Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS'

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

Welcome to Saint Paul's Church

Whatever brings you here, and whoever you are,
we are glad you are here!

Worshipping at St. Paul's

St. Paul's is an Episcopal Church and uses liturgy or language for worship from *The Book of Common Prayer,* as well as a variety of resources. All the words and music needed for today's service are found in this bulletin. There are helpful tips on when to stand and sit; however, do what feels most comfortable for you throughout the service.

New to St. Paul's?

Let us know by filling out a **Welcome Card** located in the pew rack or on the website, and we will connect with you. We also have a Welcome Table you can visit following the service in the Gathering Space of the Parish House. A host will be at the table throughout coffee hour, which is an opportunity immediately following the service to share refreshments with our members and visitors here today. Those interested in a brief introduction to the Story of St. Paul's are invited to gather at the baptismal font following the service.

Families and Children During Worship

Young ones need to be able to see and experience worship. Our ushers are happy to direct you to our **Family Space** at the front of the church where you will find picture books, paper and crayons, and small hand-held toys. We also have **Worship Bags** as you enter the church that contain **Children's Bulletins**, paper and crayons. During the **Gospel Procession**, children and families are encouraged to participate, and Children's Chapel follows. Kids will leave with our staff to participate in their own time of prayer and fellowship. They will return after the sermon during the Peace.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Parish House.
You are welcome to use the bathroom that best aligns with your gender identity.

Nursery

The nursery is open from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is a child-size restroom and a changing table available as well as the ability to hear service.

Contact the Clergy

The St. Paul's clergy are available to support you. On most Sundays a member of the clergy is available to pray with you during Communion at the station to the left of the altar railing. If you are going through a life transition, have an emergency, or are in need of pastoral care for any other reason, please call (804) 643-3589.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Please note this service is live streamed.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565 — Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn

Text: William Walsham How (1823-1897)
Music: *Sine Nomine,* Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958); desc. Paul Halley (b. 1952)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

————THE LITURGY OF THE WORD————

The First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

> "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

> "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
> and thanksgiving and honor
> and power and might
> be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Silence is observed.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *Benedicam Dominum* *setting: St. Martin's Psalter*

The Antiphon is first sung by the choir then sung by all, verses are sung by the choir, with the antiphon repeated where indicated.

