

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 8, 2021**

*Open doors. Open hearts. Open hands.  
We will welcome all to live God's mission, teach Christ's love  
and transform our community by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

# The Holy Eucharist

Voluntary

*Prière*

Jean Langlais

Processional

*Glorious things of thee are spoken*

**Hymnal 522**

*Celebrant  
People*

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

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Gloria

Gloria

*Glory be to God*

Lauda anima

Glo - ry be to God in hea - ven, songs of  
Lamb of God, who on you shoul - ders bore the  
You, O Son of God, are ho - ly, you we

7  
joy and peace we bring, thank - ful hearts and voi - ces  
load of this world's sin, on - ly Son of God the  
13  
praise with one ac - cord; none in heav'n or earth is

rais - ing, to cre - a - tion's Lord we sing: Lord, we thank you,  
Fa - ther, you have brought us peace with - in: Lord, have mer - cy,  
like you, on - ly you are Christ the Lord with the Fa - ther,

20  
Lord, we bless you, glo - ry be to God our King.  
Christ, have mer - cy, now your glo - rious reign be - gin.  
and the Spi - rit, ev - er wor - shipped and a - dored.

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people may be seated.*

## **I Kings 19:4-8**

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 34:1-8**

### *Benedicam Dominum*

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him,  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!

## **A Reading from Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another,

tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.

*People*                Thanks be to God.

**Hymn to Announce        *Take my life and let it be*  
the Gospel**

**Hymnal 707**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6:35, 41-51**

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Caleb J. Lee**

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 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**

Celebrant: For all the hungry and thirsty of the world, let us pray to the Lord whose angel gave bread to Elijah, saying Lord have mercy.

For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. For Michael, our presiding bishop, Rob, our bishop, Caleb, our rector, and Richard, our priest associate, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all nations and their leaders, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who grow and harvest food, for travelers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the sick and the dying, the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and their families, and victims of violence and abuse, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our city and every community, and for our families, companions, and all we love, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*To you, O Lord.*

Celebrant: Father in heaven, giver of the bread of life, hear the prayers we offer this day for all those in danger and need and bring your beloved children to your eternal banquet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution*

## **The Peace**

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

*People*              And also with you.



**Anthem***Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluya! Alleluya! touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee,  
That be caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! we will serve thee faithfully.

**Presentation Hymn***Doxology with Alleluias*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP 361

*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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus

Hymnal S125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 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 Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Fraction Anthem**

**Hymnal S152**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## **Communion of the People**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Communion Hymns**

*Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face  
Come down, O Love divine*

**Hymnal 318**

**Hymnal 516**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The people stand or kneel*

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing, to which the congregation responds, "AMEN"*

**Procession**

*O praise ye the Lord!*

**Hymnal 432**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

*Fugue in D, S532*

J. S. Bach

### **Prayer List**

*In our parish*

*People requesting prayer*

Earl Craig  
Fr. John Cawthorne  
Anne Freeling  
Anne Laudati  
Richard Laudati  
Jere Lewis  
Diane Trubia  
William Dennis

William Murphy  
Tammy Pollock  
Lyle Sullivan  
Jim Summey  
Joann Summey  
Pat Baker  
Judy Wilson

Richard O'Rourke  
Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti  
Tammy Tilghman  
Sharon O'Rourke Berry  
Micheal Justice  
Steve Hatch  
Bryce Harrelson

## **A Warm Welcome to Everyone!**

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are new to St. Paul's, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or an usher. Please, come visit us again.

### **Announcements**

The students and staff of Snipes Academy are counting on our generous donations of school supplies to help them get off to a great school year. Let's fill up the tub in the hallway to the parish hall with crayons, pencils, glue sticks, and backpacks to support our neighborhood school.

Students and educators: bring your backpacks and school bags to St. Paul's Blessing of Backpacks on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 10:30 am Eucharist. Let's celebrate the start of a wonderful new school year. Invite neighbors and classmates to attend.

Join us for St. Paul's Family Movie Nights on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. All ages are sure to enjoy Disney Pixar's movie, SOUL. St. Paul's Christian Formation Committee will provide pizza, drinks, and ice cream bars. RSVPs to Cecelia Peers at [ceceliapeers@gmail.com](mailto:ceceliapeers@gmail.com) would be appreciated.

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