

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 3, 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

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Gregory Hamilton

Introit

Beautiful Savior

F. Melius Christiansen

Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine!

Processional Hymn

For the beauty of the earth

Dix

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
thy pure sacrifice of love,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

5 For each perfect gift of thine,
to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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: Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

Domine, Dominus noster

- 1 O LORD our Governor,
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him?
 the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels;
 you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands;
 you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen,
 even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O LORD our Governor,
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 625

Ye holy angels bright

Dawall's 148th

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10:2-16

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.”

But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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: Drawing near to the throne of the living God, and to countless angels in festal gathering, with Jesus as our Mediator in whose blood we are washed clean, let us offer our intercession to Almighty God saying
“Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

Intercessor: We pray for the church. That the relationships of church leaders provide examples of faithfulness and understanding to the communities they guide. We pray especially for the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry of St. Paul’s. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Intercessor: We pray for the world. That nations and states find in each other complimentary and shared visions of humanity, together overcoming adversity and hatred. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Intercessor: We pray for those who suffer abuse, neglect, or senseless pain, that they may encounter God's loving presence in their lives. We pray for all who are sick; especially those in our parish prayers, all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and all who suffer from the coronavirus. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Intercessor: We pray for our relationships. That we may nurture the image of God in each other. We also pray that all who are lonely or in a troubled relationship, marriage, or partnership may find comfort in the Christian community. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, especially Caroline Zimmel, Ian Bonnet, and Tom Lippard. That they may rest in the presence of God, sharing in the eternal banquet with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Celebrant: In the presence of the angels, O Lord, we sing your praises. Receive the prayers we offer, and answer as may be best for us, and as you know us and love us in Christ Jesus 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

Offertory Anthem

Jubilate in C Major

Charles Stanford

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. Today's undesignated offerings will go toward The Rector's Discretionary Fund.

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 B)

BCP 367

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.

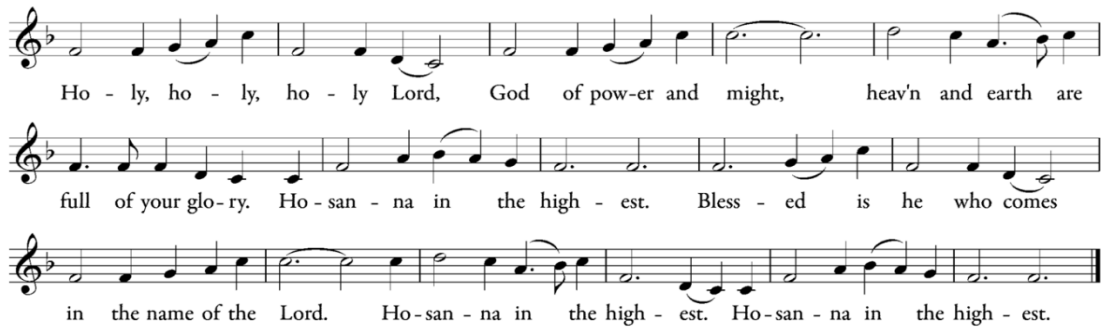
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. *1 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

Blessed Word of God Incarnate

R. L. De Pearsall

Blessed Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born. On the cross thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water, streaming from thy pierced side, feed us with thy body broken, now and in death's agony. Jesu, hear us, Jesu, spare us. Grant us mercy, gracious Lord. Jesu, blessed Son of Mary, grant us mercy, gracious Lord.

Communion Hymn 339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness* Schmücke dich

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 494 *Crown him with many crowns* Diademata

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *Final (Sym. 1)* Louis Vierne

Prayer List

In our parish

Earl Craig	Tammy Pollock
Fr. John Cawthorne	Lyle Sullivan
Anne Laudati	Jim Summey
Richard Laudati	Joanne Summey
Diane Trubia	Pat Baker
Judy Farri	William Murphy
Joe Farri	William Dennis
Ed Ablard	

People requesting prayer

Tracy Calhoun Sorrenti	Bryce Harrelson
Tammy Tilghman	Stacey Baker Neal
Michael Justice	Capt. Samantha Stillwell
Steve Hatch	
Michelle Miller	
Iris McDermott	
Richard O'Rourke	
Sharon O'Rourke Berry	

For the departed: Caroline Zimmel, Ian Bonnet, Tom Lippard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

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

Blessing of the Animals – Next Sunday, October 10th 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 outside following the service. SNOWIE BUS will be in the parking lot near the Rectory Garden to serve icy treats, courtesy of St. Paul's. Snowie Bus has 36 flavors, including 6 sugar free options. Monetary donations will be collected to benefit the New Hanover County Humane Society. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's and earmarked for NHC Humane Society.

From the Archives: A Church Walk

Tours are back starting Sunday, October 3rd!

For Newcomers, it's a chance to see where things are. For Visitors, it's a bit of architectural and church history. Everyone's welcome!

We'll start the tours immediately following the 10:30 service. Meet in the back of the church. Tours take 30-45 minutes.

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.

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.

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- October 10 at 5:00 pm** – Blessing of the Animals
October 16 at 7:30 pm – Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde, Silent Film Accompaniment,
Dorothy Papadakos - \$10
October 18 at 12:10 pm – The Feast of Saint Luke
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

*The People of
St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

are pleased to invite you to a

Celebration of their New Ministry

with

The Reverend Caleb J. Lee

*whom the Right Reverend Robert S. Skirving
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina
will institute as Rector*

*on the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude
Thursday, the twenty-eighth of October
two thousand and twenty-one
at six o'clock in the evening*

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Your prayers are requested

Clergy – Choir Dress, Red Stoles

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.

Service Participants

8:00 AM

Celebrant and Preacher - The Reverend Caleb J. Lee
Verger and Altar Server – David Tousignant
Lector – Joan Rosko Miller
Greeter/Usher – Angela Green

10:30 AM

Celebrant and Preacher - The Reverend Caleb J. Lee
Verger – Herb Gant
Crucifer – Cheryl Wagoner
Altar Server – Leon Tillery
Gospel Book Bearer – Carolyn Demorest
Lectors – Lindsay Joines, Kathryn Hedgepeth
Intercessor – Marie Ashworth
Greeters – Cynthia Smallwood, Jeanne Criscuolo
Ushers – Shannon Rowe, Dick Rowe,
Jane Harkness, Kenny Harkness, Bill Waterford



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