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror. ***Antiphon***

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him! ***Antiphon***

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him. ***Antiphon***

The Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

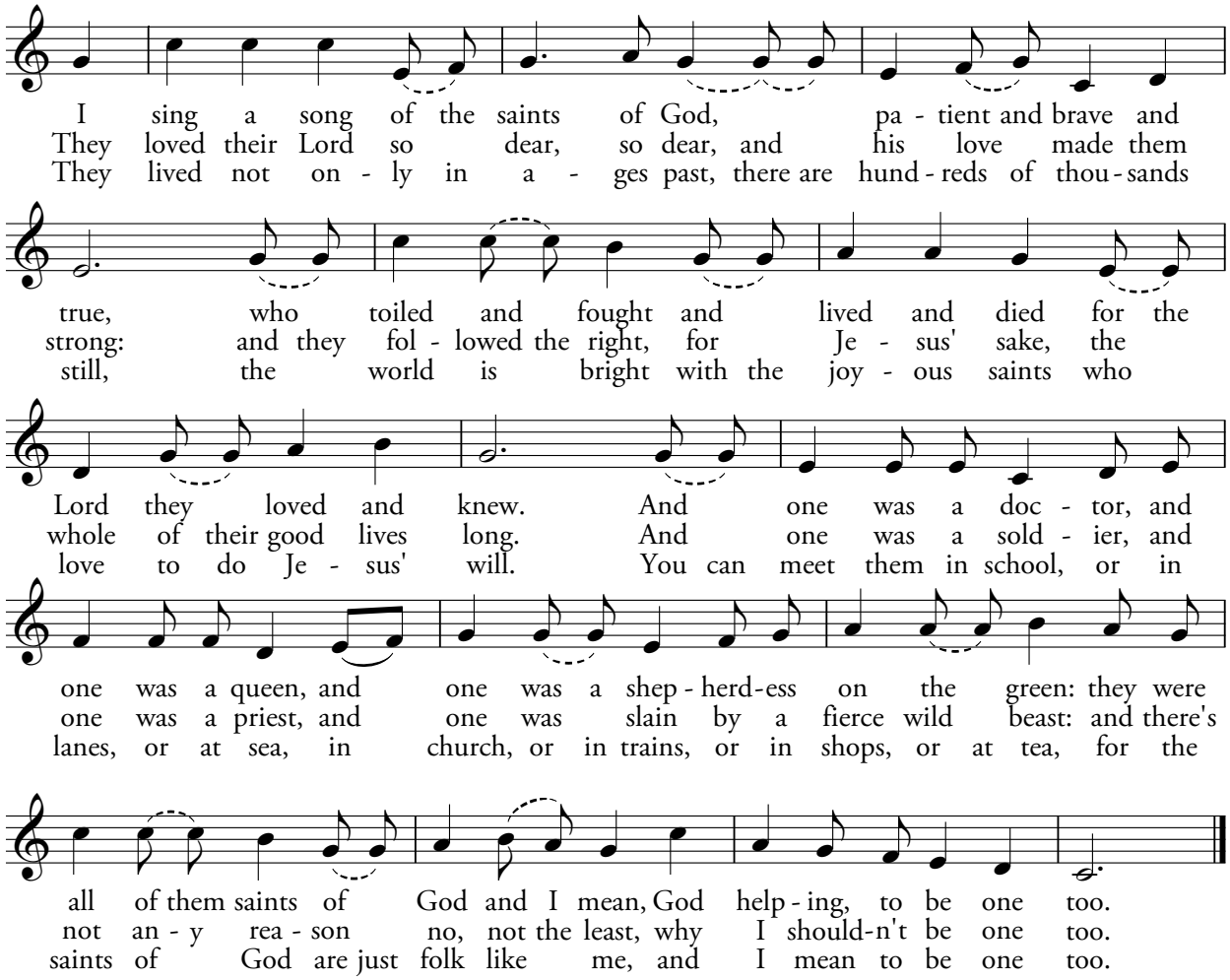
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Silence is observed.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

All are invited to participate in the Gospel procession, especially children. Simply follow the Gospel book around the church and stay in place for the Gospel reading. After the reading, the children are invited to attend Children's Chapel. They will return to the church at the Peace.



Text: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt.
Music: *Grand Isle,* John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945)

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

THE SERMON — The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Community Engagement*

Silence for reflection is observed.

BLESSING OF THE ST. PETCA GUILD KNEELERS

The Guild of St. Petca is grateful to Maria Everett, True Patchell, and Judy Winston for their work in stitching these beautiful canvases.

Today we dedicate these needlepoint kneelers to the glory of God and in memory of:

- Barbara Ellison Davis - given by Cindy and David Wofford and Joni and Mark Dray
- The Rev'd Charles Clinton Caskey - given by Marti and True Patchell
- Philip August Huss - given by his family

and to honor:

- Laura and Dabney Carr - given by a group of friends
- Selma Thompson - given by Bryn Davis, Barbara Holley, and Maria Everett
- The Rev'd Andie Rohrs and the Pastoral Care Committee - given by Judy Winston

Presider Let us pray. O glorious God, all your works proclaim your perfect beauty: Accept our offerings of these kneelers, and grant that they may adorn this sanctuary and show forth your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

————THE HOLY BAPTISM————

Ottilie Mariel Johnson, daughter of Jenny Brennan and Andrew Johnson
Grace Christopher Yates, daughter of Macon and Charles Yates

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Presider The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Sponsors I renounce them.

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Sponsors I do.

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Sponsors I do.

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Sponsors I do.

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?
People **We will.**

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ
and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

The people stand.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect,
sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you cherish the wondrous works of God,
and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Deacon Let us now pray for these persons, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

For Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

For Anointing with Chrism

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Receiving the baptismal candle

N., receive the light of Christ and take it into the world.

Following the Baptism, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Heavenly God we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Welcoming of the Newly Baptized

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

————THE HOLY COMMUNION————

Anthem at the Offertory

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are those who make peace, for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Text: Matthew 5:8-10
Music: Gerald Near (b. 1942)

The vibrant ministries, creative worship, and faithful witness of St. Paul's are made possible by the generous commitment of our congregation. Our community extends beyond our city through our expansive mission programming and inclusive online presence. As our community has grown, we have developed innovative engagement opportunities to extend fellowship and hospitality to meet the needs of our congregation. Regardless of how you join us this morning, all are invited to use the QR to offer a gift to support our vital ministries.

