

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
The Holy Eucharist - June 21, 2026

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Processional Hymn #537 "Christ for the world we sing" *Moscow*
Gradual Hymn #178 "Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord" *Alleluia No. 1*
Communion Hymn #304 "Blessed Jesus at thy word" *Land of Rest*
Recessional Hymn #296, "We know that Christ is raised" *Engleberg*

The Collect

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Response

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Inclina, Domine

1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, *
nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, *
and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The Epistle

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Prayers of the People

Lord, you have made a nation from each of us, and each of us a nation. We put our trust in you to watch over our lives so that we may do wondrous things.

Silence is kept.

Bow down your ear, O Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

The nations of the world are led by men and women with human frailties. Help our political and faith leaders see past their own faults, and the faults of others, to create a world of forgiveness, tolerance, and dialogue.

Silence is kept.

Bow down your ear, O Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

The world you created and let us name is a gift to us. Through our disregard and lack of care it is becoming unstable and unbalanced. Show us how to restore harmony between the Earth and its people.

Silence is kept.

Bow down your ear, O Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

There is no peace that cannot be shattered and no conflict that cannot be settled. Let the peaceful nations of the earth spread your message of love to the nations in conflict. We pray especially for a just resolution to the wars in the Middle East, Africa, and Ukraine.

Silence is kept.

Bow down your ear, O Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

In our blindness, we imagine you have hidden your face from us. Let us see your face in the hungry, the homeless, and the suffering. Show us how to provide your saving help so that all hearts can be joyful.

We pray especially for *n*, and those we name silently or aloud.

Silence is kept.

Bow down your ear, O Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

When Abraham bound Issac and laid him on the altar to be sacrificed, Issac was strangely comforted. Comfort all of us at the end and help us know that life eternal awaits.

We pray for those who have died, especially *n*, and those we name silently or aloud.

Silence is kept.

Bow down your ear, O Lord: **Hear our prayer.**

The celebrant concludes the prayers with a collect.

The Prayer List

Destany W., Mary S., Marilyn A., Jenny T., Raymond C., Bob W., Mary B., Ruth B., Vince P., and Ruth L.

We remember those who have died in recent days. Sybil Ridings Oaks

The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Announcements

* Today we welcome the Rev. Perry Mouncey as our celebrant.

* Fr. Philip is on vacation through the month of June. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Ieva Doyle (Sr. Warden) or Joe Russo (Jr. Warden).

Understanding Episcopal Liturgy

#39 What is the reason we have a prayer list at the back of the leaflet? Who are the people on this list? What should I do to add a name to the prayer list?

The people listed on the urgent prayer list have a need which might be described as urgent; they have recently been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, or their health and well-being are at risk from a serious injury or illness or from being incarcerated. On the urgent prayer list we also include individuals who are very close to the end of their life. Our urgent prayer list also helps our congregation know when one of our active members is in special need of prayers.

Every Sunday our Prayers of the People include a petition for those who are sick or in some kind of trouble. In the middle of the petition the prayer leader reads the names of those who are listed on the urgent prayer list, and then the congregation is encouraged to participate by remembering the names of others who are not named on the urgent prayer list. But our attention span is limited. So we keep our urgent prayer list relatively short, in order to give you more space and time to add your prayers for those who are in need that you have been carrying in your heart and mind.

If you know someone you would like to have included on our urgent prayer list please contact Fr. Philip or one of the wardens. We keep names of people who have been active members of St. Paul's in recent years on the urgent prayer list for longer periods of time, but usually for less than two months. We include names of those who are not active members, such as friends and family members of our members, but for shorter periods of time. We are doing this to encourage each of our members to be engaged in the fullest way in the Prayers of the People.

*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*