

The Collect

*Our collective prayer for the day.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



The First Lesson

*Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the

skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

The Psalm

Psalm 8

*Domine, Dominus noster*

- 1 O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

*Romans 5:1-5*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Hymn *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**H 423**

Gospel Lesson

*John 16:12-15*

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People (Form IV)

BCP 388

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*To Thee, great One in Three,  
The highest praises be, hence evermore;  
thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore,*

From Hymn 365 vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer "D"

BCP 372

*Sanctus* Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S 129

*Memorial Acclamation*

H-S 141

*The Lord's Prayer*

BCP 364

*Fraction Anthem*

H-S 152



The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

- Bread of the world, in mercy broken* H 301
- Come down, O Love divine* H 516
- Thou, whose almighty word* H 371

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove* H 512

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

The Altar Flowers are given today by Don and Becky Kersey in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Jim and Chris Justice. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

Last Sunday Attendance 54

Participants in Today's Liturgy

- Acolyte Becky Kersey Macon Clement
- Lectors Mike Lilly Rob Merritt
- Chalicists Becky Kersey Rob Merritt
- Altar Guild Patty Richardson Staci Thomas Becky Beckett  
Carol Georgis Chris Justice Emma Slater

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Kerrigan Farmer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Michelle Parks, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield, Margaret Westfall, Paul Anderson, Deane Family, Donna Fortune, Edie Perkins, Deanna Edwards,

Elizabeth Kane, Carrington Mikels, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Vera van der Sleses, Marion Lowe Eppard, Marlene.

**Birthdays This Week:** David Kersey, Juliana Valenti Paine, Susan Thomas, Becky Kersey.

Calendar of Events

- Sunday – June 16 thru 22 St. Paul's Youth Team
- Tuesday – 18 DOK meeting 10:30
- Wednesday – 19 Vestry Meeting 7:00pm
- Thursday – 20 Food Pantry 9:00 – 11:00
- Thursday – 20 Community Picnic 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- Sunday – June 23 thru 28 St. Paul's Adult Team
- Monday – June 24 Potluck Dinner 6:00pm

Announcements:

Community Picnic: Remember our community picnic on Thursday, June 20, in Chicory Square. Set up begins at 4:00 pm with dinner and music beginning at 5:00 pm. Invite friends and family to come and enjoy an evening of fun, food, and fellowship with the whole town!

Potluck Dinner: We will have a potluck dinner on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and will be hosting six adults from St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Pittsburg.

Missionary Work Youth: Signup sheets are in the narthex about the youth from St. Paul's Episcopal Church that will be in the area for mission work the week of June 16-22. We will be providing meals June 17, 18 and 21. Check these out to see if there is something that you would like to help with. Thanking everyone in advance for all your help with the youth dinners this week; it is very much appreciated. Contact Mary Catherine Williams if you have any questions.

Pentecost Birthday Last Sunday: Many thanks to everyone who furnished food and helped with the Pentecost Birthday. It was a success!



Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

- The Rev. Chad Slater Rector
- Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator
- Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster
- Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton
- Mrs. Becky Beckett Senior Warden
- Mr. Tom Coughlan Junior Warden



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**The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

sometimes called *Trinity Sunday*

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!* H 362

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*