Liturgy of Candle Lighting

Following the offertory anthem and presentation of the gifts, you are invited to move to one the candle lighting stations. You may light a single candle, remembering and/or saying the names of your deceased loved ones.

Solo during the Candle Lighting

Pie Jesu Domine,	Pious Lord Jesus,
Dona eis requiem.	Give them rest.
Dona eis requiem sempiternam.	Give them everlasting rest.

Text: hymn from the *Dies Irae* sequence, Requiem Mass
Music: Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

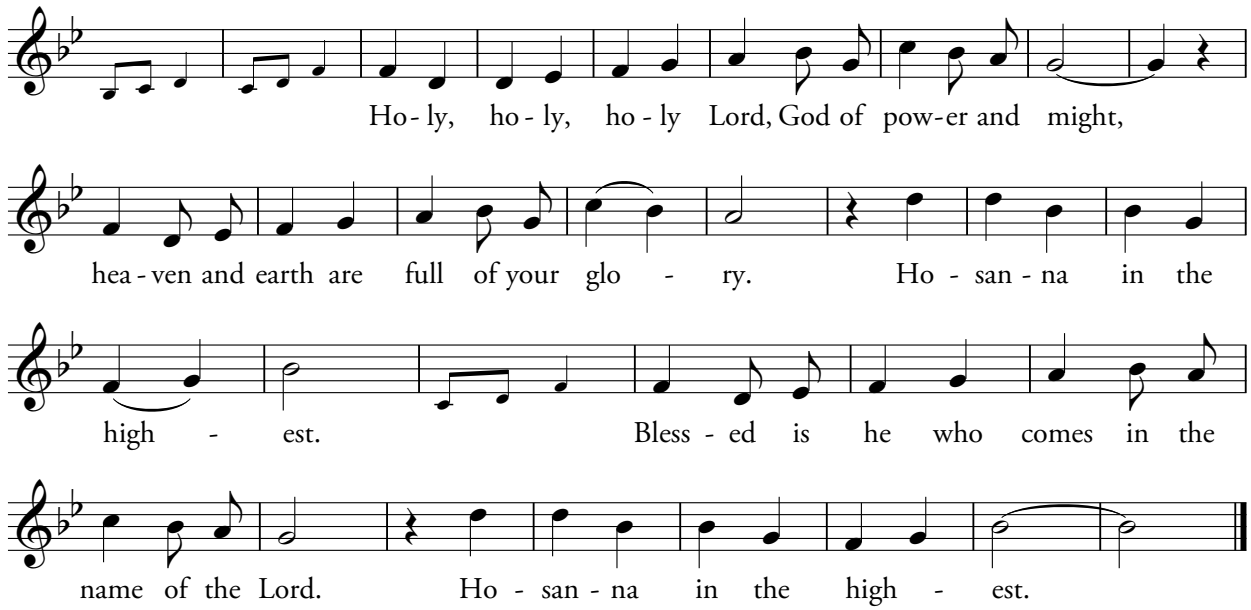
The Presider continues

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

For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses. Today, we especially remember those members of the St. Paul's family who have died during the last year, *N.,* and those we name now *(please add additional names at this time)*. May we rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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 and Benedictus



Text: Mass Ordinary, Fifth century
Music: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

The people stand or kneel as the Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 your command, O God,

Presider and people

We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you,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 Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider continues

