

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 26, 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**                      *Andante religioso (from Symphony IV)*      Felix Mendelssohn

**Introit**                                      *Christ be with you*                      Barry Rose

Christ be with you, Christ within you, Christ behind 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 435**                      *At the name of Jesus*                      King's Weston

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

People: 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.*

*For the 8 am Service the Gloria can be found in the BCP on page 356.*

**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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.*

## **The First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 19:7-14**

### *Caeli enarrant*

7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

### **The Epistle Reading: James 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 482**     *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy*

Slane

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 9:38-50**

*People*     Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Catherine Powell**

## 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: Gathered in the Spirit of God, let us pray for all the needs of the world.

Intercessor: For Rob our bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. For all bishops, priests, and deacons. For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For abundant fruits of the earth and for this good and bountiful world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For our city and those who live in it and for our families, companions, and all those we love. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all those in desperate need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.



Intercessor: Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Michael and all the angels, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: To you, O Lord.

Celebrant: God of healing and salvation, hear the prayers we offer this day, forgive us our sins, and receive us into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **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***Give Me Jesus*

Arr. Benjamin Harlan

Tori Thomas, mezzo-soprano

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Just before the break of day, give me  
Jesus. And when I come to die, give me Jesus.

**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.

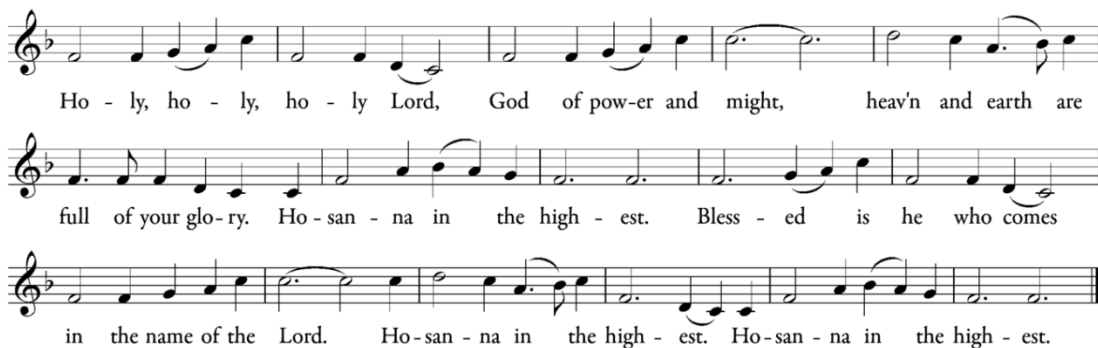
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to  
you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

*Agnus Dei (from Short Mass)*

Adrian Batten

O Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Grant us thy peace.

### Communion Hymn 653

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

Repton

*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 450**      *All hail the power of Jesus' Name!*      Coronation

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*People*    Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**      *Concerto in d minor: Fugue*      Vivaldi-Bach

## **Prayer List**

### *In our parish*

### *People requesting prayer*

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

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **New Online Giving Platform Has Gone Live**

St. Paul's is pleased to announce that we're transitioning to a new online giving solution, Vanco Online, with improved features and functionality to make giving easier. Vanco has a simple and secure checkout process. You can set up recurring donations or offer one-time gifts. This new solution is live on our site and is ready to start accepting donations today. Vanco replaces Tithe.ly.

### **What does this mean to you?**

Please visit the church website at <https://spechurch.com/online-giving/> to access the new online giving solution, set up your account and schedule recurring donations.

Or, you can use this QR code to access Vanco:



Your recurring gifts help maintain the donation consistency that keeps our church programs thriving! Please stop by the church office or call us at (910) 762-4578 if you have questions or need assistance.

### **Why Switch to Vanco?**

Vanco Online has a simple and secure checkout process. You can set up recurring donations or offer one-time gifts that seamlessly transfer to the church's accounting system. Check out [St. Paul's Episcopal Church | Wilmington, NC \(spechurch.com\)](https://spechurch.com) to see all the great things that we accomplish with your contributions.

## **October Adult Faith Formation**

Join Fr. Caleb on Sundays from 9:30-10:15am during the month of October for Adult Sunday School. He will be in the Parish Hall presenting aspects of the Christian faith with the help of movie clips, podcasts, and much more. You can expect to laugh, cry, and most importantly, be refreshed in your faith.

*Sunday, October 3: Habits of the Heart: Prayer with Royster Hedgepeth*

*Sunday, October 10, 17 and 24: Rector's Forum with Rev. Caleb Lee*

## **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. Look for the YELLOW St. Paul's Blessing Box Grocery Store Checklist, on the table outside the entrance to the Parish Hall. If you wish to volunteer or have questions, please contact Bob Swindell, coordinator, at (910) 340-9600 or [bob.kayswindell@charter.net](mailto:bob.kayswindell@charter.net).

## **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

**This Wednesday, September 29 – The Feast of Michael and All Angels**

**12:10 pm** – Eucharist **5:30 pm** – Choral Evensong

**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

### **A Word from the Rector**

I am sorry to miss you this Sunday as I am away with the family for the children's Fall Break. Today, we are blessed to have The Reverend Catherine Powell as Celebrant and Preacher. She is no stranger to St. Paul's, having served in this capacity over the summer. She has been attending St. Paul's for a couple of years and currently serves as the lead teacher of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sunday school class. Did you know that she and I used to work together when I was a campus minister at UNCW? She was rector of Church of the Servant at the time and played a role in my formation as a priest. Small world, I know. It is a blessing to have her among us.

See you next Sunday, Caleb+

## **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. 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.

### **Service Participants**

8:00 AM

**Celebrant and Preacher** - The Reverend Catherine Powell

**Verger and Altar Server** – Herb Gant

**Lector** – Teresa Singer

**Greeter/Usher** – Tom Gerow

10:30 AM

**Celebrant and Preacher** - The Reverend Catherine Powell

**Verger** – Leon Tillery

**Crucifer** – Jeffrey Hughes

**Altar Server** – Chip Carter

**Gospel Book Bearer** – Dot Erway

**Lectors** – Spencer Weig, Cleve Callison

**Intercessor** – David Heath

**Greeters** – Ruth Gates, Midge Silberman

**Ushers** – Lynda Miller, Ron Miller,  
Jeffrey Sackrison, Spencer Weig, Ernest Patrick





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The Rev. Caleb J. Lee, Rector

Ronnie D. Wise, Director of Music and Organist

Richard Rhoads, Assistant Director of Music and Organist

Diane Matz-Kane, Bookkeeper

April Cook, Parish Administrator

### **St. Paul's Vestry**

Layne Dupree

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Joan Rosko Miller

Sally Pope

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Tom Sramek (Jr. Warden)

Rhonda Stroud

Meaghan Thomas

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Judy Wilson, Treasurer

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Votive candle station at St. Paul's. This area of the church, which was historically the Baptistry, is currently dedicated as a place of prayer for all people. This sacred space is sponsored by the Daughters of the King.

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