

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

*Ordinary Time  
Spring/Summer*



## **10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*Good morning! This bulletin accompanies our service gathering in the church yard.*

### **Welcome.**

*We are delighted you are joining us for worship today.*

*We are once again in ordinary time—the Sundays between the celebrations of Pentecost and Advent (which marks the approach of Christmas). “Ordinary” refers to the counting of the Sundays following Pentecost.*

*As we gather, you are invited to center yourself and prepare for worship.*

### **First, enjoy three deep breaths**

- *The first one to help you fully arrive in your body,*
- *The second one to clear your mind so you may be present to yourself and others,*
- *The third one to open your heart and welcome the Holy Spirit to engage you*

### **Second, select one of these three entries into worship**

*Notice whichever one you feel drawn to... then do what you're invited to do with it*

*Whom did you bring with you on your heart today?*

- *Picture this person whole, healthy, restored, reconciled. God is at work in this person's life.*

*Are you counting your blessings today?*

- *As you get in touch with gratitude, express it now to God.*

*Are you anxious this morning?*

- *Hear Christ the burden-bearer: “Come to me, all who are over-burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

### **Third, be still until worship begins**

*Empty your hands,*

*Close your eyes,*

*Breathe deeply and slowly,*

*Empty your mind.*

*Let sounds pass by you.*

*Find interest only in silent waiting upon God.*

**Prelude**

*Please stand (as you are able). The Celebrant says*  
Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity* *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355*

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 say the Gloria*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the collect appointed for the day, to which the People respond Amen.*

*All sit.*

**First Reading**

*Insert*

*At the conclusion of the reading the Reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm**

*Insert*

*Read by all*

**Second Reading**

*Insert*

*At the conclusion of the reading the Reader will say*

The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand for the*

**Holy Gospel**

*Insert*

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

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

*At the conclusion of the Gospel reading the Gospeller will say*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please sit for the*

**Sermon**

## **Interlude**

### **Nicene Creed**

*All stand and together say*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
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.**

**Prayers of the People Form VI**

BCP p. 392

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Doug, our Bishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam, our Rector; Jane, our priest associate;  
and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for...

*Silence; the People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for...

*Silence; the People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially..., that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence; the People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes with the Absolution.*

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

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*Remaining in place, the ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated for*

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

### **Interlude**

*The Celebrant prepares the table for Holy Communion.*

**Please note:** *The clergy and church leadership have taken extra precautions to be sure that the administration of Holy Communion is safe for all. To ensure that safety, you are asked to do the following:*

- *Please remain at your seat throughout the Eucharistic Prayer and distribution of communion*
- *We will take only bread (wafers) at this time.*
- *The bread will be distributed to you at your seat; you may stand or sit to receive.*
- *Please be fully masked as the bread is dropped into your hands. (No physical contact - if the priest should accidentally touch a hand while distributing the bread, she/he will immediately stop to sanitize hands before proceeding.)*
- *If you do not wish to receive the bread, please fold your arms across your chest; the priest will offer a blessing without touch.*
- *AFTER the priest has given bread to the next separately seated individual/group after yours, you may take off your mask in order to consume the bread.*

*The people stand for the*

**Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer 1

*Enriching our Worship*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

*The Celebrant and the People say the Sanctus*

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Mary, St. Paul, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

*Celebrant* God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.  
*People* **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**  
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
*The bread will be distributed according to the procedure outlined above.*

### **Interlude**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*All stand for the*

### **Blessing**

*Celtic*

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you,  
The Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

### **Sending Forth**

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

## Service Schedule

### Sundays

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I - in the church**

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - in the church yard, weather permitting**

**Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayers - online via Zoom**

*For more information on connecting to worship, please visit our website: [www.stpaulsstockbridge.org](http://www.stpaulsstockbridge.org)*

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