



# *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

## **The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 19, 2023**

**10:30 am**

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*Welcome to St. Paul's! We are so happy you are with us today. If you are new or visiting, please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate so we can welcome you personally.*

*This service is live-streamed on Facebook. If you have privacy concerns, please be aware that the front half of the church may be visible online.*

**Prelude**      *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*      Jacob B. Weber (1988-)

**The Hymnal 1982 #290**      *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

### **Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*      **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

Glo-ry to God in the high-est,—  
 — and peace to his peo-ple on earth.—— Lord God,  
 heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther,—— we wor-ship  
 you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.——  
 Fa-ther,——  
 Lord Je-sus Christ,—— on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world:—— have mer-cy on us;—— you are seat-ed at the right  
 hand of the Fa-ther:—— re-ceive our prayer.—— For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,—— you a-lone are the  
 Lord,—— you a-lone are the Most High,  
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,——  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.——

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*The people sit for the readings.*

## **First Lesson**

**Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

A Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah:

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 90: 1-8, 12**

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*The Cantor and Choir sing,*

- 1 O God, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Go back, O child of earth.”
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream;  
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure;  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you.  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 12 So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

## **The Epistle**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians:

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as they are able.*

**The Hymnal 1982 #705**

*As Those Of Old Their First Fruits Brought*

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.

Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*After the sermon, all stand as they are able and say,*

## **The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us turn to God in prayer.

Eternal God, We acknowledge you as the source of all we have and all we are. We pray that we will make stewardship a way of Life. God of abundance, **hear us and help us.**

Help us make your priorities our priorities and to put our faith into action. Help us plan to give back the talents, treasures and time that you given to us. God of abundance, **hear us and help us.**

Help us to hear your call to be good stewards, caretakers, and managers of all your gifts, by sharing them for your purposes. God of abundance, **hear us and help us.**

Help us to place you, our loving Creator, as the first priority in our lives, by becoming more prayerful, more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things. God of abundance, **hear us and help us.**

Help us use your gifts to serve our church, our community, and our world. God of abundance, **hear us and help us.**

Help us remember and care for all who have asked for our prayers, especially [those parishioners on our prayer list] and those we name now silently or aloud (*pause, during which the people may offer names and concerns*). God of abundance, **hear us and help us.**

Help us honor the gifts of all who have gone before, especially those we name now, silently or aloud (*pause, during which the people may offer names*). God of abundance, **hear us and help us.**

*The Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*            The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*                **And also with you.**



## Announcements

**The Offertory** *Now Thank We All Our God*

Kevin Hildebrand (1973-)

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**Doxology** *all stand & sing,*

*Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #34*

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

*Eucharistic Prayer D*

*Sursum corda, The Hymnal 1982 # S-120*

*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 our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant,*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**Sanctus**    🔔 🔔 🔔

*Sanctus, The Hymnal 1982 #S -125*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues,*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. 🔔

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, while at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to them, 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." 🔔 🔔 🔔

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People,*     **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues,*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



*The Hymnal 1982 #S-147*

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

**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

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

*The Celebrant breaks the Bread, as the Cantor and Choir sing,*

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.  
The bread which we break, Alleluia,  
is the communion of the Body of Christ.  
One body are we, Alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread.

*Everyone is invited to Holy Communion. Gluten free bread is available. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread or the wine, please cross your hands over your chest. During cold and flu season, we highly recommend using the hand sanitizer in the pews.*

## Communion Music

*After Communion, the Celebrant prays,*

O Lord Jesus Christ, in this wonderful Sacrament you have given us a memorial of your Passion: be with those who are worshipping with us online, that as they meditate upon the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood they may perceive within themselves the fruit of your redemption and be nourished by your holy presence in their lives. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant and People pray,*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are Being Sent,*

**Celebrant:** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People:** **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

**The Hymnal 1982 #397**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*The Celebrant blesses the people and departs, saying,*

**Celebrant** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Postlude** *Now Thank We All Our God* Georg F. Kaufman (1679-1735)

*If you depart during the postlude, please do so quietly so others may listen or pray.*

## *Worship Ministers*

*The Rev. Jadon Hartsuff, Celebrant*

*Julie Baglien, Organist, Jeff Wilkinson, Choir Director*

*Pat Reynolds, 1<sup>st</sup> Reader; Natalie Magnusson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader & LEM*

*Melaina Magnusson, Intercessor, LEM & Acolyte; Zoë Magnusson, Acolyte*

*Bob Duke & Kyle King, Ushers*

## *Dedications*

- ❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of Barbara Lock by Cheryl Gumper; and TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of Charles & Luella Willcock and Charles & June McKinnon by Sally McKinnon.
- ❖ THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK to the Glory of God and IN LOVING MEMORY of my wife Robin and her birthday November 20th by Bill Boody.

## *Announcements*

- The funeral for St. Paul's parishioner Barbara Lock will take place here at St. Paul's **tomorrow, on Monday, November 20, 2023**, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon in Holy Spirit Hall. All are warmly invited to attend.
- **Please join us for a Thanksgiving Eucharist this Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15 pm.** Note: There is no 10:30 am Bible Study that day.
- **We invite all to come to The Feast of St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p m!** We will start with an Ingathering Evensong in the church, followed by a hymn and carol sing and potluck dinner in Holy Spirit Hall. Please sign-up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.
- **Our first ECW Bingo night will be Wednesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm** in Holy Spirit Hall. Invite your friends and family for a fun filled night! Flyers with more info and sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.
- **ECW nuts are in!** Pick up yours in Holy Spirit Hall. There are some extra bags available for purchase, you can contact the church office or check with Romelle Frey (517) 414-3768 for details.

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