

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Holy Eucharist September 6, 2026

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Processional Hymn #490, "I want to walk as a child of the light"	<i>Houston</i>
Gradual Hymn #617, "Eternal ruler of the ceaseless"	<i>Song 1</i>
Communion Hymn #325, "Let us break bread together on our knees"	<i>Let Us Break Bread</i>
Recessional Hymn #379, "God is Love, let heaven adore him"	<i>Abbott's Leigh</i>

The Collect

Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table; in times of conflict and disagreement teach us to listen, loosen us from our tightly held prejudices, bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. *Amen.*

Old Testament

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *

and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *

and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel ~ Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you,

whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Prayers of the People

As we seek God’s presence and offer prayers today, let us remember the words of this psalm: Search for the Lord and his strength: **Continually seek his face.**

We pray for leaders everywhere, in our church, our city, our state, our country and throughout the world. May they lead with integrity and love, seeking justice and fairness for everyone and not just for what serves them and their supporters alone.

The people add their prayers, silently or aloud.

Search for the Lord and his strength: **Continually seek his face.**

We pray for our community and all to whom we extend hospitality: those we serve at the Samaritan Center, our neighbors at the YMCA, those who shop at *The Open Pantry*, those from *A Tiny Home for Good* who will someday live in our building and all others who pass by. Let our love for our neighbors be genuine.

The people add their prayers, silently or aloud.

Search for the Lord and his strength: **Continually seek his face.**

We pray for those who are in any kind of trouble. We remember those affected by war, hunger, severe weather and forest fires, poverty and homelessness. May we follow the way of Christ in caring for those who need it most.

The people add their prayers, silently or aloud.

Search for the Lord and his strength: **Continually seek his face.**

We pray for our friends and neighbors who are ill and for those who care for them, especially *n.* and those we name silently or aloud.

The people add their prayers, silently or aloud.

Search for the Lord and his strength: **Continually seek his face.**

We pray for those who have died and for those who miss their physical presence now. *We especially remember n.*

The people add their prayers, silently or aloud.

Search for the Lord and his strength: **Continually seek his face. .**

We pray that we will be good stewards of this beautiful earth that we have been given, sharing it wisely with others for generations to come.

The people add their prayers, silently or aloud.

Search for the Lord and his strength: **Continually seek his face.**

Finally, we pray that amidst great uncertainty and various difficulties in our lives and the world around us, we remember to be grateful for the blessings of our lives: family, friends, this church, and the love we share for one another.

The people add their thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

Search for the Lord and his strength: **Continually seek his face.**

The celebrant concludes the prayers with a collect.

The Prayer List

Destany W., Hillary B., and Cynthia B.

We remember those who have died in recent days:

The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Announcements

* Tomorrow, September 7th (Labor Day) at 11 a.m., we will hold a Memorial Service for Mary Hastings.

* *Godly Play* classes resume on September 13th.

* Join us next Sunday, September 13th following worship for the next presentation in our Bicentennial Series: *The Erie Canal: The Ditch that Changed America*. See the poster on the back for details.

* Beginning Monday, September 14th, join Fr. Philip for weekly Bible Study during the noon hour. Please contact Fr. Philip at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org for more information.

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#14. What is the reason we are using the traditional form of the Lord's Prayer?

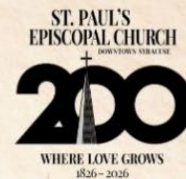
At St. Paul's we alternate use of the traditional form of *The Lord's Prayer* and the more literal, contemporary form of *The Lord's Prayer*. This year, we are using the traditional form during 'Ordinary Time' (the season following Pentecost). The traditional form, provided as one of the two options in *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979), is almost identical to the version of *The Lord's Prayer* used in the very first edition of *The Book of Common Prayer*, in 1549.

Our use of *The Lord's Prayer* is based on Matthew 6. A more literal translation is found in *The Book of Common Prayer* on page 364. The biggest difference between the actual text of the Bible and the old form of *The Lord's Prayer* is in verse 13 of Matthew. Verse 13 of Matthew reads *And do not bring us to the time of trial*, whereas the traditional form reads, *Lead us not into temptation*.

We will return to use of the contemporary form of *The Lord's Prayer* on November 29th, the first Sunday of Advent.

If you have a question about something in our liturgy, I will be happy to answer it. Please ask in person, or send an email to me at revmajor@stpaulsyr.org. Fr. Philip

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Bicentennial History Presentation Event

THE ERIE CANAL

The Ditch That Changed America

Presented by Derrick Pratt, Director of Education,
Erie Canal Museum

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

10:00 a.m. Worship Service ♦ 11:45 a.m. Presentation

Join Us at 220 E. Fayette St. in Downtown Syracuse

Free & Open to the Public



Livestream Link at stpaulsyr.org