



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"An Inclusive and Progressive Community of Faith"

## *The Holy Eucharist*

8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

12 November 2017

### **Proper 27**

*Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We're glad you're here! We pray that you will encounter the living God during worship today. To help with that, hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. Please turn off audible cell phones and pagers. If your child is restless you may find solace in the Nursery, the OK Corral, or in the Narthex, where you can still hear and see the service.*

### **Announcements & Welcome**

Paula Fitzsimmons Stewardship Sharing

At 10:15: **Prelude:** "Pastorale"

By Handel

At 10:15: **Hymn: Gather Hymnal #839: "As We Gather At Your Table"**

✙ *Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Spoken at 8:00:

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us,  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Sung at 10:15: (See Yellow Booklet) **Gloria**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray together.

**O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

*~ please be seated ~*

**Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

**Psalm 78: 1-7**

1. Give heed to my teaching O' my people:  
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.
2. I will open my mouth in a parable:  
I will reveal the hidden  
meanings of things in the past,
3. things we have heard and known:  
and such as our forbears have told us.
4. We will not hide them from their children,  
but declare to the next generation:  
your glories O Lord and your might,  
and the wonders that you have done,
5. the testimony that you gave to Jacob,  
and the law you appointed in Israel:  
which you commanded them to teach their children,
6. that their posterity might know it, the children yet unborn:  
and these in turn should arise and tell their children,
7. that they should put their trust in you:  
and not forget your great acts,  
but keep all your commandments,

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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*~ please stand as you are able ~*

At 10:15: **Gradual Hymn: Hymnal (1982) #640: "Watchman Tell Us of the Night"**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 25:1-13 ✚

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*~ please be seated ~*

**Sermon: Hillary Kimsey**

*~ please stand as you are able ~*

**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.  
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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Lector: Let us say together the Vision and Mission of St. Paul's Church:

People: **We celebrate the mystery of God's love for all. As an inclusive and progressive community of faith, we seek Christ in all creation. We provide a safe place for everyone on their spiritual journey, and equip all to do God's work in the world.**

Gracious Creator, ruler of the universe, we know neither the day nor the hour when the Lord Christ shall return to claim the faithful. Through your saving and sustaining grace, enable us to remain in readiness and to welcome his appearing. O God, you are our hope,

Eternal Creator, author of unity, bind your people together into one holy church. Remove the barriers that separate Christian from Christian, and enable all the baptized to offer common praise to you and common witness to the world. O God, you are our hope,

Merciful Creator, source of all compassion, look with pity upon our world. Help us overcome the ravages of war, disease, hunger, and injustice; give dignity and well-being to all the human family. Visit us with your love; grant us peace; point us to the way that leads to fulfillment and sufficiency for all. O God, you are our hope,

Almighty Creator, we pray today for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Greg, our Bishop and Kathleen, our rector, may we have the grace to receive it. O God, you are our hope,

Divine Creator, perfecter of all life, behold the dying, who no longer await the return of the bridegroom, but rush to meet him through their death. We pray for the sick, especially Richard Breen, and for his grieving family. O God, you are our hope,

For those who wield earthly power, especially Donald, our president and our senators and congress women and men, that they may recognize in the disciples of Jesus children of God anxious to serve in building up the earthly city. O God, you are our hope

We pray for the sick, especially Richard Horn. We pray for parishioners Chuck and Twila Compton, Bill and Kathy Conner, Deb Corso and Jinx Cromwell. St. Augustine in-the-Woods, Freeland; St. Aidan, Camano Island, The Church of The Good Shepherd, Salt, Jordan. O God, you are our hope,

We pray for all those that died at the First Baptist Church, in Sutherland Springs, Texas. O God, you are our hope

*Accept the prayers of your people, O God. Assure us anew that you give heed to our cries and that you respond to our petitions according to your divine will. Through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

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

*~ please be seated and listen to the musical offering or use it as a time of prayer ~*

At 10:15: **Choral Offering:** “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”, (Traditional African American)

**Offertory:** *Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread and wine, and money to the celebrant. Please stand, if you are able, while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**The Great Thanksgiving:** *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*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.**

*Celebrant:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

At 8:00: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Psallite Mass:** (*See Yellow Booklet*) **“Sanctus (Holy, Holy)**

*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 the 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 incarnated 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

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 St. Paul and 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 forever. **Amen.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

**At 8:00: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us,  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us,  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us your peace.**

**10:15AM: (See Yellow Booklet) “Agnus Dei (Jesus, Lamb of God)”**

### **The Invitation**

*This is the table, not of the church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time or never before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you, but because it is Christ who invites you to meet Him here.*

“The Gifts of God for the People of God...”

**At 10:15: Communion Hymn: “Arise, My Soul, Arise”**



# Arise, My Soul, Arise

Johan Kahl

Finnish folk tune

1) A - rise my soul a - rise! Stretch forth to things e - ter - nal, And  
 2) Now hear the harps of heav'n! Oh, hear the song vic - to - rious, the

3  
 has - ten to the feet of your Re - deem - er God. Who  
 ne - er - end - ing an - them sound - ing through the sky! To

5  
 hid from mor - tal eyes, yet dwells in light su - per - nal; So  
 mor - tals is not giv'n to join in strains so glo - rious; Yet

7  
 wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness, your sov - 'reign Lord. The  
 here on earth we too can sing our praise - es high! Christ

9  
 ban - quet of love a - waits you a - bove; Yet  
 bought with his blood the glo - ry of God; to

11  
 here you have a fore - taste of the feast to come! Re -  
 him be ev - er - last - ing pow'r and vic - to - ry. And

13  
 joice, my soul, re - joice, to heav'n lift up your voice: Al - le  
 let the great a - men re - sound through heav'n a - gain. Al - le

15  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**Prayer after Communion: 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**

**Blessing**

**At 10:15 Recessional Hymn: Gather Hymnal #817: “We Shall Overcome”**

**The Great Beginning**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude: “Allegretto”**

**By Henry Purcell**

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This Morning's Ministry Team:

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Kathleen Kingslight

*Music Director:* Jack Webber

8:00 am

1st Reading: Dick Kelso  
2nd Reading: Barbara Miller  
Prayers of the People: Barbara Miller  
Eucharistic Minister: Dick Kelso  
Crucifer/Server:

Hospitality Angels:

Altar Guild: Stan Hess  
Paula Fitzsimmons  
Terri Anderson  
MaryAnn Montgomery

10:15 am

1st Reading: Hillary Kimsey  
2nd Reading: Allen Browning  
Prayers of the People: Hillary Kimsey  
Eucharistic Minister 1: Hillary Kimsey  
Eucharistic Minister 2: Duane de Lessart  
Crucifer/Server: Duane de Lessart

Hospitality Angels: Jennifer Laris  
Donna McDonald

Counters: Jan Hobson  
Audio/Visual: Davie Dinkins

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