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

The people and Presider say together

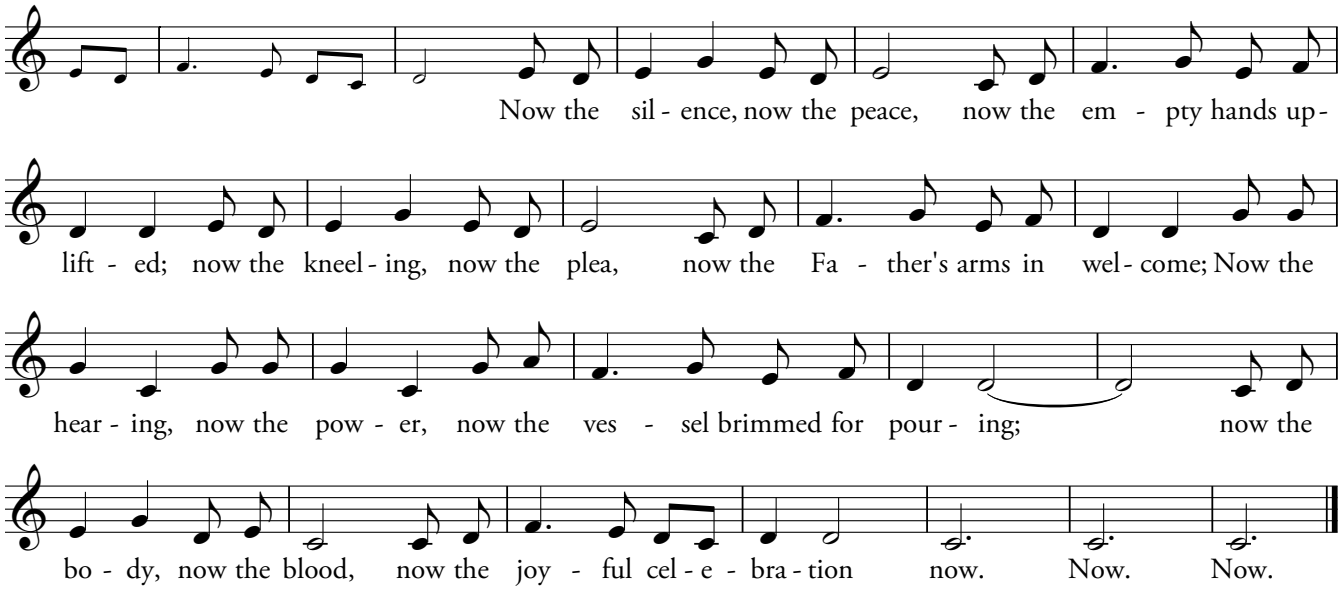
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the bread followed by silence.

Fraction Anthem



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Music: Charles T. Dupree (b. 1969); commissioned by the 2022 Richmond Conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians

The Invitation to the Table and Holy Communion

All are welcome at God's table. An usher will signal when you may go forward. All are invited to the altar rail to receive the sacraments (bread and wine) or a blessing. Bread will be placed in your hand by the priest. If you choose to receive the wine, the preferred (and most sanitary) way is by drinking from the common cup, guiding it by the base to your lips. While our preference is to keep fingers OUT of the chalice, if you plan to intinct, please use hand sanitizer before coming to the altar rail. Hand sanitizers are located on the tables in the front and back of the church.

Anthem

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

O don't you want to go to that Gospel feast?
That promise land where all is peace?

Text: Traditional Spiritual
Music: Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

Solo

Sicilienne, *Op. 78* Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Hymn

Text: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)
Music: *Hanson Place,* Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

The people stand.

Deacon In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth to share communion with *N.*, who cannot be present at this table.

People **We who are many are one because we all share one bread and one cup. Our prayers are with you. Go in peace.**

