debra Brady will lead our summer retreat focused on the Enneagram, a powerful tool grounded in ancient wisdom and woven together with principles and insights of modern psychology. The day runs from 9am-3pm and there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Alternatively, you may contact Fr. Brian for more information.

Vestry Meeting-TODAY-11:30-1 pm

The Vestry will be meeting today after the Coffee Hour in the room across from the kitchen in the Parish Hall. The meeting is open to everyone and includes lunch. Come, get first hand knowledge of the discussion and decisions made on behalf of all our parishioners.



Prayer and Praise

Remember those who have asked for our prayers

Bonnie, Ishmael, Mary, Bob, Howard, Annamary, Judy, Mike, Jose, Hennie, Kevin, Murray, Karen, Ellen, Jim, James, Ivy, Lindsay, Susie, Anita, Roy, Fog, Marlene, Phil, Whitney, Nancy, Mudge, Sharon, Peter, Maureen, Alfred, Clara, Michael, Sally, Kelly, Callium, Mary Anne, Pat, Karen M., Laurence, Kanyon, Clayton, Kevin, Andy, Louisa, Theresa, Cynthia, Brandi

Those who have passed away:

Cherie Sheaffer

Those in the Military:

CPT Sam Birch, USA

CPT Fred Campbell, USAF

MAJ Jenavieve Johnston, USAF

PO1st Class Johnny Olmos, US Coast Guard

SGT Carson Repan, USAF

LTC Nathaniel P. Wallace, USAFR

Leaders and Ministries of St. Paul's:

The Clergy, Vestry & Wardens, Altar Guild



The flowers at the altar today
are given to
The Glory of God by Roberta Bearden
In Memory of Family

COMING UP AT ST PAUL'S

July 18

Summer Retreat

Sanctuary Hosts - Fr Brian is seeking volunteers who would be willing to spend a couple of hours weekly, fortnightly or monthly to keep our church doors open. The vision is to have St Paul's front doors open at least two hours each day during the week, with signage inviting anyone looking for a place of peace and calm to come in and spend some time simply being. If this is something you could help with please talk to Fr Brian and/or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

A Prayer for Those To Whom the Sirens Rush

Dear St Paul's family, for nearly two years now as I've journeyed with you I, like us all, have heard the regular cry of emergency sirens past our doors and every time I pause for a moment and think "someone is having a very bad day." And for a while now I've meant to pen a brief prayer that you and we might like to offer whenever the sirens sound. That prayer is below and while from time to time I may suggest that we pause and pray it together, I invite you as you wish to say it silently when you feel so moved. Fr Brian

Keep watch, O God, over those who face perils and trials this day. Be with our first responders and those to whom they rush. May they for whom the sirens sound know your presence, your constant love and that our prayers are with them. Amen.

June Ministry Schedule

Dates	June 7th	June 14th	June 21st	June 28th
Clergy	Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian Dn Greg	Bp. Greg Fr. Brian	Fr. Brian
Acolytes	Nancy S. (s) Gabe T. (c)	Judy T. (s) Alex S. (c)	Joyce B. (s) Jim P. (c)	Nancy S. (s) Evelyn B. (c)
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Lectors	Stephanie H- W. Judy T.	Alex S. Ann M.	Nancy S. Judy T.	Theresa G. Claudine R.
Interces- sor	Ann M.	Alex S.	Peter K.	Rosanne M.
Ushers	Ann M. Carolyn L.	Linda L. David L.	Carolyn L. David L.	Rosanne M. Claudine R.
Greeters	Ann M. Carolyn L.	Linda L. David L.	Carolyn L. Lynelle H.	Rosanne M. Claudine R.
Vestry Rep.	Ann M.	Alex S.	Peter K.	Rosanne M.
Coffee Hour Host	Theresa & Howard	Tom & Hennie	Bishop Greg Visit & Lunch	Peter K.
Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

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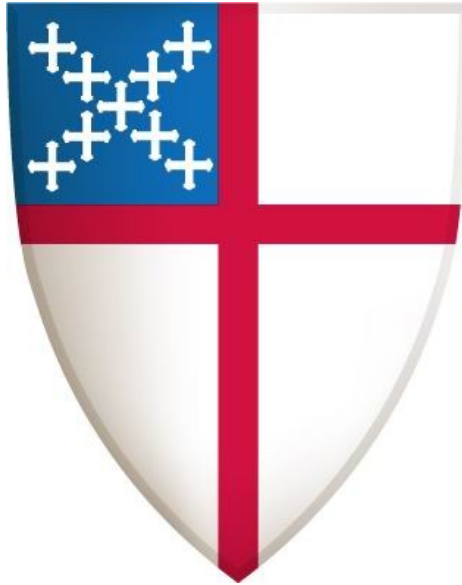
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