

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 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

The Peace May Be Exchanged (from Rubrics)

Dan Locklair

Introit

Christ be with you

Barry Rose

Christ be with you, Christ within you, Christ beside you, Christ before you. Christ beside you, Christ to win you, Christ to comfort and restore you. Christ beneath you, Christ above you, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all who love you, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Processional Hymn 492

Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness

Finnian

*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.

Gloria

Glory be to God

Lauda Anima

Glory be to God in heaven,
songs of joy and peace we bring,
thankful hearts and voices raising,
to creation's Lord we sing:
Lord we thank you, Lord, we bless you,
glory be to God our King.

Lamb of God, who on your shoulders
bore the load of this world's sin,
only Son of God the Father,
you have brought us peace within:
Lord have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
now your glorious reign begin.

You, O Son of God, are holy,
you we praise with one accord;
none in heav'n or earth is like you,
only you are Christ the Lord
with the Father, and the Spirit,
ever worshipped and adored.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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.

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

Deus, in nomine

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name;
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do

not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 508

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Nova Vita

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 9:30-37

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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: Christ calls us to a life of peace and humility. Let us pray for strength to live this baptized life, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For all the baptized people of God, that having been called by our Lord we may gladly wait on those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For all in authority in our nation and church, that they may learn humility, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For all countries at war, that the peace of Christ may come among them. And for all who suffer the ravages of wartime, that they may find comfort and refuge, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: We give thanks for the ministry of Louise Buck, and we pray for all who minister in this and in every Christian community, that they may find strength for their tasks, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For all children, that they may be fed and housed and may grow with self-confidence and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For all in any need, the sick, the suffering, the oppressed; for those who serve others against their own will; and for all who have asked for our prayers, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For all who have died, that as children of God, they have been welcomed into your heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: Receive us, O God, as you received the child in Capernaum, for we yearn for your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: 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.

Announcements

Anthem

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. Robert Hobby

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul praise him for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
Praise to the Lord who o'er all things is wondrously reigning.
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen, all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?
Praise to the Lord who will prosper your work and defend you.
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend you.
Praise to the Lord!
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly for ever adore him.

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.

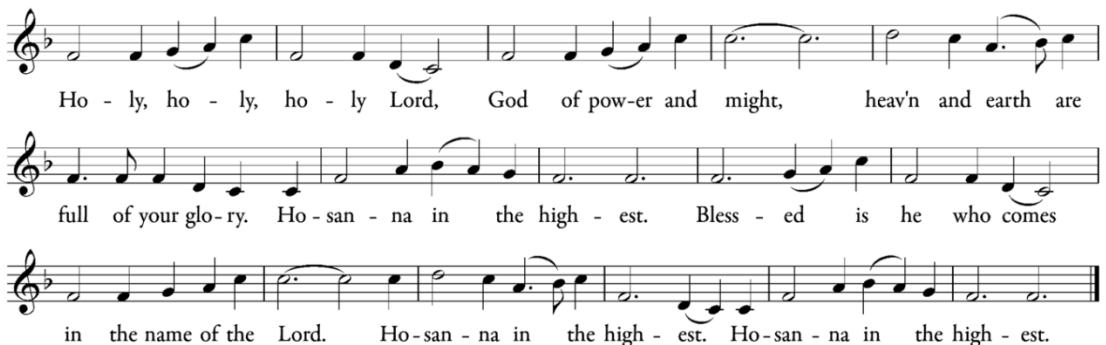
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus

Land of Rest



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 S169

Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. *All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Communion of the People

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Anthem

Just as I am

Arr. Stephen Cleobury

(Anthem text may be found on page 693 in the hymnal)

Communion Hymn 513

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom

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 Hymn 665

All my hope on God is founded

Michael

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Prelude, Fugue, Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude

Prayer List

In our parish

Earl Craig
Fr. John Cawthorne
Anne Laudati
Richard Laudati
Diane Trubia
Judy Farri
Joe Farri

Tammy Pollock
Lyle Sullivan
Jim Summey
Joanne Summey
Pat Baker
William Murphy
William Dennis

People requesting prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti
Tammy Tilghman
Michael Justice
Steve Hatch
Michelle Miller
Iris McDermott

Richard O'Rourke
Sharon O'Rourke Berry
Bryce Harrelson
Stacey Baker Neal
Capt. Samantha Stillwell

A Warm Welcome to Everyone!

Thank you for worshipping 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. Our service is live-streamed on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30. Please subscribe to St. Paul's on YouTube to view live-streamed services and concerts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Source is OPEN!

The Source Gift Shop is open for business. The shop is located just outside the Parish Hall and all profits support special projects at St. Paul's. Look for the mobile store outside the Rectory Garden after the 10:30 AM service.