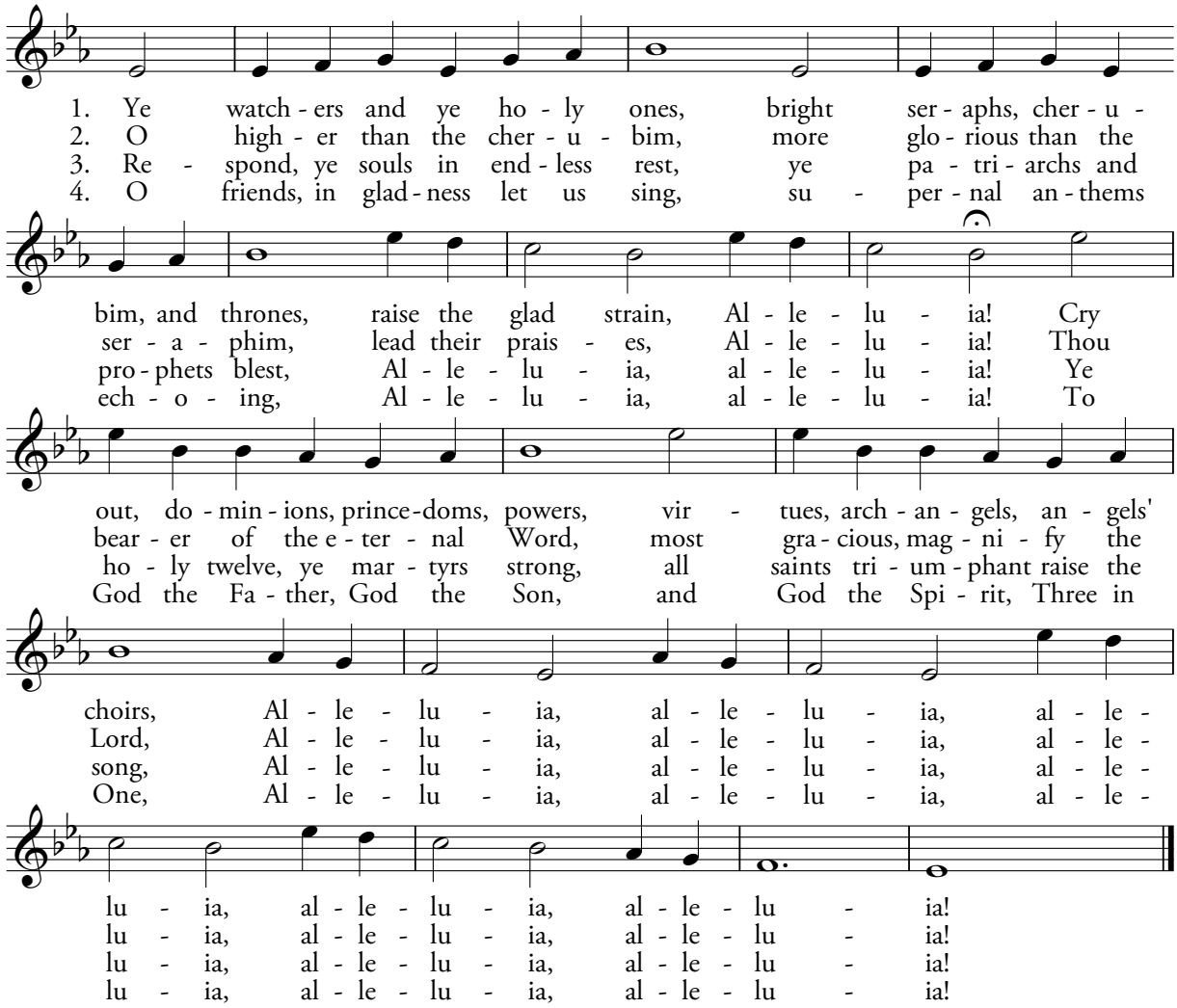
The Postcommunion Prayer

The people say together.

Remember us, and all the faithful, when you come into your kingdom, O Lord. As you have fed us with holy food and drink, send us into the world to live as your holy people, until we come to the full vision of your glory, for you are Lord, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn



Text: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)
Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen,* melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng,* 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Organ Voluntary

Sine Nomine — Arthur Hutchings (1906-1989)

The altar flowers are given in memory of James E. West, Margaret O'Neil West, Josephine O'Neil Gregory, and Essie L. Crone.

St. Paul's Clergy

The Rev'd Charles Dupree, D.Min., *Rector*
The Rev'd Gwynn Crichton, *Associate Rector for Community Engagement*
The Rev'd Andie W. Rohrs, *Associate for Pastoral Care*

Affiliated Clergy

The Rt. Rev'd E. Mark Stevenson, *Bishop Diocesan*
The Rt. Rev'd Gayle E. Harris, *Assistant Bishop*
The Rt. Rev'd Mark A. Bourlakas, *Assistant Bishop*
The Rev'd Benjamin P. Campbell, *Pastoral Associate*
The Rev'd Rainey G. Dankel, *Pastoral Associate*
The Rev'd Deacon Florian Jones-Stamm, *Deacon*

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Musicians

Christopher Reynolds, D.M.A., *Director of Music and Organist*
Crystal Jonkman, *Music Associate*
The Saint Paul's Choir
William Rohrs, *Violist*

