



HOLY EUCHARIST
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026 • 10:00am

Welcome to St. Paul's! We are grateful for your presence in worship and look forward to welcoming you into this life we share through the love of Jesus Christ! Please don't forget to silence your devices as our worship service begins.

Families are welcome to sit anywhere they would like, including our dedicated children's area in the Chapel, which features self-directed activities and books. Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall on the Occidental Avenue side of the church campus. Our worship service is live-streamed on St. Paul's YouTube Channel, where we welcome online friends to pray with us.

All are warmly invited to participate in Holy Communion at St. Paul's. If you prefer not to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest as the Eucharistic Minister greets you saying, "the Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." Thank you for sharing the light of your presence with our community! May God's presence be very near to you in this holy season!

Prelude

July (Das Jahr), Fanny Hensel (1805-1847)

All stand to sing stanzas 1, 4, 5 & 6

Processional Hymn 9

"Not here for high and lowly things," Morning Song

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.**

All sing
Song of Praise

Glory to you, John Rutter (b. 1945)

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord

God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of

depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____

you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

Genesis 29:15-28

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife

that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

After the reading, the reader says

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

The Saint Helena Psalter

**We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; *
we make known your deeds among the peoples.**

**We sing to you, we sing your praise *
and speak of all your marvelous works.**

**We glory in your holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.**

**We search for you and your strength; *
we continue to seek your face.**

**We remember the marvels you have done, *
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth,**

**We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, *
we, the children of Jacob, your chosen.**

**You are our God indeed; *
your judgments prevail in all the world.**

**You have always been mindful of your covenant, *
the promise you made for a thousand generations:**

**The covenant you made with Abraham, *
the oath that you swore to Isaac,**

**Which you established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**

**Saying, "To them will I give the land of Canaan *
to be their allotted inheritance."
Alleluia!**

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Rome.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up

for all things for us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will Hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

After the reading, the reader says

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Gospel Alleluia

A Centennial Mass, Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

Organ *All sing*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed.

All sing Alleluias following the organ introduction.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable:

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding

one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

All stand.

The Nicene Creed

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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.

The Prayers of The People

The Book of Common Prayer, Form IV, p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania in the Anglican prayer cycle, and for St. James', Fremont; St. James, San Francisco; Santiago/St. James', Oakland; and St. Anne's Femont in the Diocesan prayer cycle.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for John & Gitti Anderson, The Brabec Family, Diane and Peter Carey, Sally C., Renato Floresca, Rodney Gehrke, LaDeana H., Michael Kimball, Matt Leum, Sonny Liu, Carolyn Mulliken, Jen Norman, Jim Prescott, Ricky Sanner, Craig Tam, and Carrie Vanden Boom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Confession and Absolution

Silence may be kept. Minister and People say

**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, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Give us grace, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

Quartet: Sydney Kropf, Marian Chin, Cornelia Ding, Louisa Gillett

*Give us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray, As to deserve to be heard this and ev'ry day
To address Thee with our hearts as we sing this with our lips,
Give us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray.*

Thou art ev'rywhere present, from Thee no secret can be hid.
May the knowledge of this teach us to fix our thoughts on Thee.
With rev'rence and devotion that we pray not in vain.
Give us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray . . .

Give us a thankful sense Of the blessings in which we live,
And of the many, many comforts of our lot;
That we may not deserve to lose them by discontent or indifference. This we pray.
Give us grace, Almighty Father, so to pray . . .

~ Words based on “On each return of the night,”
a prayer by Jane Austen (1775-1817)

All stand to sing

Presentation Hymn 711

“Seek ye first the kingdom of God,” *Seek ye first*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 361

Celebrant *People*

The _____ Lord be _____ with _____ you. And _____ al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift _____ up your _____ hearts. _____ 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 indeed right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

All sing

Sanctus

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer as the people join in sacramental witness, speaking to the mystery of God's saving grace.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's life, 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please participate as you feel most comfortable, by receiving 1) a prayer of blessing; 2) consecrated bread or wine; 3) the bread and a blessing; 4) the bread and a sip from the chalice.

Communion Anthem

Cantabo Domino, Alessandro Grandi (1590-1630)

Cornelia Ding, soloist

*Cantabo Domino in vita mea. Alleluia.
Psallam Deo meo quam diu fuero.
Jucundum sit ei eloquium meum;
ego vero delectabor in Domino. Alleluia.*

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. Alleluia.
I will praise my God for as long as I have being.
May my voice be pleasing to Him;
truly, I shall delight in the Lord. Alleluia.

All stand to say

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 365

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 Blessing

All sing

Hymn 594

“God of grace and God of glory,” *Cwm Rhondda*

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Improvisation on “Cwm Rhondda,” Paul Manz (1919-2009)

The people are seated after the procession through the postlude.

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