The Blessing Box Seeks Volunteers

St. Paul's Blessing Box, located on the corner of Princess and 16th streets, is a ministry of our church in partnership with our neighborhood. The Blessing Box provides food items and basic hygiene items to those in our surrounding area who might need them. Items are free and the box is open 24/7. Volunteers are needed to check the Blessing Box on a regular basis to ensure that a consistent level of items is maintained. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to add items as they are able and invited to take items as needed. Donations may be placed directly in the Blessing Box or in the collection receptacle in the hallway. St. Paul's Blessing Box Grocery Store Checklist, which is inserted in the bulletin today, provides guidance on possible donations. If you wish to volunteer or have questions, please contact Bob Swindell, coordinator, at (910) 340-9600 or bob.kayswindell@charter.net.

Deanery Confirmation Service Scheduled for October 3 – CANCELLED

Due to the current realities of COVID-19, diocesan leadership has decided that it is best to cancel the Deanery Confirmation Service that was scheduled for October 3. In anticipation of another bishop visitation in the future, Fr. Caleb is planning to offer a Confirmation and Inquirer's Class. Stay tuned for more information about these opportunities.

Youth Encouraged to Serve as Acolytes and Readers

If you are in the fifth grade or above and you would like to serve as an acolyte or a reader at St. Paul's, we would love to have you. All prospective youth acolytes and readers will be trained. Training is easy. For more information and to sign up, please contact Head Verger, Herb Gant herbgant@gmail.com

Wednesday Eucharists and Light Lunches Return – September 22

St. Paul's will be offering a weekly 12:10 Eucharist on Wednesdays, beginning on September 22. We are planning to offer a light lunch following the service. Lunch will be served in compliance with current COVID restrictions.

Blessing of the Animals – October 10 at 5:00 PM

A Blessing of the Animals service will be held in the church. You heard that correctly... IN THE CHURCH. In addition to your animal friends, the service will include hymns, readings, and the choir. Special treats for humans and animals will be available after in the Rectory Garden

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 21 at 12:10 pm - Eucharist for St. Matthew the Apostle

September 22 at 12:10 pm - Wednesday Eucharist followed by lunch

September 24 at 7:30 pm – Organ Concert – Kyle Ritter, All Soul's, Asheville

September 29 at 5:30 pm – Evensong for the Feast of Michael and All Angels

October 10 at 5:00 pm - Blessing of the Animals

October 15 at 7:30 pm – Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, Silent Film Accompaniment, Dorothy Papadakos - \$10

October 22 at 7:30 pm – Organ Concert, Bradley Hunter Welch, Dallas Symphony Orchestra

October 28 at 6:00 pm – Installation of Fr. Caleb as Rector

Parish Administrator Appointed



Dear St. Paul's Family,

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of April Cook as Parish Administrator at St. Paul's. April has more than 17 years of experience in customer service, sales, and service administration and management. It was clear in conversations with her, including an on-site interview and tour of the campus, that she is very well suited, prepared, and qualified for this important position. I believe that we will be very blessed to have April join our staff. Her first day will be Monday, September 20th.

We remain very grateful for Louise Buck, Interim Parish Administrator, who has been a blessing in so many ways during St. Paul's season of transition. Her smiling face and servant heart have been true assets to St. Paul's right when we needed it. Please join us in honoring Louise today at the 10:30 Choral Eucharist.

Please read the following page for an introduction from April.

Ever,

Caleb+



Hi, I'm April Cook. The past 3 years I have been home raising my tiny humans! Well, I guess they're not so tiny anymore! Isla is 9 and Max just turned 6 and recently started kindergarten. Being a mother and wife is the greatest blessing in my life and I'm thankful my husband Jamie has been able to provide for us so I could be home with our kids. But now they're both in school and it's time for me to put my past experience and knowledge to work as your new Parish Administrator. I couldn't be more excited to start this next chapter.

Prior to staying home with my kids, I worked for a local real estate company and held over 6 titles throughout my 14-year employment. Some of my positions included Marketing Coordinator, Administrative Processor, Agent Services Manager and Relocation Director. When I'm not playing with my kids, packing lunches, making dinner, or chauffeuring them to school and sports, you can find me on the beach seashell hunting with my 2 golden retrievers, Fisher and Captain. I also enjoy baking, event planning, fishing and being with friends and family.

I would love for us to get to know each other so please stop by and introduce yourself!

Thank you,

April

Service Participants

8:00 AM

Celebrant and Preacher - The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Verger and Altar Server – David Tousignant

Lector – Merry Ann Wright

10:30 AM

Celebrant and Preacher - The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

Verger – Jeffrey Hughes

Crucifer - Don Brainard

Altar Server – Carol Field

Gospel Book Bearer – Royster Hedgepeth

Lectors – Sue Sramek, Lynda Miller

Intercessor – Cynthia Smallwood



Thanks to all who joined us this past Saturday for our Rise Against Hunger meal packing event. While we are involved in many important local ministries that fight hunger, Saturday's event connected us to the global fight against hunger. We are grateful for this opportunity to serve alongside each other for the needs of the world.

We give special thanks for Don Brainard who organized this wonderful event of outreach and fellowship for the parish.

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