Lectors

Mary Fran Lowe
Kirk Pickerel

Intercessor

Lydia Mercado

Eucharistic Ministers

Cynthia Ellis
Christopher West

Acolytes

Owen Marr, Serafina Stamm, Louise Totton
Stephen Peple, *Mentor*

Altar Guild

Randy Blankenship, Amelia Paulie, Connie Rice;
Sallie Nolte, Mary Ann Ready, *Co-Leaders*

Flower Guild

Charlie Dupree

Cover Art

All Saints 2024 | Kelly Latimore (b. 1986)

1st row: St. Mark the Evangelist, Dorothy Kazel, Fannie Lou Hamer, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Dorothy Day, Homeless Christ

2nd row: St. Joseph with Baby Jesus, Dr. James Cone, Mother "Jones" Jones, St. Moses the Black, Frederick Douglass, Nicholas Black Elk

3rd row: Mary Magdalene, Marsha P. Johnson, Mary Oliver, Maya Angelou, Henri Nouwen, Madonna and Child

4th row: St. Dulce of the Poor, John Lewis, Desmond Tutu, Herbert McCabe OP, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mahailia Jackson

5th row: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King Jr., Thomas Merton, James Baldwin, Bayard Rustin, St. Thérèse of Lisieux,

6th row: St. Francis of Assisi, Etty Hillesum, Ruth and Naomi, Fred Rogers, St. Patrick, Pauli Murray

EXPANSIVE LANGUAGE AND CREATIVITY

A Few Notes about Worship at St. Paul's

St. Paul's seeks to be a welcoming, open, and inclusive community that values creativity, beauty, and mystery. We try to reflect this mission in our worship so that those from various backgrounds and perspectives will feel at home. We also hope that our worship reflects both a respect and honoring of the traditions of the Anglican church, while also seeking to give voice to how God is speaking in our current contexts. We know that the words we say in worship have a profound effect on our imagination and our experiences of God. Here's a bit of background.

Expansive Language: The Episcopal Church has developed many liturgies that use inclusive and expansive language. Expansive language is a way of incorporating multiple ways of imagining and speaking about God. It refers to the expanded use of metaphorical language for God and humans in new or unexpected and fresh ways. While we continue to value the beauty of our traditions and the importance of language, we recognize that all human language is limited. Expansive language seeks to incorporate as much of the diversity of language as possible to include all persons in the liturgical expressions.

Our Music: Every effort is made at St. Paul's to include music that speaks to the relevance and diversity of the world today. We draw from a variety of resources that include hymns ranging from the traditional, to spirituals, to those written specifically by female composers and poets. In choosing our music, we try to create a balance of music from our sacred traditions with music that reflects the diversity of the church today. In addition to Bach and Howells, we also intentionally seek out music that centers on composers who are writing music today, particularly composers of color and female artists.

A place for prayer, candle-lighting, and contemplation, St. Paul's is a holy space in which we encounter God's presence in many ways.

Candle-lighting: Lighting candles is an ancient practice of the church. The flame has always been considered a sign of God's presence. On the lectern side of the altar rail is a place set aside for you to light candles. Perhaps you'll light a candle in memory of a loved one, or for a particular thanksgiving or hardship in your own life. Your prayers combine with the prayers of the community as we put our trust and hope in God.

Our bulletin and recycling: Since we pull from as many as twenty-five sources, as well as write our own liturgical pieces (prayers, choral works, hymns, etc.) the bulletin serves as a way of capturing those elements and putting them into one place: your hands. Without a bulletin that is printed each week, we would not be able to be as creative. Plus, it would be confusing to those who are new to St. Paul's. This bulletin is an instrument of hospitality that allows us, Sunday by Sunday, to welcome and embrace all who are searching for a church home and an authentic encounter with our awakened and active Lord. In an effort to conserve paper usage, we try to print only enough bulletins as are needed for each individual service. If you'd like to help us be good stewards, you can choose to share a bulletin or download a PDF. Each week, our bulletins are responsibly recycled.

