



A warm welcome to
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Bailey's Crossroads



18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021
Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

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Prelude

Call to worship

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
Psalm 9:9-10

Processional Hymn

“God of prophets, bless the prophets' heirs!”

Hymn 359 v. 1,2,5

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Sentence & Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn S-278

Collect of the Day

See Insert

The First Reading

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

See Insert

Psalm 124

(said in unison)

See Insert

The Second Reading

James 5:13-20

See Insert

Sequence Hymn

“If thou but trust in God to guide thee” Hymn 635 v. 1&2

**Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according
to Mark.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

See Insert

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Nicene Creed**BCP 358****Prayers of the People****Form I****BCP 383***Silence***A Prayer for St. Paul's***The Celebrant and the People say in unison*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father,
You have created us and provided for us. Help us to discern your will for St. Paul's. Bless us with the talents and abilities to carry out our missions effectively and graciously. Grant us wisdom to know and to follow the path you have intended for us.

We ask you, Lord, to put your will at the center of all we do. We ask for generosity of time, talent, and treasure; for faith to speak what is in our hearts and the grace to listen to each other; for the vision to identify new opportunities; and for the courage to make the changes we need to make to embrace our future. And Lord, we pray for your healing and spiritual nourishment and our continued growth in your service. We thank you for this congregation, our St. Paul's family. We pray that you will bring to us the souls you want to be a part of this family. We ask that you guide and protect us; sustain and strengthen us. Bless us, Lord, as we the people of St. Paul's proclaim your message of love and forgiveness. Make us a place filled with joy and enthusiasm in worshipping you and in doing your work. May your light shine through us in this community and beyond. Amen.

Silence

A prayer for Afghanistan

Father, today we pray again for Afghanistan.

In recent days we have witnessed the withdrawal of Western forces and the paramilitary overthrow of the country's government by the Taliban.

We are deeply concerned about the aftermath of the evacuations and the consequences for the women, men and children still living there.

Lord, You hear the cries and see the tears of those formed in Your own image.

We know that politics, diplomacy and international laws have an important part to play in creating and maintaining peace and stability. We pray for wisdom for international leaders in this moment and for the current government in Afghanistan.

We also see starkly the limits of such endeavors. Human efforts alone cannot compel love of neighbor, let alone love of enemy; rather this is the transformational territory of Your word and Spirit.

We pray that You would move Your hand to change the hearts and minds of the oppressors even now. Withhold evil and cultivate good, banish darkness and bring forth light.

We declare Your nearness over those who have been abused and displaced, violated and oppressed. We pray that You would open their ears and eyes to Your presence. We beseech You to guard and protect them.

We pray for Your church there. Comfort and strengthen, protect and bless our sisters and brothers. As persecution draws close, please draw closer still.

Teach us how to respond as we place our hope in You and Your good and just plans for Your creation.

Lord, have mercy and hear our prayer. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Silence

The Celebrant concludes with the following collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

(congregation is seated)

Offertory

“Guide my feet Lord”

WLP 819 v. 1,2,3

The Presentation of Alms and Oblations

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 380, v. 3

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn S-130

Lord's Prayer

Traditional version

BCP 364

The Fraction

Agnus Dei

“Now the silence, now the peace”

Hymn 333

Now the silence; Now the peace; Now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling; Now the plea; Now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing; Now the power; Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the Body; Now the Blood; Now the joyful celebration.
Now the wedding; Now the songs; Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation; Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing; Now, Now, Now.

The Administration of Holy Communion



*All are welcome at the rail. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please ask at the rail.
If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the rail and fold your arms
across your chest.*

Communion Hymn

"Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless" Hymn 343 v. 1&3

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

"Lord dismiss us with thy blessing" Hymn 344 v. 1&2

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

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

LAY MINISTERS

Readers:

1st Reading ~ Mary Lou Runyon

2nd Reading ~ Henry Oden

Prayers of the People ~ Dave Wright

Usher ~ Averill Springer

Acolyte ~ G. Alvin Jones

The act of praying aloud in corporate worship and naming the people we are praying for connects us with God, with each other, and with each of them in a spiritual way even though we may not know them personally or what their specific needs are. God knows them and knows what they need. And God knows us and hears us as we pray. Each of the people on this list is in some way connected to St. Paul's or has made a request to be on our Prayer List. Please commend them to God with your whole heart.

St. Paul's Prayer List

Rachel (mother to Blanche and Natalie Eastman; physical health)

Lee Purnell's family (mourning her death)

Lilian Marfo (physical health)

Myrtle, a former parishioner, shut-in (well-being)

Lily Gabra's Family (mourning her death)

Jean Trakowski (mourning the death of her husband Al)

Bernard Bettsking (spiritual, mental, physical health)

Henry Oden and his family (mourning the death of his wife, Georgia)

Mary Lou Runyon and her Family (mourning the death of her husband, Richard)

Fred Silvers

The family of Ellen Strickland (friend of Rev. Liz) who died on 06-10-2021

Carola Reyes (physical health, wife of Hector Reyes)

Armina Varga, Andia Henries-King's cousin's daughter (physical health)

Jaclyn's younger sister (physical health)

Averill's brother, Bill Springer (physical health)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Formation:

Bible Study began Wednesday, September 22 on ZOOM and will continue thru October 20th. That's every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The study is the Acts of the Apostles. David Wright will be the facilitator and all are welcome to join in the discussion. To get the ZOOM link, contact Linda Green at Green@stpaulsbr.org

Readers and Ushers:

If you would like to serve as a reader or an usher at our Sunday morning service, please contact Linda Green at Green@stpaulsbr.org and she will include you in the roster.

Choir:

If you would like to sing in the choir on Sunday morning during our morning worship service, speak to our Music Director, Anna Ko. She can be reached by e-mail at thepipeorganist@gmail.com. Choir rehearsal is on Sunday morning at 9:15am before our morning worship service.

AV and Internet:

If you are knowledgeable about livestreaming our worship service via video to Facebook and would like to help out our AV Team, please contact our Music Director, Anna Ko at thepipeorganist@gmail.com or Henry Hallie at HenryHallie@gmail.com.

If you would like to know more about the Episcopal Church...including Building Beloved Community and Sacred Ground, please contact Rev. Liz
at tomlinson@stpaulsbr.org
to arrange a time to meet.