Being in the presence of Jesus: On the pulpit side of the altar rail is a small chapel set aside for quiet contemplation and prayer. An item called a "Tabernacle" is present. It reminds us of the portable tent in which the Hebrews worshiped during their time in the wilderness. This small, wooden cabinet contains the consecrated bread from holy communion, a sign of Christ's presence in our midst. A candle is lit whenever the bread is in place. Even when the church is dark, the light remains, reminding us of the church's role to be a light in the midst of darkness. Here, in Christ's presence, you may spend time in stillness and quiet prayer. On most Sundays during communion, a priest is present to offer prayers for healing for yourself or for someone else.

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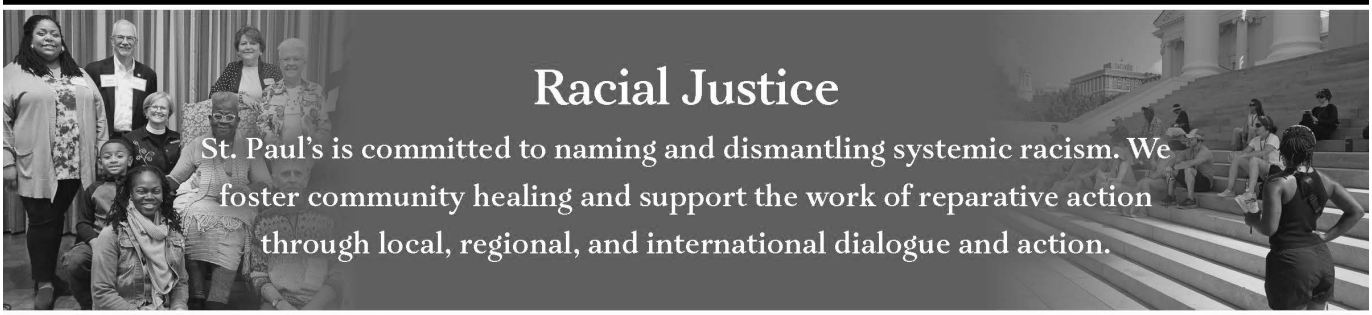


Racial Justice

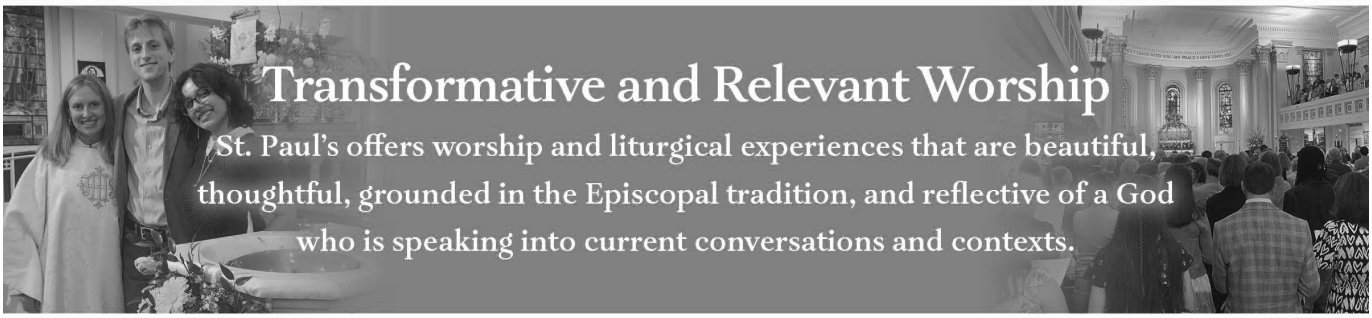
St. Paul's is committed to naming and dismantling systemic racism. We foster community healing and support the work of reparative action through local, regional, and international dialogue and action.

Being a Spiritual Center for Downtown

St. Paul's extends a generous, affirming, and inclusive welcome. We are a place for serving, partnering, gathering, learning, growing and worshiping.

Progressive Christian Thinking

St. Paul's embraces our commitment to nurture a curiosity of spirit and mind. We are a spiritual space in which a diversity of people and perspectives are supported and shaped.



Transformative and Relevant Worship

St. Paul's offers worship and liturgical experiences that are beautiful, thoughtful, grounded in the Episcopal tradition, and reflective of a God who is speaking into current conversations and contexts.

Embracing and Caring for All Ages

St. Paul's builds a multi-generational community. We engage and support people through all of life's journeys and transitions.

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